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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/9/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 82](file:///h:\sj\20180109.docx))

1/9/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 82](file:///h:\sj\20180109.docx))

2/15/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20180215.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 32](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 32](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 32](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

3/1/2018 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\sj\20180301.docx))

3/6/2018 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20180306.docx))

3/6/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20180306.docx))

4/25/2018 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 81](file:///h:\hj\20180425.docx))

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4/26/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑103 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20180426.docx))

4/26/2018 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20180426.docx))

4/27/2018 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\hj\20180427.docx))

5/8/2018 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 91](file:///h:\sj\20180508.docx))

5/8/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 91](file:///h:\sj\20180508.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 212

5/15/2018 Signed By Governor

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(A194, R212, S857)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑51‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL COMPLETE TRAINING ON THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS AND HOW TO BEST SERVE THE AT‑RISK STUDENTS IN THEIR CARE, AND TO PROVIDE ALL PERSONS ELECTED TO THE BOARD AFTER JULY 1, 2018, SHALL COMPLETE THIS TRAINING WITHIN ONE YEAR OF TAKING OFFICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑51‑30, RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD BY ELIMINATING TWO EX OFFICIO SEATS, AND TO ELIMINATE THE BOARD OFFICES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.**

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

**Mandatory training**

SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑51‑35. (A) All members of the board of trustees shall complete successfully a training program on the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a board member including, but not limited to, topics on policy development, personnel, school leadership and board relations, at‑risk programs, finance, school law, ethics, and community relations, as determined by the board of trustees. Training also must be provided regarding how to best serve the at‑risk students in their care.

(B) Within one year of taking office, all persons elected as members of the board of trustees after July 1, 2018, also must complete the training prescribed in subsection (A).”

**Ex officio trustees eliminated**

SECTION 2. Section 59‑51‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑51‑30. The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is under the management and control of a board of twelve trustees, all of whom must be elected by the General Assembly. The trustees so elected must be citizens of the State who are interested in the aims and ambitions of the school. Members of the board shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman. In case a vacancy occurs on the board for any reason other than expiration of a term when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill it by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly, at which time a successor must be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. Elections to fill vacancies which are caused for any reason other than expiration of a term may be held earlier than the first day of April of the year the vacancy is filled. A quorum of the board is seven members.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 15th day of May, 2018.

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