

# Senate Education Committee

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## MEETING NOTICE \*

### Senate Education K-12 Subcommittee

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

9:00 AM ~ Room 207, Gressette Building

#### **Bills**

##### **S. 709 Fire and Safety Inspections (Hembree)** *Carried over from 2/21/18*

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO REQUIRE FIRE AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS AT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES AT LEAST ANNUALLY, ETC.

##### **S. 302 Physical Education** - by Senator Sheheen

TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT MARCHING BAND INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS MUST BE CONSIDERED THE EQUIVALENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.

##### **S. 36 School Districts**- by Senator Young

TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-45, 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 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE STATE APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

##### **H. 4434 Dyslexia** - by Representative Clary

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A UNIVERSAL SCREENING TOOL FOR USE BY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SCREEN STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE FOR CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSLEXIA BEGINNING WITH THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR; TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC ABILITIES THAT THE SCREENING TOOL MUST MEASURE; TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS AND OTHER CERTAIN PARTIES MAY REQUEST THIS DYSLEXIA SCREENING FOR A STUDENT; TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONVENE SCHOOL-BASED PROBLEM-SOLVING TEAMS TO ANALYZE SCREENING DATA AND PROGRESS MONITORING DATA TO ASSIST TEACHERS IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION AND EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE DYSLEXIA-SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS FOR STUDENTS INDICATED BY SCREENINGS TO HAVE CHARACTERISTICS OF DYSLEXIA; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND TO CREATE A DYSLEXIA ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT IN MATTERS RELATING TO DYSLEXIA.

#### **Regulations (State Board of Education)**

##### **Document 4783 (R43-232) Defined Program 6-8**

The amendment will ensure middle school students who are advanced beyond middle school level demonstrate the ability and developmental readiness to accelerate. Changes will also be made to bring the regulation's language consistent with the new Uniform Grading Policy.

##### **Document 4782 (R43-234) Defined Program 9-12 & Graduation Requirements**

SBE Reg. 43-234 regulates secondary school courses and the graduation requirements. The SBE recently approved a new Uniform Grading Policy and General Assembly recently enacted new law governing diploma pathways. These amendments align the regulation with the policy and the law.

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## **Document 4752 (R43-235) SC Employability Credentials for Students With Disabilities**

The South Carolina Board of Education is proposing to add a new regulation governing the State's Employability Credential recently enacted by the amended S.C. Code Ann. Section 59-39-100. This new regulation will promulgate the program components and criteria for a state-recognized Employability Credential for applicable students with disabilities for whom such a credential is appropriate. This credential is not a state high school diploma.

## **Document 4781 (R43-273) Transfers and Withdrawals**

SBE Reg. 43-273 regulates the transferal and withdrawal of students from within and out of the state of South Carolina. The SBE has approved a new Uniform Grading Policy. The amendments to the regulation will update the language to provide a smoother and more consistent transition whether the student is from a public school, home school, private school, or out-of-state non-public school.

## **Document 4755 (R43-80) Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services**

Regulation 43-80, Section N details the training/testing processes and establishes different classifications of school bus driver certificates. The proposed amendments offer districts greater flexibility in certifying drivers to operate school buses

Regulation 43-80, Sections T and U provide details regarding the use of buses and boats operated by the State Department of Education for purposes other than transporting students to or from school. The proposed amendment will remove references to boats to bring the regulation in line with South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59-67-535.

*Subcommittee Members: Senator Hembree, Chairman  
Senators Matthews, Rankin, Malloy, Hutto, Nicholson, Turner, Senn, Talley*

*\* The above agenda items are subject to change and do not necessarily reflect the order of consideration.*