**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑29‑100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE TAUGHT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS MUST OCCUR OVER SIX SEMESTERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑29‑100 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑29‑100. The State Superintendent of Education shall supervise the administration of Section 59‑29‑80 and shall prescribe the necessary course or courses in physical education, training, and instruction. Beginning with the 2009‑2010 school year ~~1995‑96~~, the required physical education course in the secondary schools ~~shall~~ must occur over ~~two~~ six semesters. For one semester, a personal fitness and wellness component must be taught and for ~~one semester~~ five semesters a lifetime fitness component must be taught ~~either over the semester or in two nine‑week divisions~~. The State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate regulations and prepare ~~or cause to be prepared~~, ~~published~~ publish, and ~~distributed~~ distribute a manual of instruction, courses of study, or other matters ~~as~~ it considers necessary or suitable to carry out the provisions of this section.”

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

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