

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3758 General Bill, By C. Mitchell and Yow

Summary: Student expression of religious viewpoints

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

01/15/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 56)

01/15/25 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 56)

04/24/25 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 45)

04/30/25 House Amended (House Journal-page 37)

04/30/25 House Read second time (House Journal-page 37)

04/30/25 House Roll call Yeas-115 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 38)

05/01/25 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 11)

05/01/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12)

05/01/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 12)