**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑29‑17 SO AS TO REQUIRE A ONE‑HALF CREDIT COURSE OF STUDY IN PERSONAL FINANCE WITH AN END‑OF‑YEAR TEST AS A REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION BEGINNING WITH THE 2018‑2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 29, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑29‑17. Beginning with the 2018‑2019 School Year, each high school student shall complete a one‑half credit course of study in personal finance as a requirement for high school graduation in place of existing economics coursework requirements. This coursework must include an end‑of‑course examination. The State Department of Education shall develop the curriculum for this coursework before July 1, 2018.”

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

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