**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑5‑65 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MUST DEVELOP RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING RESOLVING DISPUTES THAT ARISE UNDER SECTION 59‑5‑66; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑5‑66 TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS MAY APPEAL FINAL DECISIONS OF STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUES TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5 of Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑5‑66. A public high school aggrieved by the final decision of a statewide athletic league organized to promote, regulate, or otherwise provide administrative oversight for high school interscholastic athletics may appeal the decision to the board. If the public high school is a member of the statewide athletic league, it must first exhaust all dispute resolution procedures available to or required of members of the league before it may appeal to the board. All appeals must be made in the manner provided in the regulations promulgated pursuant to 59‑5‑65( ). The board’s decision may not be appealed.”

SECTION 2. Section 59‑5‑65 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered subsection to read:

“( ) develop and implement regulations concerning the resolution of disputes arising pursuant to Section 59‑5‑66;”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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