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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59‑20‑51 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024‑2025, A NEW TEACHER MUST RECEIVE A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF NO LESS THAN fifty-two THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A CURRENT TEACHER WHO EARNED LESS THAN fifty-two THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE 2023‑2024 SCHOOL YEAR MUST RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN fifTY‑FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59‑20‑51. (A) A new certified teacher hired to teach in a public K‑12 school in this State must receive a starting salary of no less than fifty-two thousand dollars and a current certified public K‑12 teacher who earned less than fifty-two thousand dollars in the 2023‑2024 School Year must receive a salary of no less than fifty‑five thousand dollars.

(B) The provisions of this section apply notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59‑20‑50 or another provision of law.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act apply beginning in School Year 2024‑2025.

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

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