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Summary: Status Offenses

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/6/2025 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 5](h:\hj\20250206.docx))

2/11/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson

2/12/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: King, Weeks

2/12/2025 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 34](h:\hj\20250212.docx))

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2/13/2025 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 12](h:\hj\20250213.docx))

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Committee Report

February 6, 2025

H. 3020

Introduced by Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor and Grant

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Read the first time January 14, 2025

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The committee on House Judiciary

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3020) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Sections 63‑1‑40 and 63‑19‑20, both relating to status offenses, so as to eliminate playing a pinball machine, etc., respectfully

Report:

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

W. NEWTON for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill removes the act of playing a pinball machine from the list of status offenses contained in the Children’s Code.

Based on a response from Judicial and a previous response for similar legislation from DJJ, both report removing the act of playing a pinball machine from the list of status offenses contained in the Children’s Code will have no expenditure impact, as this can be managed within the normal course of business. For information, there were no dispositions in South Carolina in FY 2023-24 for the unlawful playing of a pinball machine by an adult or a minor.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63‑1‑40 AND 63‑19‑20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63‑19‑2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑1‑40(6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) “Status offense” means any offense which would not be a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult, such as, but not limited to, incorrigibility (beyond the control of parents), truancy, running away, playing or loitering in a billiard room, playing a pinball machine or gaining admission to a theater by false identification.

SECTION 2. Section 63‑19‑20(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) “Status offense” means an offense which would not be a misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult including, but not limited to, incorrigibility or beyond the control of parents, truancy, running away, playing or loitering in a billiard room, playing a pinball machine, or gaining admission to a theater by false identification.

SECTION 3. Section 63‑19‑2430 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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