**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 10‑1‑220 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL DISTRICT, THAT IS PLANNING TO BUILD A NEW, OR IMPROVE AN EXISTING, PUBLIC FACILITY SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS PLANNING A STUDY OF CERTAIN TRANSIT‑RIDER ACCESS TO THE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF THE ACCESS IS SAFE AND PRACTICAL.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 10 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 10‑1‑220. The State or any of its political subdivisions, including a school district, that is planning to build a new, or improve an existing, public facility including, but not limited to, schools, courthouses, governmental buildings, recreational facilities, health care facilities, fire stations, and locations which may be used for voting in elections, shall include in its planning a study of the current and future transit‑rider access to the location for the purpose of determining if the access is safe and practical. In the event that it is determined to be safe and practical, the State or applicable political subdivision or school district shall provide for the construction of appropriate transit‑stop facilities and safe access between the stop and the new project for pedestrians, the disabled, and cyclists. In the event that the access is determined to be impractical, the appropriate governmental authority shall approve a statement or decision to that effect by roll call vote at a public meeting after recorded public comment, properly noticed pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 30.”

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

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