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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 18, 2009

**H. 3175**

Introduced by Reps. G.R. Smith and G.M. Smith

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Read the first time January 13, 2009.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3175) to amend Section 59‑40‑50, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to admission to a charter school, so as to provide that enrollment, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/SECTION 1. Section 59‑40‑50(B)(8) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 239 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“(8) not limit or deny admission or show preference in admission decisions to any individual or group of individuals; however, a charter school may give enrollment priority to a sibling of a pupil ~~already enrolled or previously~~ who is currently enrolled~~,~~ or who, within the last three years, attended the school for at least one academic year; children of a charter school employee~~,~~; and children of the charter committee, if such priority enrollment does not constitute more than twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school;”

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

PHILLIP D. OWENS for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADMISSION TO A CHARTER SCHOOL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ENROLLMENT PRIORITY MAY BE GIVEN TO A SIBLING OF A PUPIL ALREADY ENROLLED IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL WHO HAS ATTENDED THE SCHOOL FOR ONE YEAR OR MORE.

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

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“(8) not limit or deny admission or show preference in admission decisions to any individual or group of individuals; however, a charter school may give enrollment priority to a sibling of a pupil already enrolled or previously enrolled for more than one year, children of a charter school employee, and children of the charter committee, if such priority enrollment does not constitute more than twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school;”

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