

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

### **S\*0709 (Rat #0284, Act #0256 of 2018) General Bill, By Hembree**

**Summary:** Fire and safety policies

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CREATE MODEL FIRE AND SAFETY POLICY AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND MAKE SUCH GUIDELINES AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS BEFORE THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL ADOPT CERTAIN FIRE AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS BEFORE THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AND SUBMIT THESE POLICES AND PROGRAMS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR COLLABORATIVE REVIEW AND COMMENT BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY REQUEST RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, AND TO EXCLUDE CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT PRIMARILY DELIVER INSTRUCTION ONLINE FROM THESE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-910, RELATING TO REQUIRED MONTHLY FIRE DRILLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTEAD SHALL CONDUCT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF FIRE DRILLS, ACTIVE SHOOTER/INTRUDER DRILLS, AND SEVERE WEATHER/EARTHQUAKE DRILLS DURING EACH SEMESTER, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN RELATED GUIDELINES AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE TRAINING MATERIALS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC UPDATING OF THESE GUIDELINES, TO PROVIDE THESE GUIDELINES MUST BE INCLUDED IN REQUIRED ANNUAL TEACHER COLLEGIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO DELETE MONETARY PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE BY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-920, RELATING TO OBSOLETE COMPLIANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND MONETARY PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLIANCE AND REMOVE THESE MONETARY PENALTIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-63-930 RELATING TO OBSOLETE REQUIREMENTS THAT COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF EDUCATION PRINT AND POST CERTAIN STATUTES RELATED TO MANDATORY PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRE DRILLS; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 AS "SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILLS". - ratified title

**05/08/17 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)**  
**05/08/17 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 5)**  
**03/15/18 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 8)**  
**03/28/18 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 30)**  
**03/28/18 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 30)**  
**03/28/18 Senate Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 30)**  
**03/29/18 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 27)**  
**04/03/18 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 77)**  
**04/03/18 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 77)**  
**04/25/18 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 80)**  
**04/26/18 House Amended (House Journal-page 20)**  
**04/26/18 House Read second time (House Journal-page 20)**  
**04/26/18 House Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 23)**  
**04/26/18 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 24)**  
**04/27/18 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 3)**  
**05/10/18 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 55)**  
**05/10/18 Senate Roll call Ayes-0 Nays-41 (Senate Journal-page 55)**  
**05/10/18 House Conference committee appointed Allison, Pendarvis, Felder (House Journal-page 83)**  
**05/10/18 Senate Conference committee appointed Hembree, Turner, Nicholson (Senate Journal-page 57)**  
**06/27/18 House Conference report received and adopted (House Journal-page 58)**  
**06/27/18 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 61)**  
**06/27/18 Senate Conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 21)**  
**06/27/18 Senate Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 21)**  
**06/27/18 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 25)**

**06/28/18**            **Ratified R 284**  
**07/02/18**            **Signed By Governor**  
**07/12/18**            **Effective date 07/02/18**  
**07/12/18**            **Act No. 256**