

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**S\*0437 (Rat #0083, Act #0052 of 2015) General Bill, By Campsen, Reese, Gregory, Hutto, Cleary, Campbell, Cromer, Young, Bryant, Williams, Bennett, Johnson, Hembree, O'Dell, Davis, Fair, Hayes and Verdin  
Similar (H 3539)**

**Summary:** James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-240 SO AS TO ENACT THE "JAMES B. EDWARDS CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE", TO DEFINE THE TERM "CIVICS TEST", TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE TO TAKE THE CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUIRED CREDIT, TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A PASSING GRADE ON THE TEST, TO DIRECT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT CARD FOR EACH SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE NO SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY CHARGE A FEE FOR THE TEST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO ANY STUDENT ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR. - ratified title

02/10/15	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)
02/10/15	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 5)
03/17/15	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/18/15	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 33)
03/24/15	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/26/15	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 25)
03/26/15	Senate	Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 25)
03/31/15	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 15)
04/14/15	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 33)
04/14/15	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 33)
05/21/15	House	Recalled from Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 24)
05/27/15	House	Amended (House Journal-page 33)
05/27/15	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 33)
05/27/15	House	Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 35)
05/28/15	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 15)
05/28/15	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 63)
06/02/15		Ratified R 83
06/03/15		Signed By Governor
06/08/15		Effective date 06/03/15
06/09/15		Act No. 52