

Session 122 - (2017-2018)

H*3701 (Rat #0154, Act #0146 of 2018) General Bill, By Putnam, Whipper, Brown, Knight, Henegan and Henderson-Myers

Summary: Foster Care

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-735 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INFORM A RELATIVE WITH WHOM A CHILD MAY BE PLACED OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, INCLUDING THE LICENSURE PROCESS AND BENEFITS OF BEING LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS BEFORE SIGNING AN ORDER APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE WHO IS NOT A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-650, RELATING IN PART TO THE DEPARTMENT MAKING AN INTERIM PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE INSTEAD OF TAKING CUSTODY OF A CHILD, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO THE RELATIVE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME LICENSED AS A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT IF THE CHILD IS UNABLE TO RETURN HOME; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE CERTAIN NONSAFETY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS WHEN LICENSING A RELATIVE AS A FOSTER PARENT AND TO INDICATE THE PREFERENCE FOR PLACING A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2330, RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE AS PART OF A REMOVAL ACTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM THE RELATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, INCLUDING THE LICENSURE PROCESS AND BENEFITS OF BEING SO LICENSED; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS THE DEPARTMENT MUST FOLLOW TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON HAS COMMITTED A CRIME THAT MAKES THE PERSON INELIGIBLE TO BE A FOSTER PARENT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-1-210, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF KINSHIP CARE DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO INCLUDE CHILD TRAFFICKING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. - ratified title

02/08/17	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 29)
02/08/17	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 29)
05/04/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper, Brown
05/09/17	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight, Henegan
01/23/18	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 14)
01/24/18		Scrivener's error corrected
01/25/18	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson-Myers
01/25/18	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Delleney, Bannister, Hill, Hosey, Mack, Whitmire, Ott, Crawford, Anderson, Caskey, Weeks, Davis, Alexander, Kirby, Pope, Bryant, Brown, Fry, GR Smith (House Journal-page 41)
01/25/18	House	Amended (House Journal-page 56)
01/25/18	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 56)
01/25/18	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 61)
01/25/18	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 62)
01/26/18		Scrivener's error corrected
01/26/18	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 2)
01/30/18	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
01/30/18	Senate	Referred to Committee on General (Senate Journal-page 6)
02/28/18	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment General (Senate Journal-page 27)
03/13/18	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 29)
03/14/18	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/14/18	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/15/18	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/22/18	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 41)
03/22/18	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 42)
04/03/18		Ratified R 154
04/04/18		Signed By Governor
04/06/18		Effective date 04/04/18

