**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑21‑20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION OF TEACHER SALARIES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST APPROPRIATE ENOUGH FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS ARE NOT DISMISSED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF FUNDING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑21‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑21‑20. The General Assembly shall ~~make sufficient appropriation to pay state aid to salaries of all school teachers~~ annually appropriate the funds necessary to ensure that no teacher must be dismissed due to a lack of funding for the teacher’s salary. The appropriation must be made ~~in the public schools~~ on the basis and for the length of one hundred ninety days in the elementary and secondary schools in the State.”

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

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