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Summary: Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children

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 3/3/2021 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 37](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210303.docx))

 3/9/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210309.docx))

 3/9/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑114 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210309.docx))

 3/10/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210310.docx))

 3/10/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210310.docx))

 3/10/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210310.docx))

 1/25/2022 Senate Polled out of committee **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220125.docx))

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 3/9/2022 Ratified R 129

 3/14/2022 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63‑1‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JOINT CITIZENS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL EX OFFICIO COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND TO REPEAL THE COMMITTEE’S SUNSET PROVISION.**

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

**Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children**

SECTION 1. Section 63‑1‑50(A) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 1 of 2019, is further amended to read:

 “(A) There is established the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children to be composed of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members to be appointed by the Governor. The Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Director of the Department of Social Services, the Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Superintendent of the Department of Education, the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee. Members appointed by the Governor must not be employees of the State. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The committee shall study issues relating to children as the committee may undertake or as may be requested or directed by the General Assembly. The committee may contract for all necessary legal research and support services, subject to funding as provided in subsection (E).”

**Sunset clause, repeal**

SECTION 2. Section 63‑1‑50(F) of the 1976 Code is repealed.

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 9th day of March, 2022.

Approved the 14th day of March, 2022.

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