**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FOR USE BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ALSO SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WITH SEPARATE UNITS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH AGE LEVEL FROM FOUR‑YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE AGE‑APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑32‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑32‑20.(A) Before August 1, 1988, the board, through the department, shall select or develop an instructional unit with separate components addressing the subjects of reproductive health education, family life education, pregnancy prevention education, and sexually transmitted diseases and make the instructional unit available to local school districts. The board, through the department, also shall make available information about other programs developed by other states upon request of a local school district.

(B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), before July 1, 2014, the board, through the department, shall select or develop instructional units in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, with separate units appropriate for each age level from four‑year old kindergarten through twelfth grade.”

SECTION 2. Section 59‑32‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Beginning with the 2014‑2015 school year, districts annually shall provide age‑appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention to all students in four‑year old kindergarten, where offered, through twelfth grade. This instruction must be based on the units developed by the board, through the department, in Section 59‑32‑20(B).”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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