

Session 121 - (2015-2016)

S 0533 General Bill, By Hayes, Courson, Thurmond, L. Martin, Jackson and Hutto

Summary: Teacher Employment and Dismissal Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL ACT OF 2015"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APRIL FIFTEENTH DEADLINE FOR NOTIFYING TEACHERS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE TO BEFORE MAY FIRST; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TEACHERS NOTIFY THE DISTRICT OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF TEACHING CONTRACTS WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DISMISSAL AND CONDUCT OF RELATED HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OF A DESIGNEE WHO CONDUCTS A HEARING, TO PROVIDE THE BOARD HAS FINAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY REGARDING A SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL HEARING, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-470, RELATING TO THE SCHEDULING OF TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR SCHEDULING A HEARING TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT HEARINGS ARE QUASI-JUDICIAL, AND TO PERMIT THE USE OF HEARSAY EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-480, RELATING TO APPEALS TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FROM A DISTRICT LEVEL DECISION ON A TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THESE APPEALS INSTEAD MUST BE MADE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-25-490 AND 59-25-520, BOTH RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS CONCERNING DISCOVERY AND RELATED POWERS OF THE JUDICIARY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

03/10/15 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)

03/10/15 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 9)

03/31/15 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Education (Senate Journal-page 12)

04/01/15 Scrivener's error corrected

05/31/16 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Education