

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S 0062 General Bill, By Hembree, Rice and Grooms

Summary: Education Scholarship Trust Fund

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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12/11/24	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education
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01/14/25	Senate	Polled out of committee Education (Senate Journal-page 119)
01/14/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Education (Senate Journal-page 119)
01/15/25	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 12)
01/16/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 19)
01/16/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 19)
01/28/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 16)
01/28/25	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 16)
01/29/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 13)
01/29/25	Senate	Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 13)
01/30/25		Scrivener's error corrected
01/30/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/30/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/30/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-32 Nays-12 (Senate Journal-page 10)
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02/04/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-31 Nays-9 (Senate Journal-page 8)
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02/06/25	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 43)
02/20/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 34)

02/25/25 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Weeks, JL Johnson, King, Grant, Cobb-Hunter, Hewitt, Govan, McDaniel, Clyburn, Hosey, Whitmire, Hager, Bowers, JA Moore, Erickson, Rankin, Gilliam, Bauer, Bernstein, Spann-Wilder, Anderson, Wetmore (House Journal-page 32)

02/26/25 House Amended (House Journal-page 31)

02/26/25 House Read second time (House Journal-page 31)

02/26/25 House Roll call Yeas-79 Nays-38 (House Journal-page 75)

02/27/25 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 37)

02/27/25 House Roll call Yeas-80 Nays-32 (House Journal-page 38)

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