

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

H 3776 General Bill, By Gullick

Summary: Alternative schools

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-7-12, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009 WITH FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THIS PURPOSE, A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW TO EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION THAT DOES NOT HAVE A SCHOOL-RESOURCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO IT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR WHO COMMIT CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-320, RELATING TO SCHOOL CRIME REPORTING BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO REPORT EVIDENCES OF GANG ACTIVITY AND ANY PORTION OF THAT GANG ACTIVITY WHICH SCHOOL OFFICIALS BELIEVE CONSTITUTES CRIMINAL CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN TURN SHALL NOTIFY SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF A LOCAL DISTRICT WHEN THEY ASCERTAIN THAT GANGS ARE UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES AT PARTICULAR SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-380, RELATING TO IMMUNITY OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS WHEN REPORTING SCHOOL RELATED CRIMES, SO AS TO ALSO EXTEND IMMUNITY TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS WHEN TAKING ACTION IN GOOD FAITH TO STOP OR PREVENT SCHOOL-RELATED CRIMES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-1120, RELATING TO SEARCHES BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OR OFFICIALS WITH OR WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND OFFICIALS MAY CAUSE SEARCHES TO BE CONDUCTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH DRUG DOGS AND MAY ALSO UTILIZE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS; TO ADD SECTION 59-63-1410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHALL ESTABLISH IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS IN THOSE DISTRICTS OR COMBINATION OF DISTRICTS WHERE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS ARE NOT YET ESTABLISHED AND FOR WHICH THERE IS A JUSTIFIED NEED; AND TO ADD SECTION 59-63-1420 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008, STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED OR SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL ALSO MAY ATTEND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS IN THE MANNER AND UNDER THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY REGULATION.

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