**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑25‑60 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHERS ARE ENTITLED TO THIRTY‑MINUTE LUNCH PERIODS FREE FROM ALL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES CONNECTED WITH THE INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHEN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 25, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑25‑60. (A) Except as provided in subsection (C), each classroom teacher is entitled to at least a thirty‑minute lunch period free from all duties and responsibilities connected with the instruction and supervision of students. Each school district may set flexible or rotating schedules for each classroom teacher in the district for the implementation of the duty‑free lunch period.

(B) The implementation of this section may not result in a lengthened school day.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022.

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