**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑29‑165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSTRUCTION IN PERSONAL FINANCE REQUIRED IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE UNIT OF PERSONAL FINANCE INSTRUCTION FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE IN THE 2019‑2020 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑29‑165 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑29‑165. (A) All students attending a high school in this State that is sustained or in any manner supported by public funds must ~~receive instruction~~ complete a one semester unit in the ~~area~~ subject of personal finance as a requirement for graduation. The State Department of Education will assist the school districts in identifying suitable materials for instruction.

(B) The provisions of this section apply beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 2019‑2020 School Year.”

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

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