# Senate Education Committee

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. ACTING CHAIRMAN

SUITE 412 GRESSETTE OFFICE BUILDING TELEPHONE: (803) 212-6250 SEduComm@scsenate.gov



THE SENATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA P.O. BOX 142 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29202 SALLY CAUTHEN RESEARCH DIRECTOR K-12

OLIVIA BURNS RESEARCH DIRECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION

# MEETING NOTICE \* Senate Education K-12 Subcommittee

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 9:00 AM ~ Room 207, Gressette Building

# **Legislation**

#### H. 5042 School District Fiscal Integrity (Felder)

TO AMEND SECTION <u>59-20-90</u>,...., RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR IDENTIFYING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL PRACTICES AND BUDGETARY CONDITIONS THAT CAN COMPROMISE THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF THE DISTRICTS AND FOR ADVISING THE DISTRICTS ON APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS. SO AS TO REVISE RELATED PROCEDURES.

#### H. 3820 Health Education (Fry)

TO AMEND SECTION <u>59-32-30</u>,...RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUCTION IN PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

# H. 4810 School Metal Detector Study Committee (Gilliard)

TO CREATE THE "SCHOOL METAL DETECTOR STUDY COMMITTEE" TO STUDY WHETHER IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF METAL DETECTORS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO.....PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

#### H. 4596 Competency-Based Schools (Collins)

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS...BY ADDING SECTION <u>59-19-360</u> SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE EXEMPTION OF COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR....THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

#### S. 1136 Principals; provide after consultation with qualified person - Mental Health Intervention (Allen)

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS....BY ADDING ARTICLE 15...SO AS TO ALLOW PRINCIPALS OR SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS, AFTER CONSULTING WITH....AND AFTER PROVIDING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION, TO PETITION THE PROBATE COURT TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STUDENT IS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IF...THE STUDENT POSES A THREAT OF HARM TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS...TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY...REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN POLICIES AND GUIDELINES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-24-90, ...MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-24-140, RELATING TO...JUDICIAL ADMISSION OF A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES, ETC.

# S. 622 Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Account Act (Massey)

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ESTABLISH THE "EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CITATION, TO STATE THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE PARENTS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN MAY ESTABLISH AND FUND ACCOUNTS FOR USE IN MEETING CERTAIN EDUCATION EXPENSES, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF SUCH FUNDS AND PENALTIES FOR MISUSE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO CREATE A PARENTAL REVIEW PANEL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN EXPENSES CONSTITUTE QUALIFIED EDUCATION EXPENSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

# **Regulations** (State Board of Education) Carried over from 3/7/18 **Document 4783** (R43-232) Defined Program 6-8

The amendment will ensure middle school students who are advanced beyond middle school level demonstrate the ability and developmental readiness to accelerate. Changes will also be made to bring the regulation's language consistent with the new Uniform Grading Policy.

# <u>Document 4782</u> (R43-234) Defined Program 9-12 & Graduation Requirements (as resubmitted)

SBE Reg. 43-234 regulates secondary school courses and the graduation requirements. The SBE recently approved a new Uniform Grading Policy and General Assembly recently enacted new law governing diploma pathways. These amendments align the regulation with the policy and the law.

# **Document 4752 (R43-235) SC Employability Credentials for Students With Disabilities**

The South Carolina Board of Education is proposing to add a new regulation governing the State's Employability Credential recently enacted by the amended S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-39-100. This new regulation will promulgate the program components and criteria for a state-recognized Employability Credential for applicable students with disabilities for whom such a credential is appropriate. This credential is not a state high school diploma.

# **Document 4781** (R43-273) Transfers and Withdrawals

SBE Reg. 43-273 regulates the transferal and withdrawal of students from within and out of the state of South Carolina. The SBE has approved a new Uniform Grading Policy. The amendments to the regulation will update the language to provide a smoother and more consistent transition whether the student is from a public school, home school, private school, or out-of-state non-public school.

Subcommittee Members: Senator Hembree, Chairman Senators Matthews, Rankin, Malloy, Hutto, Nicholson, Turner, Senn, Talley

\* The above agenda items are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of consideration.