

Session 119 - (2011-2012)

S 0433 General Bill, By Hayes, Jackson, Setzler, Matthews, Rankin, Courson, Fair, Davis, Rose and Bryant Similar (H 3013)

Summary: Local school district exemptions/Charter schools

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1125 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS EXEMPTION FROM BOARD REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT THE REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION MUST INCLUDE AND WHO SHALL MAKE THE REQUEST; TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 59, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; TO REVISE THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012, 2012-2013, AND 2013-2014 AND BEYOND BY IMPUTING AN INDEX VALUE FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED AT FOUR PERCENT OF VALUE; TO REVISE PURPOSES OF THE CHAPTER; TO REVISE STUDENT CLASSIFICATION WEIGHTINGS AND TO INCLUDE A WEIGHTING FOR YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION AND ADD-ON WEIGHTINGS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED PUPILS, ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE, POVERTY, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PUPILS, AND PUPILS ENROLLED IN VIRTUAL OR BRICK AND MORTAR CHARTER SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THE CALCULATION FOR WHAT THE STATE SHALL ALLOCATE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO TRANSFER AND EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO ALLOW DISTRICTS TO CARRY FORWARD UNEXPENDED FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAINTAIN TRANSACTION REGISTERS ON THEIR WEBSITES, TO PROVIDE WHAT THE REGISTER MUST INCLUDE, TO REQUIRE DISTRICTS TO POST ON THEIR WEBSITES MONTHLY STATEMENTS FOR ALL DISTRICT CREDIT CARDS, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO POST ON ITS OWN WEBSITE DISTRICT TRANSACTION REGISTERS FOR DISTRICTS THAT DO NOT MAINTAIN THEIR OWN WEBSITES, AND TO DISTRIBUTE A METHODOLOGY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRANSACTION REGISTER PROVISION; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK WHEREBY A DISTRICT MAY IMPLEMENT AN INCENTIVE COMPENSATION SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS; TO REVISE THE DATE BY WHICH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORTS MUST BE PROVIDED AND ADVERTISED; AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE REFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE FUNDS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS BASED ON THE TOTAL WEIGHTED PUPIL UNITS DERIVED FROM STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THAT SCHOOL; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-18-1110 AND 59-18-1120 BOTH RELATING TO FLEXIBILITY OF EXEMPTION FROM REGULATIONS AND STATUTES.

01/26/11 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)

01/26/11 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 7)

03/15/11 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 17)

03/15/11 Senate Committed to Committee on Finance (Senate Journal-page 17)