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S 0580 General Bill, By Fair, Bryan, Courtney, Glover, Holland, McConnell and Moore

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-25-135 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO ORDER PLACED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT THE NAME OF A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE THE BASIS OF WHICH INVOLVED CHILD SEXUAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-650, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING REPORTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RECORDS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT SO AS TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ENTERING A PERPETRATOR IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PETITION THE COURT TO ORDER AN ENTRY IN THE REGISTRY AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PURGING INFORMATION FROM THE REGISTRY IF THERE IS NOT A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT OCCURRED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-670, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOSTER HOME ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO NOTIFY A PERSON WHOSE NAME IS BEING ENTERED IN THE REGISTRY PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION FINDING ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN APPEAL PROCEDURES APPLY WHERE A PERSON CHALLENGES SUCH AN ENTRY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERPETRATORS ONLY MAY BE ENTERED IN THE REGISTRY BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

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