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H*3853 (Rat #0318, Act #0288 of 2014) General Bill, By Owens, Patrick, Bedingfield, Loftis, Taylor, Allison, Anthony, Brannon, Southard, Bowen, Whitmire, Limehouse, Cole, Erickson, Forrester, Harrell, Herbkersman, Hixon, Lucas, D.C. Moss, Norman, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Simrill, G.R. Smith, Sottile, Stringer, Wells and Willis

Summary: Alternative Education Campus

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-111 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUS (AEC) TO BE ESTABLISHED BY A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL SERVING A SPECIFIC STUDENT POPULATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL TO BE DESIGNATED AS AN AEC; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-55, RELATING TO A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR'S POWERS AND DUTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE POWERS AND DUTIES INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR THE SCHOOL, AND THE CLOSURE OF LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND THE FORMATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION MUST BE BASED ON AN APPLICATION TEMPLATE WITH COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION AND FOR LETTERS OF INTENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY AN APPLICANT AND A CHARTER COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTY TO REVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMMITTEE, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANT IN REGARD TO A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON COMPLIANCE TO BOTH SPONSORS AND APPLICANTS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDS FOR A SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR AREA COMMISSION TO FOLLOW WHEN CONSIDERING THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPEAL OF FINAL DECISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO ALSO INCLUDE FINAL DECISIONS OF A PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SPONSOR; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR AND THE RENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF A CHARTER BY THE SPONSOR, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL AUTOMATICALLY AND PERMANENTLY CLOSE, TO REVISE THE CRITERIA TO CONSIDER WHEN REVOKING OR NOT RENEWING A CHARTER, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A SPONSOR SUMMARILY MAY REVOKE A CHARTER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH STAYS OF THE REVOCATION OR NONRENEWAL OF THE CHARTER TAKE EFFECT OR MAY BE GRANTED, AND TO REQUIRE A SPONSOR TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROTOCOL TO ENSURE A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY CLOSURE AND TRANSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-115, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL'S CONTRACT WITH A SPONSOR, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-180, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-65, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ONLINE OR COMPUTER INSTRUCTION USED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT SUCH INSTRUCTION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S SPONSOR RATHER THAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. - ratified title

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03/21/13 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 10)
04/18/13 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 4)
04/22/13 Scrivener's error corrected
04/24/13 House Amended (House Journal-page 25)
04/24/13 House Read second time (House Journal-page 25)
04/24/13 House Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 30)
04/25/13 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 24)
04/25/13 Scrivener's error corrected
04/30/13 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)
04/30/13 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 13)
05/29/13 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 26)
02/05/14 Senate Committee Amendment Amended (Senate Journal-page 31)

06/04/14 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 32)
06/04/14 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 32)
06/04/14 Senate Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 32)
06/05/14 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 22)
06/05/14 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 99)
06/05/14 House Roll call Yeas-95 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 100)
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