**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑26‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE TEACHER CANDIDATES IN TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHALL COMPLETE STUDENT TEACHING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THEY MAY TAKE EXAMINATIONS THAT MEASURE GENERAL PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE (PEDAGOGY) REQUIRED FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION; AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑26‑35. A teacher candidate shall complete successfully the student teaching requirement for certification provided in Section 59‑26‑20(h) before the candidate may take the required nationally recognized teaching examination that measures general professional knowledge (pedagogy) as adopted by the State Board of Education for purposes of certification required by Section 59‑26‑30(A)(2).”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021.

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