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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59‑1‑462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK‑BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF Future farmers of america (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4‑H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59‑1‑462. Each school district shall adopt a policy that authorizes a student to be excused from school absences to participate in any work‑based learning experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are directed by a certified teacher for assessment of competencies. Participation in such a work‑based learning experience may include, but is not limited to, scheduled events of state‑level Future Farmers of America (FFA) organizations, the national FFA organization, and 4‑H programs as part of organized competitions or exhibitions. The student and his parent or legal guardian are responsible for obtaining and completing assignments missed while the student participates in any such work‑based learning experiences.

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

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