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S 1170 General Bill, By Setzler, Lourie and Sheheen

Summary: Office of Gifted and Talented Education

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FIVE-YEAR PLANS MUST INCLUDE OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES TO ACCELERATE STUDENT LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-170, RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR TALENTED STUDENTS, SO AS TO EXTEND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION BY SCHOOLS WITH FEWER THAN FORTY IDENTIFIED GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS, AND TO INCREASE THE LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BY TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORE OF THREE OR HIGHER AND BY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR STUDENTS EARNING AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-171 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-172 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION MUST REVIEW REGULATIONS AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND THAT DISTRICTS MUST ADOPT POLICIES FOR ENROLLMENT PRACTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-173 SO AS TO ESTABLISH TALENT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS IN WHICH FEWER THAN TEN PERCENT OF GRADES THREE THROUGH TWELVE ARE IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED AND TALENTED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-174 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION FOR ELEMENTARY THROUGH SECONDARY STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

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