

Session 111 - (1995-1996)

S 0453 General Bill, By M.T. Rose

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 59-31-70 so as to provide that any school district of this State may purchase school textbooks already approved by the Department of Education for instructional use in school directly from an available supplier when needed for instruction by the school district if the textbooks are not available from the State Department of Education, and to provide that the District shall be reimbursed for such purchase; by adding Section 59-31-75 so as to provide that no public school of this State may offer a course to students for which any textbook or other material for the course is not available to be used in the course, or on order with a confirmed delivery date of prior to the beginning of the course; and by adding Section 59-31-80 so as to require each school district to report annually to the State Superintendent of Education the textbooks it does not have available for students during the current school year, the reasons for the shortage, the corrective action attempted to alleviate the shortage, and the projected dollar shortage for needed textbooks for the next school year, to require the Superintendent of Education to compile and summarize these reports and submit them to the General Assembly, to require the General Assembly to fund these textbook needs for the next school year as reflected in the summary of the Superintendent of Education before any other appropriations for public education may be made, and to require a two-thirds vote of each House if the funding provided for textbooks is less than what is reflected in the report of the Superintendent of Education.

02/07/95	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-13
02/07/95	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education SJ-13
05/09/96	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education SJ-41
05/09/96	Senate	Amended SJ-43
05/09/96	Senate	Read second time SJ-43
05/09/96	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-43
05/10/96	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-2
05/14/96	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-58
05/14/96	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works HJ-59