**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑19‑94 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT EMPLOY OR OTHERWISE RETAIN LOBBYISTS SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICTS ALSO SHALL PROVIDE THE PARENTS WITH ITS REPORT OF DISTRICT EXPENDITURES ON LOBBYISTS IN A CERTAIN MANNER, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 19, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑19‑94. (A) A school district that employs or otherwise retains the services of a lobbyist shall:

(1) mail notice to all parents of students enrolled in the district that the district has so employed or retained the lobbyist, the specific purpose for which the lobbyist was employed or otherwise retained, and the terms of compensation of the lobbyist by the district; and

(2) mail copies of the district’s lobbyist’s principal report of lobbying expenditures required under Section 2‑17‑35 to all parents of students enrolled in the district within ten calendar days after the end of the applicable filing period. The district also shall post a copy of this report on its website for public access within ten days after the end of the applicable filing period and shall leave it posted there for a period of ten years after the end of the applicable filing period.

(B) For purposes of this section, ‘lobbyist’ and ‘lobbyist principal’ have the same meanings as found in Section 2‑17‑10.”

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

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