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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 20, 2014

**H. 3400**

Introduced by Reps. Merrill, Cobb‑Hunter, Barfield, W.J. McLeod and Weeks

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Read the first time January 23, 2013.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3400) to amend Section 43‑5‑1285, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to evaluation of the success and effectiveness of the South Carolina Family Independence Act, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking Section 2‑15‑64 of the 1976 Code, as contained in SECTION 2, and inserting:

/ “Section 2‑15‑64. Beginning December 31, 2013, and every three years thereafter, the Legislative Audit Council shall conduct a management performance audit of a program of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The program to be reviewed will be determined after consultation with the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate General Committee. The Legislative Audit Council is authorized to charge the Department of Social Services for federal funds, if available, for the costs associated with this audit and shall provide certification to the Department of Social Services of certified public expenditures that are eligible for matching federal funds. The Department of Social Services shall remit the federal funds to the Legislative Audit Council as reimbursement for the costs of the audit.”/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

F. GREGORY DELLENEY, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 43‑5‑1285, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EVALUATION OF THE SUCCESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO REPORT ANNUALLY CERTAIN DATA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY ADDING SECTION 2‑15‑64 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL TO AUDIT EVERY THREE YEARS A PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO BE DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND SENATE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF AUDIT COSTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43‑5‑1285 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 102 of 1995, is amended to read:

“Section 43‑5‑1285. ~~On or about August 31, 1996, and every two years thereafter the Legislative Audit Council shall evaluate and~~ The department shall report annually to the General Assembly on the ~~success and effectiveness of the policies and programs created in this act. In conducting this evaluation the council shall identify the~~ number of ~~AFDC~~ Family Independence families and individuals no longer receiving welfare, the number of individuals who have participated in educational, employment, or training programs under this act, the number of individuals who have completed educational, employment, or training programs under this act, and the number of individuals who have become employed and the duration of their employment~~, and other data and information the council considers appropriate in reporting to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of this act~~.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 15, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑15‑64. Beginning December 31, 2013, and every three years thereafter, the Legislative Audit Council shall conduct a management performance audit of a program of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The program to be reviewed will be determined after consultation with the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate General Committee. The Legislative Audit Council is authorized to charge the Department of Social Services for federal funds, if available, for the costs associated with this audit. The Department of Social Services shall remit the federal funds to the Legislative Audit Council as reimbursement for the costs of the audit.”

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

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