**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑101‑435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL USE AT LEAST ONE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER THROUGHOUT ALL INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAMES IN WHICH THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES WITHIN THE STATE OR OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 101, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑101‑435. (A) Each public institution of higher learning shall have a certified athletic trainer throughout all intercollegiate football games in which the institution participates in‑state or outside of the State. The purpose of this certified athletic trainer is to assist with the evaluation of concussions or suspected concussions.

(B) For the purposes of this section, ‘certified athletic trainer’ means a person certified as an athletic trainer by the Department of Health and Environmental Control pursuant to the Athletic Trainers’ Act of South Carolina in Chapter 75, Title 44.”

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

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