**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑63‑480 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOLS OF AN ADJACENT COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT MUST ARRANGE FOR THE STUDENT TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL IN THE ADJACENT COUNTY RATHER THAN THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN THE CHILD’S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑63‑490, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH A CHILD RESIDES MAY NOT PREVENT A STUDENT FROM TRANSFERRING TO AN ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE RECEIVING SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVES THE TRANSFER; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59‑63‑500 AND 59‑63‑510.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑63‑480 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑63‑480. (A) If school children in one county reside closer to appropriate schools in an adjacent county, they may attend ~~such~~ the schools ~~upon the school authorities~~ ~~of the county of their residence arranging with the~~ in the adjacent county if a parent or legal guardian receives approval for admission from school officials of the adjacent county ~~for such admission~~ and upon payment of appropriate charges as herein authorized. ~~The board of trustees in the school district in which the pupils reside~~ A parent or legal guardian of a child that would like to attend school in an adjacent county pursuant to this section shall make written application ~~through its county board of education~~ to the board of trustees of the district in which the school is located for the admission of ~~such children~~ the child, giving full information as to ~~ages~~ age, residence, and school attainment~~,~~. ~~and the~~ The board of trustees in the school district, agreeing to accept ~~such pupils~~ the child, shall give a written statement of agreement. Upon receipt of ~~such~~ the application, the board of trustees of the school ~~and its county board of education~~ shall determine the monthly per pupil cost of all overhead expenses of the school, which will include all expenses of the school not paid by the State. ~~Upon~~ The child shall be admitted to the schools of the adjacent county upon proper arrangement being made for the monthly payment ~~monthly~~ of ~~such~~ the child’s overhead per pupil cost, unless the board of trustees in the school district adopts a policy as provided in item (B). ~~for each such child the same shall be admitted to the schools of the adjacent county.~~

(B) The board of trustees in the school district in which the school is located may adopt a policy permitting the board to waive the payment of overhead per pupil costs.”

SECTION 2. Section 59‑63‑490 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑63‑490. When ~~it shall so happen that any~~ a person ~~is so situated as to be~~ is better accommodated at the school of an adjoining school district, whether special or otherwise, ~~the board of trustees of the school district in which such person resides may,~~ the person may, with the consent of the board of trustees of the school district in which such school is located, transfer ~~such person for education~~ to the school district in which such school is located, and the trustees of the school district in which the school is located shall receive such person into the school as though he resided within the district.”

SECTION 3. Section 59‑63‑500 of the 1976 Code, relating to transfer without consent of school district of residence, and Section 59‑63‑510 of the 1976 Code, relating to the county board of education authorized to order a student transfer, are repealed.

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

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