

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### **S 0070 General Bill, By Hembree**

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-710 SO AS TO ENHANCE LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-730 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND REVISE AS NECESSARY A MODEL CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, AND REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL ADOPT A LOCAL CODE OF ETHICS AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND SUBMIT A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ADOPTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-19-45, RELATING TO MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

<b>12/11/24</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/11/24</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education</b>
<b>01/14/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 59)</b>
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<b>02/11/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>02/17/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 9)</b>
<b>02/18/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 21)</b>
<b>02/24/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended (Senate Journal-page 9)</b>
<b>02/24/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 23)</b>
<b>02/24/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 23)</b>
<b>02/26/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 15)</b>
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