

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

**H 4247 General Bill, By Merrill and Wylie**

***Similar (S 0175, S 0395, H 3181, H 3724)***

**Summary:** Education Improvement Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT OF 1977, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH WEIGHTINGS USED TO PROVIDE FOR RELATIVE COST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STUDENTS ARE DETERMINED, REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING UNDER THIS ACT IS DISTRIBUTED, INCLUDING ELIMINATING THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY, RENAMING "BASE STUDENT COST" AS "WEIGHTED STUDENT COST", AND MODIFYING THE FORMULA FOR COMPUTING WEIGHTED STUDENT COST, AND TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 TO PROVIDE ALLOCATIONS TO SCHOOLS BASED ON THE FULL AMOUNT OF WEIGHTED STUDENT COST DETERMINED UNDER THIS CHAPTER; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALLOCATIONS MADE TO SCHOOLS UNDER THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT MUST BE DISBURSED DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT REGARD TO A DESIGNATED PURPOSE IN THE SAME MANNER AND FORMULA AS CONTAINED IN THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 4-10-810 AND 59-21-1030 RELATING TO THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL EFFORT PER PUPIL REQUIRED OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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