**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑72 SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES ON A SCHOOL‑SPONSORED ATHLETIC TEAM TO BE ADMINISTERED AN ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TEST AND A TEST TO DETERMINE IF THE STUDENT HAS SICKLE CELL ANEMIA OR CARRIES THE SICKLE CELL ANEMIA TRAIT DURING THE STUDENT’S PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL, AND TO REQUIRE THE DOCTOR WHO ADMINISTERS THE TESTS TO CLEAR THE STUDENT FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM BEFORE HE IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑72. In order for a student to participate on a school‑sponsored athletic team, the student must undergo a preparticipation physical, during which time an electrocardiogram test and a test to determine if the student has sickle cell anemia or carries the sickle cell anemia trait must be administered. The doctor who administers the tests must clear the student for participation on the team before the student is eligible to participate.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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