

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

H 3866 General Bill, By J.H. Neal and Howard

Summary: High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2009

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-510 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT OF 2009" SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DURING A SCHOOL YEAR WHO HAS CUMULATIVELY FAILED TO PASS AT LEAST TWO UNITS OF INSTRUCTION REQUIRED FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THE STUDENT'S PROGRAM OF STUDY OR WHO HAS SCORED IN THE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENTILE OR LOWER ON APPLICABLE END-OF-YEAR ASSESSMENT TESTS MUST MEET WITH HIS HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND HIS PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN BEFORE THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR TO REVIEW THE STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN AND HIS ACADEMIC PROGRESS TO DETERMINE IF MODIFICATIONS IN THE PLAN OR CHANGES IN THE STUDENT'S PROGRAM OF STUDY ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE STUDENT TO ACHIEVE GREATER EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND ALSO TO PREVENT THE STUDENT FROM DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-230, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A PUPIL WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM A CLASS OR SCHOOL AND CONFERENCES IN REGARD TO THE SUSPENSION WITH THE STUDENT'S PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN WHICH ARE AVAILABLE WITH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AND FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE COVERED AT THE CONFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-65-10, RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS OR A LEGAL GUARDIAN TO CAUSE THEIR CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL DURING CERTAIN AGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD WHO HAS NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF NINETEEN RATHER THAN SEVENTEEN AND WHO HAS NOT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

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