**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59-24-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS MUST MAKE A REASONABLE EFFORT TO CONTACT ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD BUT NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UPON RECEIVING CREDIBLE INFORMATION THAT A PERSON HAS MADE A THREAT OF SERIOUS INJURY TO A PERSON OR PERSONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY, OR IF THE THREAT IS TO SERIOUSLY DAMAGE OR DESTROY SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59-24-60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59-24-60. (A) In addition to other provisions required by law or by regulation of the State Board of Education, school administrators must contact law enforcement authorities immediately upon notice that a person is engaging or has engaged in activities on school property or at a school sanctioned or sponsored activity which may result or results in injury or serious threat of injury to the person or to another person or his property as defined in local board policy.

(B) School administrators must make a reasonable effort to contact all parents of students within a reasonable time period but not later than twenty-four hours upon receiving credible information that a person has made a threat that may result or has resulted in serious injury to a person or persons on school property or at a school-sanctioned or sponsored activity, or if the threat may result or has resulted in serious damage to or the destruction of school property.

(C) The provisions contained in this section apply to both public and private schools.”

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

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