

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**S 1161 General Bill, By Lourie, Leventis, Reese, Sheheen, Setzler, Malloy, Patterson, Anderson, Ford and Elliott Similar (S 1005)**

**Summary:** Prekindergarten Investment and Expansion Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-35-20 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE FOR A FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE AND PROVIDE FOR A WAIVER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOARDS SHALL PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-125, RELATING TO LEASING OF SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MAY LEASE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR FOUR-YEAR-OLDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-340, RELATING TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT PROVIDES CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE THOSE CHILDREN; TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EDUCATION FINANCE ACT WEIGHTINGS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOUR- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS IN THE KINDERGARTEN WEIGHTING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-20, RELATING TO A STUDENT'S AGE OF ATTENDANCE, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOUR-YEAR-OLDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-31, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOUR-YEAR-OLDS; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 154 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN INVESTMENT AND EXPANSION ACT" BY ESTABLISHING A FOUR-YEAR-OLD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS FOR SCHOOL READINESS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO OPERATE FOUR-YEAR-OLD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN THIS STATE.

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