**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑15‑60 SO AS TO ABOLISH ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN THIS STATE, TO DEVOLVE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MILLAGE CONSTITUTING THE MINIMUM FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE SALE OF THE ASSETS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SALE PROCEEDS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59-15-60. (A) Every county board of education in existence on January 1, 2011, is abolished. All powers and duties of the individual county boards of education are devolved upon the boards of trustees of the local school districts of the county.

(B) The millage constituting the minimum foundation funding and financial support for the public schools of the county must be administered annually by the county treasurer and must be divided equally, on an annual basis, among the local school districts of the county, with each of the districts receiving an equal share of the revenue generated each year from the millage.

(C) The assets of the county board of education must be sold and the proceeds from the sale must be equally divided among the local school districts of the county.”

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

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