

Session 120 - (2013-2014)

H 4419 General Bill, By Patrick

Summary: Selection of teachers by school principal

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-425 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MAY SELECT FOR HIS SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO DEMONSTRATE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THE EVALUATION SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS WHO ARE DISPLACED AND NOT SELECTED FOR A REGULAR POSITION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT MAY PLACE A TEACHER IN CERTAIN LIMITED ASSIGNMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-445 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE DISMISSAL OR DEMOTING OF TEACHERS WHO RECEIVE CERTAIN DEFICIENT RATINGS ON AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY FAIL TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCIES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW THE RESULTS OF CERTAIN PILOT EVALUATION SYSTEMS TO DETERMINE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SYSTEM FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION IN SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS CONCERNING A STATEWIDE STUDENT GROWTH MODEL FOR DETERMINING STUDENT GROWTH ON ASSESSMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS, TO PROVIDE OR HELP TO DEVELOP TRAINING FOR EVALUATORS AND A RESOURCE BANK THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY USE TO DEVELOP ITS EVALUATION SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE A DEFAULT EVALUATION SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR DISTRICTS UNABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN LOCAL SYSTEM IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REVIEW AND APPROVE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH STATE STANDARDS BEFORE THEY ARE USED TO EVALUATE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS AND PROVIDE OR APPROVE EVALUATION FORMS USED TO EVALUATE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS, TO INCLUDE CERTAIN DATA LINKS IN ITS LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC REPORT OF THIS DATA, AND TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENSURING THE EVALUATIONS ARE APPROPRIATELY ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING ANNUAL AND CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHERS IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO SALARY SCHEDULES FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-24-40, RELATING TO STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PRINCIPALS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-310, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICTS ALSO MAY HIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-320, RELATING TO A MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK FOR A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE, SO AS TO APPLY THE REQUIREMENT TO PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-330, RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO EXPAND CRITERIA FOR THIS CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-340, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PASSING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTED PEDAGOGY EXAMINATION FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO FURTHER REQUIRE THE EXAMINATION FOR A PERSON WITH AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-350, RELATING TO REPORTS OF PEOPLE WITH A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATES IN THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND HEARING BEFORE A TEACHER MAY BE DISMISSED, SO AS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHARGE AND RELATED PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND REQUIRE THE PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TEACHER CONTRACTS, EVALUATIONS, AND THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT TEACHERS, SO AS TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO TEACHERS CERTIFIED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATION AND MODIFY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.

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