

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H*3195 (Rat #0245, Act #0202 of 2026) General Bill, By Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson

Summary: Unstructured and self-directed recess in public schools

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO EXPAND SUCH REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE STUDENTS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND RECESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE NONCERTIFIED STAFF AND MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-80, RELATING TO REQUIRED SUBJECTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY." - RATIFIED TITLE

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 123)
01/14/25	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 123)
02/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Bradley
02/06/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 13)
02/11/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon
02/11/25		Scrivener's error corrected
02/12/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck
02/12/25	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 2-13-25 (House Journal-page 91)
02/13/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Rivers, Anderson
02/13/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 22)
02/13/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 22)
02/13/25	House	Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-3 (House Journal-page 23)
02/13/25	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 25)
02/18/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)
02/18/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 7)
02/18/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/25/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 9)
04/29/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 54)
04/29/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 54)
04/29/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 54)
04/29/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 54)
04/30/26	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 34)
05/06/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/07/26	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 38)
05/12/26	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 102)
05/13/26	House	Senate amendment amended (House Journal-page 135)
05/13/26	House	Returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 135)
05/13/26	House	Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-11 (House Journal-page 137)
05/14/26	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 117)
05/15/26		Ratified R 245
05/18/26		Signed By Governor
06/02/26		Effective date 05/18/26
06/02/26		Act No. 202