

**Session 117 - (2007-2008)**

**H\*3097 (Rat #0048, Act #0026 of 2007) General Bill, By Rice, Walker, G.R. Smith, Shoopman, Cobb-Hunter, Mahaffey, Cotty, Owens, D.C. Smith, Bedingfield, Bales and Viers**

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**Summary:** Virtual School Program established

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 16 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ONLINE COURSE CREDITS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS IN THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ONLINE PILOT PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN REGARD TO THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT ON FUNDING BEING PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION IF THE CHARTER SCHOOL OFFERS A PROGRAM OF ONLINE OR COMPUTER INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE THAT CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY ENROLL IN THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER DUTIES OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY AND THE CHARTER SCHOOL IN REGARD TO A PROGRAM OF ONLINE OR COMPUTER INSTRUCTION. - ratified title

<b>12/13/06</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/13/06</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works</b>
<b>01/09/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-57</b>
<b>01/09/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works HJ-57</b>
<b>01/11/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty</b>
<b>01/24/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Owens</b>
<b>01/25/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: D.C.Smith</b>
<b>02/05/07</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>02/06/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works HJ-2</b>
<b>02/07/07</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>02/08/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Requests for debate-Rep(s). Duncan, Merrill, Hinson, R Brown, Hayes, Whitmire, Walker, Loftis, Thompson, JH Neal, and Parks HJ-23</b>
<b>02/08/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2007 HJ-40</b>
<b>02/13/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 14, 2007 HJ-33</b>
<b>02/14/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bedingfield</b>
<b>02/14/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-33</b>
<b>02/14/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Thursday, February 15, 2007 HJ-39</b>
<b>02/15/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 20, 2007 HJ-24</b>
<b>02/20/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bales</b>
<b>02/20/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate interrupted HJ-15</b>
<b>02/21/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Viers</b>
<b>02/21/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-23</b>
<b>02/21/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate interrupted HJ-23</b>
<b>02/21/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-40</b>
<b>02/21/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-85 Nays-33 HJ-42</b>
<b>02/22/07</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-27</b>
<b>02/22/07</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>02/27/07</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time SJ-5</b>
<b>02/27/07</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education SJ-5</b>
<b>03/01/07</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education SJ-7</b>
<b>03/05/07</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected SJ-16</b>
<b>03/06/07</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended SJ-16</b>

03/07/07		Scrivener's error corrected
03/07/07	Senate	Special order SJ-31
03/13/07	Senate	Amended SJ-27
03/13/07	Senate	Read second time SJ-27
03/14/07		Scrivener's error corrected
03/14/07	Senate	Amended SJ-13
03/14/07	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-13
03/20/07	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-28
03/21/07	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hayes, Short, and Fair SJ-15
03/28/07	House	Conference committee appointed Reps. Walker, Owens, and JM Neal HJ-1
05/01/07	House	Conference report received and adopted HJ-32
05/01/07	Senate	Conference report adopted SJ-13
05/02/07	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-3
05/09/07		Ratified R 48
05/15/07		Signed By Governor
05/17/07		Copies available
05/17/07		Effective date 05/15/07
05/22/07		Act No. 26