

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H 3921 General Bill, By Norrell

Summary: Sexual assault and harassment allegations

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-105-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OR ENROLLED STUDENTS TO ELECTRONICALLY REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING COMMITTED AGAINST OR WITNESSED BY THE STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS REPORTING OPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED PROTOCOLS MUST COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-105-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE AND REDEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-105-40, RELATING TO CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLICIES TO MAKE THEM APPLICABLE TO CAMPUS EMPLOYEES, TO REQUIRE STUDENT ORIENTATIONS CONCERNING THE POLICIES, TO REQUIRE DISTRIBUTION OF POLICIES AT THESE ORIENTATIONS AND BY EMAIL, TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN COUNSELING TO ALLEGED VICTIMS, PERPETRATORS, AND WITNESSES, AND TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS TO ALLOW ALLEGED VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS OF REPORTED INCIDENTS OF CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY FROM COURSES IN WHICH BOTH ARE ENROLLED; AND TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT MODIFIED COMPLIANT POLICIES WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROVISIONS APPLICABLE BEGINNING WITH THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

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