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 4/27/2023 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 24)

 4/27/2023 House Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 24)

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 4/28/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 2)

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 5/2/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 5/9/2023 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 5)

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 1/11/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal‑page 10)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑270 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS “MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH”.

Whereas, middle school, also known as intermediate school or junior high school, is an important time in a student’s educational development. Students develop more critical thinking skills and begin to choose electives based on their personal interests; and

Whereas, the middle school creates a positive environment for adolescents to develop socially, emotionally, psychologically, and academically; and

Whereas, middle school students are on a journey to discover their identities as individuals. Guidance through communication is key, when dealing with young adults; and

Whereas, the essential role that middle school education plays in the formative years of adolescents is contributed to the dedication and hard work of the middle school educators, administrators, and support personnel; and

Whereas, middle school educators, parents, and guardians must provide students with proper orientation and supervision, ensuring all students will be college and career ready; and

Whereas, middle school eighth‑grade level is a critical year because testing at this grade level provides statistics of a student’s ability to succeed; and

Whereas, parents are less involved than they are in elementary school giving students more freedom and independence but also more responsibility. Students in middle school experience a more rigorous course load and can take advanced classes in subjects in which they excel; and

Whereas, middle school is a significant time in every student’s educational journey and deserves to be recognized for its importance. Now, therefore,

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

Middle Level Education Month

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 53 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 53‑3‑270. The month of March of each year is designated as “Middle Level Education Month” to recognize the importance of middle level education for students.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 30th day of January, 2024.

Approved the 5th day of February, 2024.

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