

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

### H 3261 General Bill, By Simmons and S. Williams

**Summary:** Safe and Supportive School Environment Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ACT"; TO PROVIDE THAT THE POLICY OF THIS STATE IS TO PROVIDE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS IN WHICH ALL MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ARE TREATED WITH RESPECT; TO PROVIDE RELATED POLICIES FOR PROHIBITED ACTS OF HARASSMENT BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR DISABILITY; TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AND INVESTIGATING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE PROVISIONS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 RELATING TO THE "SAFE SCHOOLS CLIMATE ACT".

**12/18/18 House Prefiled**

**12/18/18 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works**

**01/08/19 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 147)**

**01/08/19 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 148)**

**03/26/19 House Recalled from Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 32)**

**03/26/19 House Committed to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 32)**