**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑29‑65 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE UNIT OF INSTRUCTION IN HARBOR PILOTAGE THAT MUST BE OFFERED IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THIS INSTRUCTION MUST BE OFFERED BEGINNING WITH THE 2022‑2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 29, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑29‑65. The State Board of Education shall provide one unit of instruction in harbor pilotage that school districts shall offer in middle schools and high schools as an elective course. Instruction in harbor pilotage must include an overview of harbor pilotage and of the process required to become a licensed harbor pilot in this State. The curriculum must be developed cooperatively by the State Department of Education, the Commissioners for Pilotage for the Upper Coastal Area, and the Commissioners for Pilotage for the Lower Coastal Area. Districts may provide the instruction virtually.”

SECTION 2. This instruction must be offered beginning with the 2022‑2023 School Year.

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

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