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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑17‑170 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO DEVELOP A MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM TO EDUCATE TEACHERS ON THE WARNING SIGNS AND DANGERS OF CHILD ABUSE, TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE TO DEVELOP ITS OWN CHILD ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE EACH TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST THREE HOURS OF CHILD ABUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION EVERY THREE YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑17‑170. By August 1, 2010, the Department of Education, consulting with the Department of Social Services, shall develop a model training program to educate teachers on the warning signs and dangers of child abuse. Each school district of the State shall develop its own child abuse education program, and each teacher in a public school shall participate in at least three hours of child abuse continuing education every three years beginning with the 2011‑2012 school year.”

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

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