**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑59‑215 SO AS TO MAKE DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BEGINNING WITH THE 2020‑2021 SCHOOL YEAR, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST SATISFY TO TAKE DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES, TO MAKE LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS, AND TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE DOES NOT REQUIRE STUDENTS TO TAKE ANY MINIMUM NUMBER OF DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS.

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

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

“Section 59‑59‑215. (A) Articulation agreements between school districts and institutions of higher learning to provide dual enrollment college courses offered to high school students must make such dual enrollment opportunities available to all students in grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve beginning with the 2020‑2021 School Year; provided:

(1) for course sections in four‑year institutions and two‑year regional campuses of the University of South Carolina, a student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale and the recommendation of his principal or a designee of the principal; and

(2) for course sections in technical colleges, a student must meet the same requirements for particular courses as other students who attend the colleges and must have the recommendation of the principal of his high school, the designee of the principal, or the designee of the governing school association.

(B) The Lottery Tuition Assistance Program must be available to dual enrollment students:

(1) in grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve; and

(2) for any number of dual enrollment credits that a student seeks to take at eligible institutions. No minimum number of dual enrollment credits may be required for a dual enrollment student to receive lottery tuition assistance.”

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

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