**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑66‑50 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2018‑2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OF THIS STATE MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE FULL‑TIME EMPLOYEE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MONITOR, DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS, THE SCHOOL SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT AT THE SCHOOL AND TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, RESOURCE OFFICERS, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF NECESSARY, IF THIS EMPLOYEE OBSERVES SITUATIONS ON THE SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT WHICH RAISES A SIGNIFICANT CAUSE FOR CONCERN REGARDING SAFETY OF STUDENTS, SCHOOL PROPERTY, OR THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 66, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑66‑50. Beginning with the 2018‑2019 school year and using funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose, each public school of this State must have at least one full‑time employee whose responsibility is to monitor, during regular school hours, all school surveillance equipment at the school whose images must be fed to one secure location in the school’s central administrative offices. This employee shall work at this location to monitor this central feed and shall notify appropriate administrators, the school resource officers, and if necessary, law enforcement if activity shown on the surveillance equipment raises a significant cause for concern regarding the safety of students, the protection of school property, or indicates that the commission of a crime may occur. If this employee is sick or on leave, an appropriate replacement or substitute must be secured by the school principal.”

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

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