

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0070 General Bill, By Hembree

Summary: School Board Ethics

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-710 SO AS TO ENHANCE LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-730 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND REVISE AS NECESSARY A MODEL CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, AND REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL ADOPT A LOCAL CODE OF ETHICS AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND SUBMIT A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ADOPTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-19-45, RELATING TO MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

12/11/24	Senate	Prefiled
12/11/24	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education
01/14/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 59)
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02/11/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 11)
02/17/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/18/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 21)
02/24/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/24/26	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 23)
02/24/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 23)
02/26/26	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)
02/26/26	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 15)