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(A241, R274, H4939)

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EDUCATION OFFICIALS ARE DIRECTED TO EACH APPOINT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO A COMMITTEE TO BE CHAIRED BY THE APPOINTEE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE AND REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY DECEMBER 31, 2016, WITH AN UPDATE EVERY FIVE YEARS OF ALL STATUTES THAT ARE OBSOLETE OR NO LONGER APPLICABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE REPORT ALSO MUST IDENTIFY ALL THE FEDERAL EDUCATION STATUTES AND REGULATIONS WITH WHICH THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY, AND THE TOTAL COST TO THE STATE TO COMPLY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SERVICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICTS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE AND ASSISTANCE WITH FINANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT THE DESIGN OF THE SYSTEM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATORS IN DISTRICTS IT DETERMINES ARE UNDERPERFORMING TO ASCERTAIN WHAT IMPROVEMENTS AND CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, AND ALSO SHALL MONITOR THE OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARDS IN UNDERPERFORMING DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE OPERATING EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.**

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

**Obsolete and federal education statutes identified**

SECTION 1. The General Assembly directs the State Superintendent of Education, the Executive Director of the Education Oversight Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee to each appoint one representative to a committee to be chaired by the appointee of the State Superintendent of Education to review Title 59 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and report to the General Assembly all statutes that are obsolete or no longer applicable. In addition, the report must identify all the federal education statutes and regulations with which the State of South Carolina is required to comply. The committee, with the assistance of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, must include in the report the total cost to the State of South Carolina to comply with the identified federal education statutes and regulations. This report must be submitted by December 31, 2016, and updated at least every five years thereafter.

**Assistance to districts, monitoring of performance**

SECTION 2. (A) The State Department of Education shall develop a system for providing services and technical assistance to districts that shall include academic assistance and assistance with finances. The State Superintendent of Education shall report the design of the system to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2016. Every year thereafter, the Superintendent shall report on the progress of the system in regard to assistance provided to the local school districts and data documenting the impact of the assistance on student academic achievement and on high school graduation rates.

(B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), the State Department of Education shall monitor the professional development of teachers, staff, and administrators in districts it determines are underperforming to ascertain what improvements and changes are necessary in accordance with the provisions of the Education Accountability Act. The department also shall monitor the operations of school boards in underperforming districts in order to determine if they are operating efficiently and effectively. These improvements and changes must be communicated to the school districts and other parties or entities involved.

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 2nd day of June, 2016.

Approved the 5th day of June, 2016.

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