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H 3222 General Bill, By M.S. McLeod, Cobb-Hunter and McKnight

Summary: Department of Education to develop a model dating violence policy

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-495 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A MODEL DATING VIOLENCE POLICY TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN POLICIES FOR REPORTING AND RESPONDING TO DATING VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE POLICIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE REPORTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INFORM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF THE POLICY AND TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH A COPY OF THE POLICY UPON REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT DO NOT PREVENT A VICTIM FROM SEEKING REDRESS UNDER OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LAWS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-477 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, WITH THE REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN GUIDELINES AND MATERIALS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CONCERNING DATING VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT A CURRICULUM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION ON DATING VIOLENCE FOR TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ONLINE CLASSES MAY BE USED AS PART OF THIS CURRICULUM, TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE CREDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN DATING VIOLENCE DEVELOPED USING THIS CURRICULUM ANNUALLY MUST BE COMPLETED BY TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATOR WHO HOLDS A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE MUST USE THESE CREDITS TO SATISFY CREDENTIAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-475, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR EDUCATORS, SO AS TO REVISE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ONLINE CLASSES MAY BE USED AS PART OF THIS CURRICULUM, TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE CREDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE DEVELOPED USING THIS CURRICULUM ANNUALLY MUST BE COMPLETED BY TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATOR WHO HOLDS A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE MUST USE THESE CREDITS TO SATISFY CREDENTIAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS.

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