

## Session 106 - (1985-1986)

**H\*3345 (Rat #0614, Act #0525 of 1986) General Bill, By Kirsh, S.R. Foster, P. Freeman, B.J. Gordon, D.O. Hawkins, D.E. Martin, A.V. Rawl, J.I. Rogers, Washington, J.M. White and D.E. Winstead**

**Similar (S 0950)**

A Bill to amend Sections 20-7-1740, 20-7-1780, as amended, 20-7-1900, 20-7-1930 through 20-7-1970, 20-7-2000 through 20-7-2020, 20-7-2060, and 20-7-2070, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the adoption provisions in the Children's Code, supplemental benefits to assure adoption, and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, so as to delete all references to the Children's Bureau (Bureau); Sections 20-7-2300 through 20-7-2310, and 20-7-2340, as amended, relating to the Bureau, so as to delete all provisions pertaining to the Bureau, provide that the Child is the primary client of the state adoptive programs, establish a single public adoption system within the Department, provide for the administration of the public adoption agency by the Department, to authorize the Department to establish fees for adoption and related services; to amend Sections 20-7-1870 and 20-7-1880, relating to the requirements that reports of removals of children from their natural mother must be reported to the Bureau and the requirement that no person may bring or send into this State any child in a foster home unless the person bringing or sending the child has first notified the Bureau, so as to change all references to the Department of Social Services; to add Section 20-7-1945 so as to require the Department of Social Services (Department) to conduct a study of the adequacy of medical, shelter, and support services for birth parents and determine what improvements are needed; to establish a transition committee to assist in the transfer of all operations from the Bureau to the Department; and to provide for the composition, powers, staffing, and dissolution of the committee; to provide that the committee must submit a plan to the Budget and Control Board by October 1, 1986, transferring all necessary service delivery and support functions, current appropriations, assets, and liabilities from the Bureau to the Department; to provide that the State Budget and Control Board shall make as promptly and practicable as possible the necessary transfer to carry out the transition committee's plan; to provide that all applications on file with the Bureau and the Department on the effective date of this Act shall receive priority consideration for adoptive placements with the Department; to require the Department, before it accepts a client, to provide him with an informational brochure which outlines the services available from and the procedure used to select adoptive parents and the licensed private adoption agencies in this State; to provide that upon completion of the transfer of the Bureau into the Department's adoption program, the Board of Directors of the Bureau shall continue to function as an advisory board on adoptions to the State Board of the Department of Social Services, to provide for the membership of the Board of Directors, to provide for the dissolution of the advisory board, to provide for status reports by the advisory board of the effectiveness of the adoption program following the transition, and to require that the State Board of the Department of Social Services must report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the state-administered adoption program, to require the General Assembly to make final determination by June 30, 1989, whether the single adoption system within the Department must be permanently authorized; to repeal Sections 20-7-1830 through 20-7-1860, 20-7-1890, 20-7-2320, 20-7-2325, 20-7-2330, and 20-7-2350 through 20-7-2370 relating to the various responsibilities of the Bureau regarding adoption, the provisions authorizing the Board of Directors of the Bureau to prescribe policies and administrative duties of the Bureau, disbursement of funds appropriated to the Bureau by the General Assembly, the provisions concerning the fees for services provided by the Bureau, requirement that the Board of Directors must hire a Supervisor of the Bureau, the requirement of an annual report by the Bureau, and the penalty provisions for violation of Subarticle 3 of Article 13 of Chapter 20 of Title 7 (Children's Bureau); and to provide that if this determination is not made by June 30, 1989, this Act is repealed and the transition committee must be reconvened for the purpose of reconstituting a single public adoption agency effective January 1, 1990, and to provide for a bifurcated effective date.-amended title

- 01/22/86 House Introduced and read first time HJ-232**
- 01/22/86 House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-233**
- 02/12/86 House Committee report: Favorable Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-627**
- 02/19/86 House Objection by Rep. Barfield, McAbee, MD Burriss, Tucker, Hearn, HJ-856**
- 02/19/86 House Objection by Rep. Davenport & Cork HJ-856**
- 04/09/86 House Objection withdrawn by Rep. Davenport HJ-2268**
- 04/16/86 House Special order, set for after disposition of H 3671 (Under H 3829) HJ-2374**
- 04/29/86 House Amended HJ-2671**
- 04/29/86 House Read second time HJ-2691**
- 04/30/86 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2760**
- 05/01/86 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-2415**
- 05/01/86 Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs SJ-2415**
- 05/07/86 Senate Committee report: Favorable Medical Affairs SJ-2464**

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05/26/86	Senate	Special order SJ-3241
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06/03/86	Senate	Returned SJ-3532
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