

Session 120 - (2013-2014)

H 4088 General Bill, By Rivers, Bowen, Bedingfield, Lowe, Owens and Stringer

Summary: Education Maximum Act or Edumax Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "EDUCATION MAXIMUM ACT" OR "EDUMAX ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE STUDENT LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MUST DEMONSTRATE PERFORMANCE AT HIS GRADE LEVEL IN ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS BEFORE PROMOTION TO THE NEXT GRADE, AND THAT A STUDENT MAY SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK AND TESTING IN SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS PARENT OR GUARDIAN, PAYABLE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DISTRICT; TO EXEMPT ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE STUDENTS FROM OTHER EXIT EXAMINATIONS, TO REQUIRE ELEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS TO TAKE THE ACT EXAM AND ACHIEVE A MINIMUM SCORE ON THAT TEST AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO REQUIRE TWELFTH GRADERS TO TAKE THE WORKKEYS EXAM AND ACHIEVE A MINIMUM SCORE ON THAT TEST AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-31-210, RELATING TO A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDE TEXTBOOKS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY MEANS OF A RENTAL SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY OPT OUT OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK RENTAL SYSTEM AND INSTEAD PURCHASE THE DIGITAL EQUIVALENT OF A TEXTBOOK AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY FROM VENDOR CONTRACTS APPROVED BY THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO ALLOW SPECIAL PART-TIME CERTIFICATES ALLOWING PROFESSIONALS OR EXPERTS TO TEACH SUBJECTS RELATED THEIR PROFESSION OR EXPERTISE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-900, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT REAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND TEST SCORES BUT NOT GRADUATION RATES BE USED FOR THESE RATINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-65-48 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A CHILD MAY ENROLL THE CHILD IN THE SCHOOL CONSIDERED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO BE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE ACADEMIC NEEDS OF THE CHILD UPON THE SHOWING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AND PAYMENT OF A FEE, AND TO REQUIRE DIFFERENT STANDARDS AND NO FEE FOR A CHILD NEEDING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.

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