

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H 3539 General Bill, By J.E. Smith, Bannister, Simrill, Bernstein, King, Govan, McKnight, Williams, Norrell, Tinkler, Henegan, Bales, Jefferson, Hicks, Newton, Funderburk, Huggins, Ridgeway, Collins, Pitts and White**  
***Similar (S 0437)***

**Summary:** James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-240 SO AS TO ENACT THE "JAMES B. EDWARDS CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE" TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOLS OR PERSONS PURSUING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN THIS STATE TO TAKE THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, TO DIRECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AWARD A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A GRADE OF 60 OR BETTER ON THE TEST, AND TO DIRECT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT CARD FOR EACH SCHOOL, AS APPLICABLE.

02/05/15	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 8)
02/05/15	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 8)
02/10/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein, King, Govan, McKnight, Williams, Norrell, Tinkler, Henegan, Bales, Jefferson, Hicks, Newton
02/11/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
02/17/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huggins
02/19/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ridgeway
02/25/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Collins
04/21/15	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 5)
04/22/15	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pitts, White
04/22/15	House	Amended (House Journal-page 37)
04/22/15	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 37)
04/22/15	House	Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 39)
04/23/15	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 23)
04/23/15	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)
04/23/15	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 8)