**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, BY ADDING SECTION 59-3-35 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD IDENTIFICATION KITS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59-3-35. (A) The Department of Education shall provide to all school districts and open‑‑enrollment charter schools inkless, in‑‑home fingerprint and DNA identification kits to be distributed throughout the district or school on request to the parent or legal custodian of any kindergarten, elementary, or middle school student.

(B) A parent or legal custodian who receives a fingerprint and DNA identification kit may submit the kit to federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement to help locate and return a missing or trafficked child.”

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

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