**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑72 SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES ON A SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETIC TEAM TO BE ADMINISTERED A TEST TO DETERMINE IF THE STUDENT HAS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA DURING THE STUDENT’S PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL AND TO REQUIRE THE DOCTOR WHO ADMINISTERS THE TEST TO CLEAR THE STUDENT FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM BEFORE HE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

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 59‑63‑72. In order for a student to participate on a school sponsored athletic team, the student must undergo a preparticipation physical, during which time a test to determine if the student has sickle cell anemia must be administered. The doctor who administers the test must clear the student for participation on the team before the student is eligible to participate.”

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

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