**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑26‑45, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRINCIPAL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST NOTIFY PARENTS IF THEIR CHILDREN ARE BEING TAUGHT BY AN ANNUAL CONTRACT TEACHER UNDERGOING A HIGHLY CONSEQUENTIAL EVALUATION OR A CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHER WHO HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE AND IS UNDERGOING A FORMAL SUMMATIVE EVALUATION.

Whereas, in order to maintain professional educational standards, state law establishes a formal process by which a teacher’s performance in the classroom is evaluated; and

Whereas, parents have a right to know if their children are being taught by teachers undergoing formal evaluative processes concerning professional educational standards. Now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑26‑45. The principal or school district must notify parents if their children are being taught by:

(1) an annual contract teacher undergoing a highly consequential evaluation; or

(2) a continuing contract teacher who has received written notice and is undergoing a formal summative evaluation.”

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

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