

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S\*0380 (Rat #0032, Act #0025 of 2023) General Bill, By Shealy, McElveen, Hutto, Jackson, Gustafson and Young**

**Summary:** Kinship Guardianship

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP" AND "LEGAL GUARDIAN"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1700, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WITH SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS WHEN ADOPTION IS NOT AN OPTION AND BY MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-1705 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR INITIATING THE JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WITH SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 63 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-1-20, RELATING TO THE STATE'S CHILDREN'S POLICY, SO AS TO INCLUDE LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WHEN ADOPTION IS NOT APPROPRIATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO APPLY ALSO TO PLACEMENT OF A CHILD IN A LEGAL GUARDIAN'S HOME. - RATIFIED TITLE

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| 01/12/23 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)  |
| 01/12/23 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 4)                    |
| 02/08/23 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 48) |
| 02/09/23 |        | Scrivener's error corrected   |
| 02/14/23 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 26)   |
| 02/15/23 | Senate | Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 9)   |
| 02/15/23 | Senate | Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 9)   |
| 02/15/23 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 9)  |
| 02/16/23 |        | Scrivener's error corrected   |
| 02/16/23 | House  | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 21)  |
| 02/16/23 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 21)  |
| 03/29/23 | House  | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 54)                                     |
| 04/04/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 37)  |
| 04/05/23 | House  | Debate adjourned until Tues., 4-18-23 (House Journal-page 39)                                     |
| 04/18/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 131)   |
| 04/19/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 10)  |
| 04/20/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 10)  |
| 04/25/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 11)  |
| 04/26/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 24)  |
| 04/27/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 13)  |
| 05/02/23 | House  | Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 22)  |
| 05/03/23 | House  | Read second time (House Journal-page 23)  |
| 05/03/23 | House  | Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 24)   |
| 05/04/23 | House  | Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 22)  |
| 05/11/23 |        | Ratified R 32   |
| 05/16/23 |        | Signed By Governor  |
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