

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S 0142 General Bill, By Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett**

**Summary:** Safe Harbor for Exploited Minors

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

11/30/22	Senate	Prefiled
11/30/22	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/10/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 79)
01/10/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 79)
02/02/23	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Matthews, Rice, Senn, Adams
02/08/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/22/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/27/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/09/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 14)
03/09/23	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 14)
03/13/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/14/23	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/15/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/15/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/15/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/16/23	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 7)
03/28/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 35)
03/28/23	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 35)
04/23/24	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)
04/24/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/25/24	House	Amended (House Journal-page 10)
04/25/24	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 10)
04/25/24	House	Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 12)
04/25/24	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 13)
04/26/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/27/24	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 2)
05/08/24	Senate	House amendment amended (Senate Journal-page 167)
05/08/24	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0
05/08/24	Senate	Returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 167)
05/09/24	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal-page 62)
05/09/24	House	Roll call Yeas-0 Nays-102 (House Journal-page 63)
05/09/24	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hutto, Gustafson, Adams (Senate Journal-page 14)
05/09/24	House	Conference committee appointed Bernstein, Guest, Connell (House Journal-page 144)