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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/9/2020 Senate Prefiled

12/9/2020 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/12/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 215](file:///h:\sj\20210112.docx))

1/12/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 215](file:///h:\sj\20210112.docx))

2/25/2021 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\sj\20210225.docx))

2/25/2021 Senate Recommitted to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\sj\20210225.docx))

3/11/2021 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20210311.docx))

3/12/2021 Scrivener's error corrected

3/25/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20210325.docx))

3/31/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20220331.docx))

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4/5/2022 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/5/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/5/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/6/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/6/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

5/3/2022 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 79](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/5/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 92](file:///h:\hj\20220505.docx))

5/10/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 182](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/10/2022 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Govan, JL Johnson, McDaniel, Ott, Henegan, Thigpen, Rivers, Robinson, Jefferson ([House Journal‑page 182](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/11/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 102](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 102](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑114 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 103](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 109](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Non‑concurrence in House amendment ([Senate Journal‑page 45](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps.  Bernstein, Caskey, Collins ([House Journal‑page 191](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Conference committee appointed Hembree, Young, Hutto ([Senate Journal‑page 47](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

6/10/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

6/15/2022 House Conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑105 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 78](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 Senate Conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 82](file:///h:\sj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑39 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 82](file:///h:\sj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification ([Senate Journal‑page 85](file:///h:\sj\20220615.docx))

6/16/2022 Ratified R 251

6/17/2022 Signed By Governor

6/28/2022 Effective date 06/17/22

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(A223, R251, S202)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑6‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL MAY INVESTIGATE CERTAIN SCHOOLS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1‑6‑10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.**

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

**Interscholastic sports competition investigation**

SECTION 1. Chapter 6, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑6‑35. (A) The State Inspector General may only initiate, supervise, and coordinate an investigation of a public school, public school district, public charter school, public charter school authorizer, or voluntary association that establishes and enforces bylaws or rules for interscholastic sports competition for public secondary schools in the State upon the request of:

(1) the Governor;

(2) the State Superintendent of Education; or

(3) the majority of the membership of the legislative delegation of the county in which the subject of the investigation is located, as determined by a weighted vote of that delegation.

(B) A request to investigate pursuant to this section must be transmitted in writing to the Office of the State Inspector General. The request for the investigation must articulate the basis of any alleged wrongdoing.

(C) Any report generating recommendations from the Inspector General regarding investigations conducted pursuant to this section must be transmitted to the State Superintendent of Education, the appropriate legislative delegation, and the chairman of the local board of trustees or the chairman of the charter school authorizer.

(D) By December thirty‑first of each year, the Inspector General shall report to the General Assembly the number of requests for investigations that the office has received, the number of investigations requested by each individual or entity making the request, and the status of those requests.

(E) Any information relating to the investigation initiated by the Inspector General shall remain confidential for a period not to exceed ten days after the report is finalized and published.”

**Definition**

SECTION 2. Section 1‑6‑10(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) ‘Agency’ means an authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive department of state government, including administrative bodies and bodies corporate and politic established as an instrumentality of the State. For the purpose of this chapter, ‘Agency’ also includes public schools, public school districts, public charter schools, public charter school authorizers, and any voluntary association that establishes and enforces bylaws or rules for interscholastic sports competition for public secondary schools in the State. ‘Agency’ does not include:

(a) the judicial department of state government;

(b) quasi‑judicial bodies of state government;

(c) the legislative department of state government; or

(d) political subdivisions, unless otherwise provided herein.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 16th day of June, 2022.

Approved the 17th day of June, 2022.

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