

## Session 106 - (1985-1986)

### **S 0950 General Bill, By Drummond**

#### ***Similar (H 3345)***

A Bill to amend Sections 20-7-1740, 20-7-1780, as amended, 20-7-1900, 20-7-1930 through 20-7-1970, 20-7-2000 through 20-7-2020, 20-7-2060, and 20-7-2070, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the adoption provisions in the Children's Code, supplemental benefits to assure adoption, and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, so as to delete all references to the Children's Bureau (Bureau); Sections 20-7-2300 through 20-7-2310, and 20-7-2340, as amended, relating to the Bureau, so as to delete all provisions pertaining to the Bureau, provide that the child is the primary client of State adoptive programs, establish a single public adoption system within the Department, provide for the administration of the public adoption agency by the Department, and to authorize the Department to establish fees for adoption and related services; to add Section 20-7-1945 so as to require the Department of Social Services (Department) to conduct a study of the adequacy of medical, shelter, and support services for birth parents and determine what improvements are needed to establish a transition committee to assist in the transfer of all operations from the Bureau to the Department, to provide that the State Budget and Control Board shall make as promptly and practicable as possible the necessary transfers to carry out the transition committee's plan, and to provide for the composition, powers, and dissolution of the committee; to provide that all applications on file with the Bureau and the Department on the effective date of this Act shall receive priority consideration for adoptive placements with the Department; to authorize the Department to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act; and to repeal Sections 20-7-1830 through 20-7-1890, 20-7-2320, 20-7-2325, 20-7-2330, and 20-7-2350 through 20-7-2370 relating to the various responsibilities of the Bureau regarding adoption, the provisions authorizing the Board of Directors of the Bureau to prescribe policies and administrative duties of the Bureau, disbursement of funds appropriated to the Bureau by the General Assembly, the provisions concerning fees for services provided by the Bureau, requirement that the Board of Directors must hire a Supervisor of the Bureau, the requirement of an annual report by the Bureau, and the penalty provisions for violation of Subarticle 3 of Article 13 of Chapter 20 of Title 7 (Children's Bureau).

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**02/04/86 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-423**

**02/05/86 Senate Recalled from Committee on Judiciary SJ-448**

**02/05/86 Senate Committed to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-448**

**03/18/86 Senate Committee report: Favorable Medical Affairs SJ-1061**