

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H 3124 (Rat #0173) General Bill, By Walker, Harrell, Harrison, Cotty, Bingham, Toole, D.C. Smith and Crawford**

**Summary:** Public school open enrollment choice program

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 62 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL DISTRICT CHOICE PROGRAM AND OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR A VOLUNTARY PILOT TESTING OF THE PROGRAM BEFORE FULL IMPLEMENTATION, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER, TO PROVIDE RESPONSIBILITIES OF AND STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE STANDARDS OF APPROVAL, PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTING STUDENTS, AND CRITERIA FOR DENYING STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS THE PARENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING THE STUDENT TO SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT DISTRICTS SHALL RECEIVE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE BASE STUDENT COST FROM THE STATE FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ENROLLED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WITH EXCEPTIONS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONTESTS AND COMPETITIONS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER HIS DATE OF ENROLLMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT A RECEIVING DISTRICT SHALL ACCEPT CERTAIN CREDITS TOWARD A STUDENT'S REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY CONTRACT WITH CERTAIN ENTITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTS ON THE PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM EACH FISCAL YEAR IS CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROPRIATION OF ADEQUATE FUNDING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. - ratified title

12/13/06	House	Prefiled
12/13/06	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
01/09/07	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-68
01/09/07	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works HJ-69
01/11/07	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
01/24/07	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bingham, Toole
01/25/07	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: D.C.Smith
01/30/07	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Crawford
03/22/07	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works HJ-3
03/26/07		Scrivener's error corrected
03/28/07	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Whitmire, Walker, Duncan, Hayes, Skelton, Clyburn, Miller, Anderson, Shoopman, Leach, Bedingfield, JR Smith, Anthony, Brantley, DC Smith, Cotty, Pinson, Witherspoon, and Mahaffey HJ-11
03/28/07	House	Amended HJ-41
03/28/07	House	Debate interrupted HJ-64
03/29/07	House	Read second time HJ-32
03/29/07	House	Roll call Yeas-69 Nays-53 HJ-67
04/11/07	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-32
04/12/07	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-15
04/12/07	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education SJ-15
04/24/07	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education SJ-9
04/25/07		Scrivener's error corrected
05/08/07	Senate	Special order, set for May 8, 2007 SJ-16
05/22/07	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-46
05/24/07	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-110
05/30/07	Senate	Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted SJ-48
05/30/07	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-48
05/31/07	Senate	Amended SJ-151
05/31/07	Senate	Read second time SJ-151
06/04/07		Scrivener's error corrected
06/05/07	Senate	Debate interrupted SJ-54
06/06/07	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-97
06/06/07	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-112

06/07/07	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hayes, Short, and Scott SJ-58
06/07/07	House	Conference committee appointed Reps. Walker, Whitmire, and Branham HJ-50
06/20/07	Senate	Conference report adopted SJ-39
06/20/07	House	Conference report rejected HJ-40
06/20/07	House	Roll call Yeas-49 Nays-51 HJ-53
06/20/07	House	Reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was rejected HJ-90
06/20/07	House	Roll call Yeas-62 Nays-49 HJ-92
06/20/07	House	Conference report adopted HJ-92
06/20/07	House	Roll call Yeas-58 Nays-54 HJ-105
06/20/07	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-106
06/21/07		Ratified R 173
06/22/07		Vetoed by Governor
06/28/07	House	Veto sustained Yeas-60 Nays-52 HJ-79
07/26/07		Scrivener's error corrected