

Session 120 - (2013-2014)

H 4515 General Bill, By Patrick and Lucas

Summary: Education Efficiency Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION EFFICIENCY ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-3-10, RELATING TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR HIS ELECTION AND TO MAKE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE CABINET TO BE HEADED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION WHO MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-3-30, RELATING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT ADMINISTER THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALL POLICES AND PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY LAW OR ASSIGNED TO IT BY THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RATHER THAN THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 59, RELATING TO MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BY THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO TRANSFER ITS FUNCTIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEES, AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATIONS, AND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, TO DELETE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO REPORT THESE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE JULY 1, 2015; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-3-20 RELATING TO FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT TAKE EFFECT UPON APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR AND ARE CONTINGENT ON THE RATIFICATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE IV, AND TO SECTION 2, ARTICLE XI, OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, MAKING THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE CABINET RATHER THAN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

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