

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0416 (Rat #0225, Act #0193 of 2026) General Bill, By Hembree and Alexander

Summary: School Expulsion

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS, SO AS TO REVISE RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO EXPELLED AND SUSPENDED STUDENTS WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR ATTENDING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WHO BRING FIREARMS TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM ONE-YEAR EXPULSION FOR KNOWINGLY BRINGING A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION, REVIEW, AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE EXPULSION PERIOD, TO PRESERVE STUDENT APPEAL RIGHTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE OR VIRTUAL SETTINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-237 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WHO MAKE CERTAIN THREATS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH EXPULSIONS, TO AUTHORIZE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE OR VIRTUAL SETTINGS, AND TO REQUIRE REFERRAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-250, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATORS TO TRANSFER STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, TO REQUIRE PARENT CONFERENCES OR HEARINGS AND NOTICE TO AND INPUT FROM THE RECEIVING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND TO PROVIDE APPEAL RIGHTS FOR TRANSFERS ORDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATOR. - RATIFIED TITLE

- 03/04/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)**
- 03/04/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 10)**
- 04/10/25 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 15)**
- 04/16/25 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 34)**
- 04/24/25 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 19)**
- 04/24/25 Senate Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 19)**
- 04/29/25 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 21)**
- 04/30/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 108)**
- 04/30/25 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 108)**
- 04/22/26 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 3)**
- 04/28/26 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 17)**
- 04/29/26 House Amended (House Journal-page 181)**
- 04/29/26 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Bauer, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Kirby, J Moore, Anderson, Grant, Govan, Williams, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Bamberg, Gilreath (House Journal-page 181)**
- 05/07/26 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 43)**
- 05/13/26 House Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Williams (House Journal-page 64)**
- 05/13/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 184)**
- 05/13/26 House Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-7 (House Journal-page 184)**
- 05/14/26 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 51)**
- 05/14/26 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 55)**
- 05/14/26 House House recedes from amendment(s) (House Journal-page 87)**
- 05/14/26 House Ordered enrolled for ratification (House Journal-page 87)**
- 05/15/26 Ratified R 225**
- 05/18/26 Signed By Governor**
- 06/05/26 Effective date 05/18/26**
- 06/02/26 Act No. 193**