

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4257 General Bill, By J.E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell, Yow, Brittain, Jordan, B. Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino and Hiott

Summary: Excused student absences

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

03/27/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 16)
03/27/25	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 16)
04/02/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brittain, Jordan, B.Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino, Hiott
04/29/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 6)
04/30/25		Scrivener's error corrected
04/30/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 76)
04/30/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 76)
04/30/25	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 77)
05/01/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12)
05/01/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)
05/01/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 13)