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Summary: Cursive writing coursework

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/12/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

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 2/19/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson

 3/25/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 McDaniel, M.M. Smith

 3/26/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler

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 4/3/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Henderson-Myers

 4/8/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Gilliard, Waters, Garvin, Williams, Reese

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 4/9/2025 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 21)

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑29‑15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

 Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 59-29-15(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (A) In addition to the requirements that writing and arithmetic be subjects of instruction in each school district pursuant to Section 59-29-10, each school district shall:

 (1) provide instruction in cursive writing beginning in third grade and continuing in fourth grade and fifth grade to ensure that students can create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade; and

 (2) require students to memorize multiplication tables to ensure that students can effectively multiply numbers by the end of fifth grade.

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

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