

## Session 119 - (2011-2012)

### H 4095 General Bill, By Pitts, Lucas, Loftis, Corbin, Williams and Bowers

**Summary:** Joint custody of a minor

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF JOINT CUSTODY OF A CHILD IS AWARDED TO THE PARENTS, THERE IS A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT BOTH PARENTS HAVE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESUMPTION MAY BE OVERCOME BY PRESENTING CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD; TO REQUIRE THE PARENTS TO SUBMIT A PARENTING PLAN TO THE COURT REFLECTING PARENTAL PREFERENCES AND AGREEMENT ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS SHARE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPORTANT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE CHILD'S WELFARE AND THAT WHEN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED THE PARENTS SHALL SUBMIT TO MEDIATION WITH A PRESELECTED MEDIATOR.

04/13/11	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 51)
04/13/11	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 51)
05/26/11	House	Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 26)
06/01/11	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Loftis, Corbin
06/01/11	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Brannon, Cooper, JH Neal, Merrill, Patrick, Brantley, Brady, Munnerlyn, Sabb, King, Williams, Pitts, RL Brown, Anderson, Hosey, Whipper, Cobb-Hunter, White, Thayer, Murphy, Mack, Gilliard, Taylor, JR Smith, Pope, Weeks, Horne, and Henderson (House Journal-page 37)
06/01/11	House	Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 52)
06/01/11	House	Reconsidered (House Journal-page 73)
06/01/11	House	Debate adjourned until Friday, June 3, 2011 (House Journal-page 73)
01/12/12	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 01-24-12 (House Journal-page 140)
01/17/12	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Williams
01/24/12	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers
01/25/12	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 02-01-12 (House Journal-page 23)
02/01/12	House	Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 25)