

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### S 0997 General Bill, By Bright, S. Martin, Peeler, Fair, Grooms, Corbin, Verdin and Bryant

**Summary:** Refugees and Voluntary resettlement organizations

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1-730 TO PROVIDE THAT REFUGEES PLACED IN THIS STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; TO AMEND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS OF A REFUGEE PLACED IN THIS STATE TO WHOM THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP OR RESETTLEMENT SERVICES; TO PROHIBIT STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS BEING EXPENDED FOR THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFIT OF REFUGEES UNTIL LEGISLATION SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE IS ENACTED; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

01/14/16	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)
01/14/16	Senate	Referred to Committee on General (Senate Journal-page 8)
01/28/16	Senate	Polled out of committee General
01/28/16	Senate	Polled out of committee General (Senate Journal-page 15)
01/28/16	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable General (Senate Journal-page 15)
02/16/16	Senate	Special order, set for February 16, 2016 (Senate Journal-page 15)
02/16/16	Senate	Roll call Ayes-32 Nays-4 (Senate Journal-page 15)
03/15/16	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 28)
03/16/16	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/17/16	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/22/16	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/23/16	Senate	Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 31)
03/23/16	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 31)
03/23/16	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-6 (Senate Journal-page 31)
03/23/16	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 31)
03/24/16	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 4)
04/12/16	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 13)
04/12/16	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 13)