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**A273, R317, H3400**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Passed by the General Assembly on June 19, 2012

Governor's Action: June 26, 2012, Signed

Summary: Child support

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/20/2011 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\01-20-11.docx))

1/20/2011 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\01-20-11.docx))

5/18/2011 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 62](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-18-11.docx))

5/24/2011 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 69](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-24-11.docx))

5/24/2011 House Debate adjourned until Wednesday, May 25, 2011 ([House Journal‑page 109](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-24-11.docx))

5/25/2011 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-25-11.docx))

5/25/2011 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-25-11.docx))

5/25/2011 House Roll call Yeas‑110 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-25-11.docx))

5/26/2011 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\05-26-11.docx))

5/31/2011 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\05-31-11.docx))

5/31/2011 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\05-31-11.docx))

5/2/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-02-12.docx))

5/15/2012 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-15-12.docx))

5/15/2012 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-15-12.docx))

5/15/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑28 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-15-12.docx))

5/16/2012 Scrivener's error corrected

5/16/2012 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-16-12.docx))

5/22/2012 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

5/22/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑0 Nays‑101 ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

6/5/2012 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Campsen, Sheheen, and Campbell ([Senate Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\06-05-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Conference committee appointed Bannister, Hearn, Weeks ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/7/2012 House Conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-07-12.docx))

6/7/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑74 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-07-12.docx))

6/19/2012 Senate Conference report adopted

6/19/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑0

6/19/2012 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-19-12.docx))

6/22/2012 Ratified R 317

6/26/2012 Signed By Governor

7/2/2012 Effective date 06/26/12

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(A273, R317, H3400)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63‑3‑530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO ARREARAGE MAY ACCRUE ON A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION WHICH TERMINATES WHEN THE CHILD TURNS EIGHTEEN, GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, OR THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WHEN THE CHILD TURNS NINETEEN AFTER THE DATE OF THE APPROPRIATE EVENT.**

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

**Child support, arrearages**

SECTION 1. Section 63‑3‑530(A)(17) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(17) To make all orders for support run until further order of the court, except that orders for child support run until the child turns eighteen years of age or until the child is married or becomes self‑supporting, as determined by the court, whichever occurs first, or past the age of eighteen years if the child is enrolled and still attending high school, not to exceed high school graduation or the end of the school year after the child reaches nineteen years of age, whichever is later; or in accordance with a preexisting agreement or order to provide for child support past the age of eighteen years; or in the discretion of the court, to provide for child support past age eighteen when there are physical or mental disabilities of the child or other exceptional circumstances that warrant the continuation of child support beyond age eighteen for as long as the physical or mental disabilities or exceptional circumstances continue. When child support is terminated due to the child turning eighteen years of age, graduating from high school, or reaching the end of the school year when the child is nineteen, no arrearage may be incurred as to that child after the date of the child’s eighteenth birthday, the date of the child’s graduation from high school, or the last day of the school year when the child is nineteen, whichever date terminated the child support obligation.”

**Savings clause**

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 22nd day of June, 2012.

Approved the 26th day of June, 2012.

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