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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 29, 2021

**S. 431**

Introduced by Senator Alexander

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**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL,**

**MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 431) to amend Section 44‑21‑80(a) of the 1976 Code, relating to Regional Tertiary Level Developmental Evaluation Centers, to update, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

LEON HOWARD for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Section 44-21-80 to reflect the name changes of the health systems in which the three DEC’s provide services in Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville. The DEC’s provide developmental assessment and treatment services for children with development disabilities, significant developmental delays, or behavioral or learning disorders. The DEC’s in Greenville and Columbia, formerly part of the Greenville Health System and USC Medical Group, respectively, are now part of the Prisma Health System. The DEC name change in Charleston reflects a previous internal restructuring of clinical services at MUSC. This bill does not affect the responsibilities or operations of MUSC or DDSN, and therefore, will not have a fiscal impact on these agencies.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑21‑80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REGIONAL TERTIARY LEVEL DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATION CENTERS, TO UPDATE THE NAMES OF THOSE AUTHORIZED TO FULFILL THE ROLE OF REGIONAL TERTIARY LEVEL DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATION CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44‑21‑80(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 44-21-80. (A) The ~~Department of Pediatrics of the~~ Medical University of South Carolina, the ~~University Pediatrics of the University Affiliated Program of the~~ Prisma Health ‑ University of South Carolina Medical Group, and the ~~Children’s Hospital of the Greenville Hospital System~~ Prisma Health ‑ University Medical Group~~,~~ are each hereby authorized, as agents of the State of South Carolina, to fulfill the role of Regional Tertiary Level Developmental Evaluation Centers providing comprehensive developmental assessment and treatment services for children with developmental disabilities, significant developmental delays, or behavioral or learning disorders.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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