**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD ATTENDING A STATE‑FUNDED FOUR‑YEAR‑OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL RATE PROGRAM.

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 59‑63‑105. For purposes of the federal Educational Rate Program, a child attending a state‑funded four‑year‑old kindergarten program must be considered an elementary school student.”

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

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