

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**S\*0038 (Rat #0038, Act #0026 of 2021) General Bill, By Grooms, Rice, Hembree, Verdin, Kimbrell, Corbin, Loftis, Campsen, Bennett and Young**

**Similar (H 3338)**

**Summary:** Reinforcing College Education on America's Constitutional Heritage Act (REACH Act)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "REINFORCING COLLEGE EDUCATION ON AMERICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL HERITAGE ACT" OR THE "REACH ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-120, RELATING TO THE STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, AND THE FEDERALIST PAPERS TO EACH STUDENT FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-130, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF INSTRUCTION IN THE ESSENTIALS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL REQUIRE STUDENTS TO COMPLETE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION THAT PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE MAJOR EVENTS AND TURNING POINTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT, TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT GRANT CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATION FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS TO STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THIS INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROVIDE RELATED OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TO SPECIFY THE STUDENTS TO WHICH THESE PROVISIONS APPLY; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-29-140 RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. - ratified title

12/09/20	Senate	Prefiled
12/09/20	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education
01/12/21	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 108)
01/12/21	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 108)
02/24/21	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/25/21		Scrivener's error corrected
03/02/21	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 43)
03/02/21	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 43)
03/02/21	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 43)
03/03/21	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 17)
03/04/21	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 3)
03/04/21	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 3)
04/07/21	House	Committee report: Favorable Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 25)
04/13/21	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 4-14-21 (House Journal-page 17)
04/14/21	House	Amended (House Journal-page 13)
04/14/21	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 4-15-21 (House Journal-page 18)
04/15/21	House	Amended (House Journal-page 9)
04/15/21	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 9)
04/15/21	House	Roll call Yeas-91 Nays-12 (House Journal-page 12)
04/20/21	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 6)
04/22/21	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 96)
04/22/21	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 96)
04/28/21		Ratified R 38
04/28/21		Signed By Governor
04/30/21		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
04/30/21		Act No. 26