

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

H*3673 (Rat #0104, Act #0043 of 2003) General Bill, By Harrison

Summary: Foster Care

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-776, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY PROCEDURES FOR THESE HEARINGS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SHOW COMPELLING REASONS FOR A PERMANENCY PLAN THAT DOES NOT REUNITE A CHILD WITH HIS PARENTS OR A RELATIVE AND DOES NOT TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO FIND COMPELLING REASONS FOR APPROVING SUCH A PLAN; AND TO FURTHER SPECIFY THE COURT'S AUTHORITY AND STANDARDS THAT MUST BE MET AFTER ADOPTION VIABILITY IS CONSIDERED, FOSTER CARE IS CONTINUED, AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IS NOT INITIATED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-768, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO FIND COMPELLING REASONS FOR NOT INITIATING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, RATHER THAN PRESUMING THAT SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IN AND OF THEMSELVES ARE COMPELLING REASONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1640, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEWS OF FOSTER CARE LICENSE APPLICANTS, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE TEMPORARY LICENSES PENDING RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION REVIEW. - ratified title

02/20/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-38
02/20/03	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-39
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04/03/03	House	Amended HJ-10
04/03/03	House	Read second time HJ-11
04/03/03	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-11
04/04/03	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-1
04/08/03		Scrivener's error corrected
04/08/03	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-30
04/08/03	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-30
05/14/03	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-7
05/15/03	Senate	Amended SJ-34
05/15/03	Senate	Read second time SJ-34
05/19/03	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-10
05/21/03	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-47
05/28/03		Ratified R 104
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