

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

### **S 0756 General Bill, By Land**

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-190, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL BUS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION AND PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL BUS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL AND NATIONAL STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2570, RELATING TO PARKING OF AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR WHEELCHAIRS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2770, RELATING TO SIGNALS AND MARKINGS ON SCHOOL BUSES AND MEETING AND PASSING SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REFERENCES IN THE SECTION, AND FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE SIGNAL EQUIPMENT OF A SCHOOL BUS AND FOR WHEN A DRIVER OF A SCHOOL BUS NEED NOT STOP; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-4700, RELATING TO REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THIS REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND ITS USE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL BUS, SO AS TO REVISE THIS DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION GOVERNING DESIGN AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-30, RELATING TO PAINTINGS AND MARKINGS OF SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT CERTAIN NATIONAL STANDARDS WITH REGARD TO SCHOOL BUS OPERATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-50, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF IDENTIFICATION MARKS FROM FORMER SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-60, RELATING TO REQUIRED REPAINTING OF FORMER SCHOOL BUSES IN A COLOR DIFFERENT THAN YELLOW, SO AS TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-80, RELATING TO WIPERS, BRAKES, LIGHTS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-100, RELATING TO SEATING SPACE ON SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE SPACE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-110, RELATING TO EXITS ON SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF EXIT DOORS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-150, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND PROHIBITED ACTS ON BUSES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE QUALIFICATIONS AND TO SPECIFY THE PERSONS TO WHOM THIS PROHIBITION APPLIES AND WHERE IT APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-190, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER LEAVING THE BUS WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR ASSISTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OR IN EMERGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-200, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A COMPLETE STOP TO DISCHARGE PASSENGERS, SO AS TO STIPULATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPLETE STOP FOR DISCHARGING PASSENGERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-210, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ONE SCHOOL BUS PASSING ANOTHER, SO AS TO PERMIT SUCH PASSING ON MULTIPLE-LANE ROADS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-220, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FILLING THE GASOLINE TANK OF A SCHOOL BUS WHILE THE ENGINE IS RUNNING, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE FROM GASOLINE TO FUEL; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-230, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A SCHOOL BUS STOP BEFORE CROSSING RAILROAD TRACKS, SO AS TO STIPULATE CERTAIN SITUATIONS WHEN THE SECTION DOES NOT APPLY; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-240, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY DUTIES OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-245, RELATING TO INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-270, RELATING TO INSPECTION OF SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE HIGHWAY PATROL TO INSPECT BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-280, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN SCHOOL BUS PROVISIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE SUCH PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-290, RELATING TO NEGLIGENCE OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NOT BEING IMPUTABLE TO PASSENGERS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TERM "IMPUTED" TO THE TERM "ATTRIBUTED" AND REQUIRE SUCH DRIVERS TO COMPLY WITH ALL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-410, RELATING TO CONTROL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO DELEGATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE POLICY AUTHORITY OVER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXTENT OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED, SO AS TO REVISE THESE TRANSPORTATION OBLIGATIONS THE STATE ASSUMES AND TO REVISE OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN INCLUDING MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS ON SCHOOL BUS RIDES, HAZARDOUS CRITERIA AND FUNDING, AND THE OBLIGATION TO TRANSPORT

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