**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑105 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN HOME SCHOOL COURSEWORK OFFERED IN THEIR ZONE OF ATTENDANCE IF SUCH COURSEWORK IS NOT OFFERED AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL AT WHICH THEY ARE ENROLLED, TO PROVIDE THIS COURSEWORK MUST BE ACCEPTED AS ELECTIVE COURSEWORK BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLING AND PARTICIPATING IN HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS BY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE SUCH HOME SCHOOLS MAY RECOUP CERTAIN COSTS FOR MATERIALS USED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HOME SCHOOL COURSES, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH HOME SCHOOLS MAY CONDUCT HOME SCHOOL COURSES ATTENDED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AT OFF‑SITE LOCATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑105. (A) Beginning with the 2020‑2021 School Year, public school students may participate in academic coursework offered at home schools situated in the student’s zone of attendance even if the student does not attend the home school; provided this coursework must not already be offered at the public school at which the student is enrolled. Such coursework, when successfully completed by the student, may be counted as elective credit toward the requirements for a high school diploma, but must be indicated as ‘home school elective’ coursework on official transcripts.

(B) In order to participate in academic coursework offered at a home school as provided in subsection (A), a student:

(1) shall provide notice of his intent to enroll in the coursework to the home school, the principal of the public school in which he is enrolled, and the superintendent of the public school district in which he is enrolled at least thirty days before the beginning of the semester in which the course is offered; and

(2) must have his application approved by the school.

(C) Only two public school students may enroll in a home school course under the provisions of subsection (A) for every one student who regularly attends the home school. The home school may require the public school student to pay for the cost of materials used for the course, but only may charge the actual cost incurred by the home school for those materials. The home school may not be required to provide meals, snacks, or restroom facilities to the public school student, and may conduct the classwork at a public location away from the residence where the home school is situated, such as a public library. A public school student who enrolls in a home school course under the provisions of this section is subject to all disciplinary requirements of Title 59.”

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

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