**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑77 SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES ON A SCHOOL‑SPONSORED ATHLETIC TEAM TO BE ADMINISTERED AN ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TEST DURING THE STUDENT’S PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL AND TO REQUIRE THE DOCTOR WHO ADMINISTERS THE TEST TO CLEAR THE STUDENT FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM BEFORE HE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE; AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑77. (A) In order for a student to participate on a school‑sponsored athletic team, the student must undergo a preparticipation physical, during which an electrocardiogram test must be administered. The physician who administers the test must clear the student for participation on the team before the student is eligible to participate.

(B) For purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Physician’ is defined in the same manner as provided in Section 40‑47‑20(35).

(2) ‘Student athlete’ includes cheerleaders.”

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

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