**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUCTION IN PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2017‑2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑32‑30(A)(3) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(3) ~~Beginning with the 1989‑90 school year,~~ At least one time during the four years of grades nine through twelve, each student ~~shall~~ must receive instruction in comprehensive health education, including at least seven hundred fifty minutes of reproductive health education and pregnancy prevention education and two hundred forty minutes of instruction on prescription opioid abuse prevention, with an emphasis on the prescription drug epidemic and the connection between opioid abuse and addiction to other drugs, such as heroin.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is applicable beginning with the 2017‑2018 School Year.

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