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H 4108 General Bill, By Rivers, Duckworth, Crosby, McCoy, Erickson, Allison, Gagnon, Gambrell, Herbkersman, Hiott, Long, Putnam, Whitmire and Willis

Summary: STEM, Manufacturing, and Construction Career Centers

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-600 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PATHWAY RESOURCE NETWORK TO FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF STEM EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING ARTICLE 30 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE SEVEN MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAYS DISTRICTS IN THE STATE, WITH ONE REPRESENTING EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WITHIN EACH OF WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED TWO MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAYS CENTERS TO PROVIDE COURSEWORK AND GUIDANCE FOR RESIDENTS SEEKING TO PURSUE STUDIES IN A MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAM OR A CONSTRUCTION CAREER PATHWAY PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE DISTRICTS AND CENTERS BY THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING FOR THE CENTERS, TO PROVIDE EACH CENTER MUST BE MANAGED BY A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE CENTERS BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 28 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING CAREER PATHWAYS, TO PROVIDE COLLABORATIVE DESIGN OF A CAREER PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO CONNECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TECHNICAL COLLEGES, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, JUNIOR COLLEGES, AND FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS AND REGIONAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS IN A MANNER TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO EARN INCOME WHILE PROGRESSING ALONG THE CAREER PATHWAY, TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, SHALL POST CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAREER PATHWAY ON THE STATE-PROVIDED, FREE ONLINE RESOURCE.

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