**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑18‑310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS TO MEASURE STUDENT LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH TWELFTH GRADE STUDENT SHALL TAKE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED COLLEGE READINESS AND JOBS SKILLS ASSESSMENTS AND ACHIEVE A MINIMUM SCORE ON ONE SUCH ASSESSMENT TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT APPLICABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑18‑310 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding a subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Each high school student during their twelfth grade school year shall take both the ACT assessment and the ACT WorkKeys job skills assessment, and achieve minimum scores on one of these assessments to graduate from high school. ACT assessment scores and an ACT WorkKeys assessment scores required under this subsection must be verified by a district employee familiar with the respective tests before the score may satisfy the requirements of this subsection. For purposes of this section, the required minimum ACT score is twenty and the minimum score on ACT WorkKeys is silver.”

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act are applicable to high school students graduating after January 1, 2022.

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