

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

### **S 0520 General Bill, By Ford, Bryant, Thomas, Davis, Bright, Fair, Ryberg, Rose and Grooms**

**Similar (H 3802)**

**Summary:** Educational Opportunity Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION GRANT AND A PERSON WHO PAYS TUITION FOR THAT STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THAT TUITION UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON WHO PAID TUITION FOR A QUALIFYING STUDENT TO ATTEND AN INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS DURING THE FIRST SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON WHO PAID TUITION FOR ANY STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE IN AN INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE SECOND SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON WHO PAID TUITION FOR ANY STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO IN AN INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE THIRD SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON WHO PAID TUITION FOR ANY STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE FOUR IN AN INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FOURTH SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, AND TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON WHO PAID TUITION FOR ANY STUDENT ENROLLED IN ANY GRADE IN AN INDEPENDENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR EVERY SCHOOL YEAR THEREAFTER; TO PROVIDE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT OF UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT FOR A PERSON WHO TEACHES HIS STUDENT AT HOME; TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR A PERSON OR CORPORATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION MADE TO A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS THAT AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MUST MEET IN ORDER TO ACCEPT STUDENTS PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; TO REQUIRE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN ASSESSMENT TESTS; TO REQUIRE A FAILING SCHOOL TO NOTIFY PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL OF ITS FAILING STATUS; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS AND MAKE INVESTIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD ANNUALLY TO REPORT ON THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO SPECIFY WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A LONG TERM EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE ARTICLE, AND TO SPECIFY WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE EVALUATION, AND TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3383 SO AS TO CREATE THE TAX CREDIT AND REFERENCE ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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