

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

H*3161 (Rat #0095, Act #0079 of 2007) General Bill, By Walker, Mahaffey, Herbkersman, Cotty, Hagood, Scarborough and Stavrinakis

Summary: Transportation of students

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM SCHOOL BUS RIDE TIME OF EACH STUDENT AND ROUTING EFFICIENCY FOR EACH SCHOOL BUS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-108 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO MAY DRIVE A SCHOOL BUS AND FOR THE REQUIRED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-415 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, CONDUCT, AND TIMELY ARRIVAL OF THEIR CHILDREN TO, FROM, AND AT THE SCHOOL BUS STOP; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-100, RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SEATING SPACE AND STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL BUS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL BUS MUST NOT BE GREATER THAN THE MANUFACTURER CERTIFIED SEATING CAPACITY AND PROVIDE THAT ALL PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED MUST HAVE ADEQUATE SEATING AREA TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-270, RELATING TO INSPECTION OF BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PUBLICLY OWNED OR LEASED SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF INSPECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-420, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION TO BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR WHEN THE STATE SHALL BEAR THE COST OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS, PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS WHEN HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ARE INVOLVED, PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC CRITERIA, PROVIDE FOR HAZARDOUS TRAFFIC FUNDS, PROVIDE FOR WHEN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE RESIDENCE OF UNESCORTED STUDENTS, AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS AND CRITERIA PERTAINING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE PROVIDE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH A NUMBER OF SCHOOL BUSES SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO BE TRANSPORTED UNDER THIS SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENT CYCLE TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY ONE-FIFTEENTH OF THE FLEET EACH YEAR WITH FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES, AND TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS OF ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-585 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WHEN FEASIBLE, SHALL UTILIZE BIODIESEL FUEL AS AN ENERGY SOURCE TO POWER THE STATE SCHOOL BUS FLEET; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE-OWNED SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE PARKED OVERNIGHT AND DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IN A LOCATION THAT IS CENTRAL TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE SCHOOL BUSES ARE OPERATED. - ratified title

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- 03/21/07 House Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 HJ-36**
- 03/22/07 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-31**
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- 04/10/07 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Education SJ-8**

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