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H 4429 General Bill, By Cave, Breeland, J. Brown, A.W. Byrd, Canty, Clyburn, M. Hines, Inabinett, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Rice, Richardson and Whipper

A Bill to amend Section 59-35-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to local school boards of trustees providing for kindergartens, so as to provide that the five-year-old kindergarten program in each school district must be a full-day program with at least the same hours of operation as have the elementary schools of the district, to provide that each district must also establish half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs and are authorized to establish full-day four-year-old kindergarten programs, and to provide that these kindergarten programs must be open to all eligible students of the district and not just to educationally disadvantaged or handicapped students; to amend Section 59-19-340, as amended, relating to the authorization of a school district to establish four-year-old child development programs, so as to require each district to establish four-year-old kindergarten programs in the manner provided by Section 59-35-10 above, and to provide that attendance in these four-year-old kindergarten programs is optional for all eligible students; and to amend Section 59-63-20, as amended, relating to the age of attendance in the public schools, so as to authorize four-year-old to attend optional kindergarten programs and to further provide for the manner in which these four-year-old children shall be counted for school funding purposes.

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