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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 15, 2018

**S. 857**

Introduced by Senator Setzler

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Read the first time January 9, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 857) to amend Section 59‑51‑30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered penultimate section to read:

/ SECTION \_\_. Chapter 51, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑51‑35. (A) Within one year of taking office, all persons elected as members of the board of trustees after July 1, 2018, and who are not serving on the board on that date, shall complete successfully an orientation program on the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a board member including, but not limited to, topics on policy development, personnel, school leadership and board relations, at‑risk programs, finance, school law, ethics, and community relations, as determined by the board of trustees.

(B) In addition to the orientation program in subsection (A), the board shall provide for training of new and existing board members as reasonable and necessary to adequately serve the at‑risk students in their care.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 9, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill makes changes to the structure of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Board of Trustees (Board). It removes the Governor and the Superintendent of Education, both of whom serve as ex-officio members. The bill also removes the offices of secretary and treasurer within the Board. The agency indicates that the Governor and Superintendent of Education do not currently collect any reimbursement for their service on the board. Furthermore, officers do not receive any additional reimbursement beyond the standard mileage and per diem available to all board members. As a result, the agency indicates these changes will have no impact on agency expenditures.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑51‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD BY ELIMINATING TWO EX OFFICIO SEATS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑51‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑51‑30. The Opportunity School is under the management and control of a board of ~~fourteen~~ twelve trustees, ~~twelve~~ all of whom must be elected by the General Assembly. The trustees so elected must be citizens of the State who are interested in the aims and ambitions of the school. ~~The thirteenth member is the State Superintendent of Education, who shall serve ex officio. The fourteenth member is the Governor who is a member of the board, ex officio.~~ Members of the board ~~who are elected by the General Assembly~~ shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The board shall elect a chairman~~,~~ and a vice‑chairman~~, secretary, and treasurer~~. In case a vacancy occurs on the board ~~among the elected members~~ for any reason other than expiration of a term when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill it by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly, at which time a successor must be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. Elections to fill vacancies which are caused for any reason other than expiration of a term may be held earlier than the first day of April of the year the vacancy is filled. A quorum of the board is seven members.”

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

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