**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑25‑310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HIRING OF TEACHERS WITH AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT MAY HIRE A TEACHER WITH ABCTE CERTIFICATION TO TEACH AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑25‑310 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 75 of 2007, is amended to read:

“Section 59‑25‑310. In addition to individuals certified for employment as school teachers pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter, a school district may hire individuals who have received a passport certificate issued by the American Board for the Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) and who meet the requirements of this article in the content areas of biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, or science. Additional areas of certification may be approved by the State Board of Education upon review of the longitudinal information required in Section 59‑25‑350. A school district also may hire individuals who have received the passport certificate to teach at the middle school level, as defined in Section 59‑1‑150.”

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

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