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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND ADMISSIONS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL LEADERS TO BE HIRED TO ASSIST WITH THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES, BOARD MEMBERS, AND STAFF OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE SUBJECT TO THE ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC MEMBERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE CHARTER CONTRACTS MUST CONTAIN STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCE OF ETHICAL COMPLIANCE ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOLS.**

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

**Use of school leaders to oversee daily operations**

SECTION 1.A. Section 59‑40‑50(B)(6) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 164 of 2012, is further amended to read:

 “(6) hire or contract for, in its discretion, administrative staff, including a school leader, to oversee the daily operation of the school. At least one of the administrative staff must be certified or experienced in the field of school administration;”

**Ethics and accountability requirements**

B. Section 59‑40‑50(B) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 29 of 2013, is further amended by adding a new item at the end to read:

 “(11) be subject to the ethics and government accountability requirements for public members and public employees as contained in Chapter 13, Title 8. For purposes of this subsection, employees of the charter school board are considered public employees. The charter contract in accordance with Section 59‑40‑60(B) must contain a statement of assurance of ethical compliance on behalf of the school.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 8th day of June, 2015.

Approved the 11th day of June, 2015.

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