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Governor's Action: June 23, 2014, Signed

Summary: State Board of Education

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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4/30/2013 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-30-13.docx))

4/30/2013 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2013\04-30-13.docx))

4/10/2014 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works**

4/30/2014 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 78](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\04-30-14.docx))

4/30/2014 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 79](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\04-30-14.docx))

5/1/2014 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\05-01-14.docx))

5/1/2014 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\05-01-14.docx))

5/1/2014 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\05-01-14.docx))

5/28/2014 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\05-28-14.docx))

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6/3/2014 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-03-14.docx))

6/3/2014 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-03-14.docx))

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6/4/2014 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-04-14.docx))

6/5/2014 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 82](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 House Roll call Yeas‑84 Nays‑21 ([House Journal‑page 84](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 Senate Non‑concurrence in House amendment

6/5/2014 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Gambrell, Hayes, Norrell ([House Journal‑page 98](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 Senate Conference committee appointed Hayes, Malloy, Cleary ([Senate Journal‑page 73](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 Senate Conference report adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 76](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/5/2014 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 76](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\06-05-14.docx))

6/17/2014 House Conference report received and adopted

6/17/2014 House Roll call Yeas‑114 Nays‑0

6/17/2014 House Ordered enrolled for ratification

6/20/2014 Ratified R 327

6/23/2014 Signed By Governor

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(A293, R327, H4061)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FOR USE BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, THE BOARD, THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WITH SEPARATE UNITS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH AGE LEVEL FROM FOUR‑YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2015‑2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DISTRICTS ANNUALLY SHALL PROVIDE AGE‑APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TO ALL STUDENTS IN FOUR‑YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN, WHERE OFFERED, THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, BASED ON THE UNITS DEVELOPED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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

**Selection or adoption of instruction units by state board required**

SECTION 1. Section 59‑32‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑32‑20. (A) Before August 1, 1988, the board, through the department, shall select or develop an instructional unit with separate components addressing the subjects of reproductive health education, family life education, pregnancy prevention education, and sexually transmitted diseases and make the instructional unit available to local school districts. The board, through the department, also shall make available information about other programs developed by other states upon request of a local school district.

(B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), before September 1, 2015, the board, through the department, shall select or develop instructional units in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, with separate units appropriate for each age level from four‑year‑old kindergarten through twelfth grade.”

**Instruction by school districts required**

SECTION 2. Section 59‑32‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Beginning with the 2015‑2016 school year, districts annually shall provide age‑appropriate instruction in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention to all students in four‑year‑old kindergarten, where offered, through twelfth grade. This instruction must be based on the units developed by the board, through the department, pursuant to Section 59‑32‑20(B).”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 20th day of June, 2014.

Approved the 23rd day of June, 2014.

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