**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑63‑910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATORY MONTHLY FIRE DRILLS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE MONTHLY SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS OR ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING DRILLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO COLLABORATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING MATERIALS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING ANNUALLY FOR TEACHERS; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 AS “SAFETY DRILLS”.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑63‑910 of the 1976 Coded is amended to read:

“Section 59‑63‑910. (A) All public school teachers or public school district superintendents in ~~charge of the schools of~~ the State ~~which are supported in whole or in part by taxation~~ shall conduct ~~fire~~ safety and evacuation drills or active shooter training drills at least once each month, with at least three annually being active shooter training drills. ~~Any~~ A teacher or superintendent ~~failing~~ who fails to observe the provisions of this section ~~shall~~ must be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty‑five dollars for each offense. ~~Such~~ The fine ~~shall~~ must be deducted from his salary and turned over to the county treasurer for ordinary county purposes.

(B)(1) Before August 1, 2018, the State Department of Education and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division shall develop guidelines for the conduct of active shooter training required in this section, and grade‑appropriate training materials. These guidelines must be included in annual teacher collegial development required by Section 59‑1‑425(A).

(2) Before January 1, 2019, the State Department of Education and the State Law Enforcement Division shall develop an instructional video that must be shown to all students at least at the beginning of each nine‑week grading period, and the department shall make this video available to all public school classrooms.”

SECTION 2. Article 9, Chapter 63, Title 59 is redesignated “Safety Drills”.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act take effect July 1, 2018.

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