

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H\*3560 (Rat #0252, Act #0221 of 2016) General Bill, By Limehouse, Sottile, McCoy and Spires**

**Summary:** Teacher dismissal hearings

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL DEADLINE BY WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST NOTIFY TEACHERS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR, SO AS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO MAY FIRST; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL DEADLINE BY WHICH TEACHERS MUST NOTIFY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF TEACHING CONTRACTS OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO MAY ELEVENTH; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DISMISSAL AND THE CONDUCT OF RELATED PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE HEARINGS ARE EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS, TO PROVIDE THE HEARINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY SCHOOL BOARDS OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO PROVIDE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOARD DESIGNEES, TO PROVIDE FOR PRELIMINARY MEETINGS AT WHICH PARTIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES MAY DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTIONS, TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR DISTRICTS TO ADOPT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING THEIR DISMISSAL PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS AND RELATED MATTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-470, RELATING TO THE SCHEDULING OF TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR SCHEDULING HEARINGS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS, AND TO REVISE PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-480, RELATING TO APPEALS OF BOARD DECISIONS, SO AS TO CORRECT ARCHAIC LANGUAGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-490, RELATING TO DEPOSITIONS IN TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARINGS, SO AS TO CORRECT ARCHAIC LANGUAGE. -

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02/11/15	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 6)
02/11/15	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 6)
04/23/15	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 9)
04/28/15	House	Amended (House Journal-page 71)
04/28/15	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 71)
04/28/15	House	Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-3 (House Journal-page 77)
04/29/15	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 14)
04/29/15	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12)
04/29/15	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 12)
05/05/15	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 3)
05/05/15	Senate	Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable Education (Senate Journal-page 3)
05/11/16	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 18)
05/11/16	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)
05/11/16	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 18)
05/18/16	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 38)
05/26/16	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 43)
05/26/16	House	Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 43)
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06/03/16		Signed By Governor
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