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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 43‑5‑12 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT CHILDREN BEING CARED FOR BY NONPARENTAL CAREGIVERS IN A HOUSEHOLD QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS MUST BE COUNTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD FOR BENEFIT CALCULATION PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 43 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 43‑5‑12. For purposes of calculating the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit amount, a child, other than a foster child, under the age of eighteen who lives with and is under the parental control of a household member other than his or her parent must be considered a member of the household. For purposes of this section, the child must be considered to be under parental control if the child is financially or otherwise dependent on a member of the household.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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