

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0416 General Bill, By Hembree and Alexander

Summary: School Expulsion

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR WHICH TRUSTEES MAY EXPEL, SUSPEND, OR TRANSFER PUPILS; PETITIONS FOR READMISSION; AND EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, OR TRANSFER, SO AS TO PROHIBIT EXPELLED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS INCLUDING ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING A SCHOOL BUS, TO FURTHER PROHIBIT SUSPENDED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF A STUDENT DETERMINED TO HAVE BROUGHT A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO BE EXPELLED FOR NO LESS THAN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR KNOWINGLY BRINGING A FIREARM TO A SCHOOL, TO ESTABLISH THE EXPULSION HEARING BE CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO ALLOW AN EXPELLED STUDENT TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS TO INCLUDE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-250, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT A BOARD MAY TRANSFER A PUPIL WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION AND INPUT FROM THE PRINCIPAL AT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL.

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| 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) |