

Session 122 - (2017-2018)

H 3223 General Bill, By Brown

**Summary:** School Bus Modernization

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 68 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BUS MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2017", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR ANY OF ITS SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT OWN, PURCHASE, OR ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUSES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2020, WHICH ARE MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL BUSES NOT MEETING THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE USED IN SCHOOL SERVICE EXCEPT UPON WAIVER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS MAY CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE PROVIDER FOR A PORTION OF ITS SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHERE IT DETERMINES THE AGE AND CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL BUS FLEET SERVING THAT DISTRICT IS INADEQUATE TO CONSISTENTLY ALLOW ITS STUDENTS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO OR FROM SCHOOL ON A TIMELY BASIS.

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