FACT SHEET FOR BILL H-3198 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

Here are some important facts concerning raising the attendance age in SC to 18

Most students who dropout at seventeen unfortunately make that decision at fifteen and sixteen and upon turning seventeen can drop out of school without parents permission.

With the growth of Career Education Training in SC the time has never been better to raise the state dropout age in SC to 18.

Right now there exists a gap year between 17 and 18 years old for students to enroll in a Non-Degree at Trident Tech and other Technical Community Colleges throughout SC. Students can currently dropout at seventeen and are not eligible for enrollment until the age of eighteen. Very few students enroll in Adult Education and leave with a GED.

At this time twenty-six states in America are using Eighteen as their dropout age.

Great support has grown in this push to eighteen.

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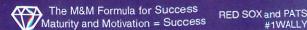
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