**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑75 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO STUDENT ENROLLED IN GRADES 7‑12 MAY BE RETAINED IN HIS PRESENT GRADE FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR EITHER AT HIS CURRENT SCHOOL OR AT ANOTHER SCHOOL OTHER THAN FOR ACADEMIC OR HEALTH REASONS WHICH ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE STUDENT’S INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN (IEP) OR IN OTHER RECORDS APPLICABLE TO THE STUDENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT HEALTH REASONS DO NOT INCLUDE THOSE RELATING TO THE ATHLETIC ABILITIES OF THE STUDENT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑75. No student enrolled in grades 7‑12 may be retained in his present grade for the next school year either at his current school or at another school other than for academic or health reasons which are documented in the student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) or in other records applicable to the student. Health reasons do not include those relating to the athletic abilities of the student.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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