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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑15‑60 SO AS TO ABOLISH ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN THIS STATE IN EXISTENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2013, TO DEVOLVE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES UPON THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND APPROPRIATIONS OF A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY ON A FORMULA BASIS TO BE USED BY THE DISTRICTS FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL POWERS AND DUTIES OF A COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW IN REGARD TO COUNTY EDUCATION MATTERS SHALL CONTINUE TO BE EXERCISED BY THE LOCAL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑15‑60. (A) Each county board of education in existence on January 1, 2013, is abolished. All powers and duties of the individual county boards of education are devolved upon the boards of trustees of the local school districts of the county.

(B) The assets, liabilities, and appropriations of a county board of education must be transferred to the local school districts of the county based on the ratio that the district’s average daily membership bears to the total average daily membership of all districts in the county to be used by the districts for expenses related to classroom instruction.

(C) All powers and duties of a county legislative delegation as provided by law in regard to county education matters shall continue to be exercised by the local county legislative delegation.”

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

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