**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 9‑1‑680 SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑720, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 9 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 9‑1‑680. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member of a school board may participate in the South Carolina Retirement System under the same terms and conditions as a member of a county or municipal council as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.”

SECTION 2. Section 1‑11‑720(A) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 261 of 2018, is further amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) a school board member.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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