

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H\*4546 (Rat #0264, Act #0238 of 2016) General Bill, By Putnam, Clyburn, Robinson-Simpson, Thayer, Collins, Clary, Erickson, Long, Ryhal, Herbkersman, Newton, Jordan, Hicks, McCoy, M.S. McLeod, Douglas, Henegan, Allison, Quinn, Funderburk, Finlay, Jefferson, Willis and Bedingfield**

**Summary:** Definitions in Children's Code

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE", "CAREGIVER", AND "REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD"; BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE TO PARTICIPATE IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1700, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR COURT CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE LOCAL FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD, AND THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM BEFORE APPROVING A PLACEMENT PLAN, AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE A FOSTER CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2310, RELATING TO THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BY ENABLING PARTICIPATION IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-720, RELATING TO FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF LOCAL FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARDS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OR POWERS, INCLUDING THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH BOARDS MUST REVIEW FOSTER CARE CASES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-750, RELATING TO THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO INTRODUCE, EXAMINE, AND CROSS-EXAMINE WITNESSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - ratified title

<b>12/10/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/10/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/12/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 100)</b>
<b>01/12/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 100)</b>
<b>01/14/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thayer</b>
<b>03/02/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Collins, Clary, Erickson, Long, Ryhal, Herbkersman, Newton, Jordan, Hicks, McCoy, M.S.McLeod, Douglas, Henegan, Allison, Quinn, Funderburk</b>
<b>03/03/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Finlay</b>
<b>05/25/16</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/20/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 359)</b>
<b>04/21/16</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson, Willis, Bedingfield</b>
<b>04/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 152)</b>
<b>04/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 152)</b>
<b>04/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 168)</b>
<b>04/27/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 19)</b>
<b>04/27/16</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/28/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)</b>
<b>04/28/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 8)</b>
<b>04/29/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Subcommittee: Young (ch), McElveen, Shealy</b>
<b>05/11/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 16)</b>
<b>05/24/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>05/24/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended (Senate Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>05/24/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>05/24/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 33)</b>
<b>05/25/16</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>05/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 70)</b>
<b>05/26/16</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-87 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 71)</b>
<b>06/02/16</b>		<b>Ratified R 264</b>
<b>06/05/16</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>

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