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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑20‑42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST ATTAIN CERTAIN AVERAGE PUPIL‑TEACHER RATIOS AND MAY NOT ALLOW A TEACHER TO TEACH MORE THAN ONE‑HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS IN ONE SEMESTER TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑20‑42. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to qualify for funds provided in this chapter:

(1) each district must attain an average pupil‑teacher ratio based on average daily membership in grades:

(a) kindergarten through fifth of 18:1;

(b) sixth through eighth of 22:1; and

(c) ninth through twelfth of 25:1; and

(2) a teacher may not teach more than one hundred fifty students in any one semester.”

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

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