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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/9/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time

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2/14/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20240214.docx))

2/20/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 12](h:\sj\20240220.docx))

2/20/2024 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](h:\sj\20240220.docx))

2/20/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-27 Nays-17 ([Senate Journal‑page 12](h:\sj\20240220.docx))

2/21/2024 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 13](h:\sj\20240221.docx))

2/21/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 13](h:\sj\20240221.docx))

2/21/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 13](h:\sj\20240221.docx))

2/27/2024 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 30](h:\hj\20240227.docx))

2/27/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 30](h:\hj\20240227.docx))

4/25/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 21](h:\hj\20240425.docx))

5/2/2024 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-7-24 ([House Journal‑page 31](h:\hj\20240502.docx))

5/7/2024 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hiott, B Newton, Carter, Sessions, Guest, Hewitt, Calhoon, Erickson ([House Journal‑page 109](h:\hj\20240507.docx))

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5/7/2024 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 199](h:\hj\20240507.docx))

5/7/2024 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 202](h:\hj\20240507.docx))

5/8/2024 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 121](h:\hj\20240508.docx))

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5/8/2024 Senate House amendment amended

5/8/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0

5/8/2024 Senate Returned to House with amendments

5/9/2024 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment

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May 08, 2024

S. 862

Introduced by Senators Shealy and Gustafson

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑13‑30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE‑SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑13‑30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63‑13‑30. (A) A caregiver who begins employment in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina after June 30, 1994, must have at least a high school diploma or, General Educational Development (GED), Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. If a caregiver does not meet the experience requirements, the caregiver must be directly supervised for six months by a staff person with at least one year experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. Within six three months five days of being employed, a caregiver must have six clock hours of training in child growth and development and early childhood education or shall continue to be under the direct supervision of a caregiver who has at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facilitycomplete fifteen hours of health and safety service provider training. The caregiver shall be directly supervised by a staff person with at least one year experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility until such time as the caregiver has completed the required health and safety service provider training, provided the caregiver is also in compliance with Section 63-13-40 relating to required background checks.

(B) A caregiver who has two years' a high school diploma, General Educational Development (GED), Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months’ experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility and is employed as of July 1, 1994, in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina is exempt from the high school diploma and General Educational Development (GED) requirements of subsection (A).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect five business days after approval by the Governor.

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