**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE MUST BE COMPRISED OF AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT TO RECEIVE STATE APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑17‑45. Beginning with the 2016‑2017 school year, a school district of this State must be comprised of at least two thousand five hundred students enrolled in the schools of the district in order to receive state appropriations. This section does not apply to a school district that is the only school district in a county that has less than two thousand five hundred students.”

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

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