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S 0667 General Bill, By Giese Similar (S 0595, H 3685)

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 59-30-3 so as to provide objectives for the Academic Achievement Standards hereinafter established; to add Section 59-30-5 so as to provide the State Board of Education, working with the South Carolina Education Standards and Assessment Commission, shall adopt certain academic achievement standards and shall establish an assessment system to measure student progress in meeting the academic achievement standards; to add Section 59-30-7 so as to provide for definitions in regard to these standards and the assessment system; to amend Section 59-30-10, as amended, relating to the duties of the State Board of Education concerning the Basic Skills Assessment Program, so as to provide for a revised assessment system and for academic achievement standards; to amend Section 59-30-15, relating to testing arrangements for students with learning disabilities, so as to provide that students with discalculia, and with other documented learning disabilities in mathematics, may use a calculator on the mathematics portion of the Exit Exam; to add Section 59-30-17 so as to provide for the duties and functions of the State Board of Education in carrying out the above provisions; to amend Section 59-30-20, as amended, relating to the Basic Skills Advisory Commission, so as to rename it the Education Standards and Assessment Commission, reconstitute its membership and duties, revise its termination date, and provide for a technical advisory group; to amend Section 59-30-30, relating to the duties of local school boards in regard to the Basic Skills Assessment Program, so as to revise these duties in conformity with the assessment system and the academic achievement standards; to amend Section 59-30-50, relating to timetables in regard to basic skills assessment, so as to provide timetables for the assessment system and academic achievement standards; to amend Section 59-30-80, relating to notification to parents of a student's failure to meet certain standards, so as to revise references; and to add Section 59-30-95 so as to provide that teacher education institutions must work with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to incorporate the teaching of curriculum, instruction, and assessment in pre-service education and professional development; and to amend Section 59-65-40, relating to home schooling programs, so as to require these students to participate in the assessment system on a specified basis.

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