

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

**H 3501 General Bill, By Loftis, J.E. Smith, Barfield, Haley, Agnew, Battle, Bowen, Cato, Duncan, Gambrell, Herbkersman, Horne, Hosey, Limehouse, D.C. Moss, J.H. Neal, Neilson, Owens, Pinson, E.H. Pitts, Rice, Stringer, Williams, Wylie, A.D. Young and Vick**

**Summary:** Disaster Assistance Trust Fund

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS PURPOSE, SOURCE OF FUNDING, INTEREST EARNINGS, AND ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN UNEXPENDED BALANCE IN THE FUND ROLLS OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MONIES WITHIN THE FUND AND THAT THE FUND MUST BE HELD HARMLESS FROM BUDGET REDUCTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CHAPTER; TO AMEND SECTION 8-25-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION VOLUNTEER; TO AMEND SECTION 8-25-20, RELATING TO USE OF VOLUNTEERS AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS, SO AS TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION VOLUNTEERS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-25-40, RELATING TO MILEAGE, LIABILITY INSURANCE, AND PROTECTION OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EMERGENCY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS SHALL RECEIVE MILEAGE, LIABILITY INSURANCE, SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR SERVICE TO THE STATE AS VOLUNTEERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-5-230, RELATING TO AN ACCOUNT FOR MATCHING DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE NAME OF THE FUND AS THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-440, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HIS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TIMING AND TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS AUTHORITY TO COMPEL AN EVACUATION; TO AMEND SECTION 42-1-130, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF AN EMPLOYEE, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION VOLUNTEERS; TO AMEND SECTION 42-7-65, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE CALCULATION FOR EMERGENCY FUNCTION VOLUNTEERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-210, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH UPDATING THE CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS GUIDE.

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**03/05/09 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vick**