Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0416 (Rat #0225, Act #0193 of 2026) General Bill, By Hembree and Alexander

Summary: School Expulsion

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, AND TRANSFER OF STUDENTS, SO AS TO REVISE RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO EXPELLED AND SUSPENDED STUDENTS WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR ATTENDING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WHO BRING FIREARMS TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM ONE-YEAR EXPULSION FOR KNOWINGLY BRINGING A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR MODIFICATION, REVIEW, AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE EXPULSION PERIOD, TO PRESERVE STUDENT APPEAL RIGHTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE OR VIRTUAL SETTINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-237 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS WHO MAKE CERTAIN THREATS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH EXPULSIONS, TO AUTHORIZE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE OR VIRTUAL SETTINGS, AND TO REQUIRE REFERRAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-250, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATORS TO TRANSFER STUDENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, TO REQUIRE PARENT CONFERENCES OR HEARINGS AND NOTICE TO AND INPUT FROM THE RECEIVING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND TO PROVIDE APPEAL RIGHTS FOR TRANSFERS ORDERED BY AN ADMINISTRATOR. - RATIFIED TITLE

03/04/25	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)**
03/04/25	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 10)**
04/10/25	**Senate**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 15)**
04/16/25	**Senate**	**Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 34)**
04/24/25	**Senate**	**Read second time (Senate Journal-page 19)**
04/24/25	**Senate**	**Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 19)**
04/29/25	**Senate**	**Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 21)**
04/30/25	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 108)**
04/30/25	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 108)**
04/22/26	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 3)**
04/28/26	**House**	**Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 17)**
04/29/26	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 181)**
04/29/26	**House**	**Requests for debate-Rep(s). Bauer, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Kirby, J Moore, Anderson, Grant, Govan, Williams, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Bamberg, Gilreath (House Journal-page 181)**
05/07/26	**House**	**Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 43)**
05/13/26	**House**	**Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Williams (House Journal-page 64)**
05/13/26	**House**	**Read second time (House Journal-page 184)**
05/13/26	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-7 (House Journal-page 184)**
05/14/26	**House**	**Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 51)**
05/14/26	**Senate**	**Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 55)**
05/14/26	**House**	**House recedes from amendment(s) (House Journal-page 87)**
05/14/26	**House**	**Ordered enrolled for ratification (House Journal-page 87)**
05/15/26		**Ratified R 225**
05/18/26		**Signed By Governor**
06/05/26		**Effective date 05/18/26**
06/02/26		**Act No. 193**