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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/12/2017 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 421](file:///h:\hj\20170112.docx))

1/17/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton

3/22/2017 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj\20170322.docx))

3/28/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 47](file:///h:\hj\20170328.docx))

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3/28/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑111 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 48](file:///h:\hj\20170328.docx))

3/29/2017 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20170329.docx))

3/29/2017 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20170329.docx))

3/29/2017 Senate Referred to Committee on **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20170329.docx))

4/25/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

5/1/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20180501.docx))

5/1/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20180501.docx))

5/8/2018 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\sj\20180508.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 239

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(A239, R239, H3440)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43‑25‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, SO AS TO REQUIRE THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO MEET THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF BLINDNESS; TO AMEND SECTION 43‑25‑30, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43‑25‑60, RELATING TO TEACHERS OF STUDENTS WITH CERTAIN VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE USE OF ITINERANT COUNSELORS TO ASSIST THOSE TEACHERS.**

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

**South Carolina Commission for the Blind, members**

SECTION 1. Section 43‑25‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 43‑25‑10. There is created the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. The commission shall consist of seven members, one from each of the seven Congressional Districts, of whom three shall meet the legal definition of blindness as defined in Section 43‑25‑20. The Governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint the members of the commission for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. All vacancies must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term only. The members of the commission shall elect one of its members as chairman for a term of two years or until his successor has been elected. The chairman shall preside at the regular meetings of the commission to be held at least once each month. The chairman may call a meeting when he considers it necessary to be held at a time to be determined by the commission. The commission shall appoint a commissioner and other officers as the commission considers necessary, none of whom may be a member of the commission, and shall fix the compensation and prescribe the duties of these appointees. The members of the commission shall receive no salary but must be allowed the usual mileage, subsistence, and per diem as authorized by law for commissions, committees, and boards.”

**South Carolina Commission for the Blind, powers and duties**

SECTION 2. Section 43‑25‑30(12) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(12) Assist in the furtherance of the purposes of Section 44‑7‑10.”

**South Carolina Commission for the Blind, itinerant counselor teaching assistants**

SECTION 3. Section 43‑25‑60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 43‑25‑60. The commission may employ qualified itinerant counselors to assist teachers in public or private schools who are responsible for the teaching of visually handicapped students. The itinerant counselor shall assist the public or private school teacher by providing methods and materials for teaching such student. The State Department of Education shall report to the commission the schools having visually handicapped students. All principals or heads of private schools shall report to the commission the names of visually handicapped students in attendance.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2018.

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