**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑23‑210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER LONG‑TERM OPERATING EXPENSES WHEN DETERMINING THE ACTUAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑23‑210 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Beginning with the 2014‑2015 school year, a public school district shall consider long‑term operating expenses, including expected repair and maintenance costs, annual water and energy consumption, and any other related factors when assessing the cost of constructing, improving, or renovating a public school building or other public school property.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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