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A bill

TO AMEND the south carolina code of laws BY ADDING SECTION 59-20-42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST ATTAIN CERTAIN AVERAGE PUPIL-TEACHER RATIOS AND MAY NOT ALLOW A TEACHER TO TEACH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS IN ONE SEMESTER TO QUALIFY FOR FUNDING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59‑20‑42. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to qualify for funds provided in this chapter:

(1) each district must attain an average pupil‑teacher ratio based on average daily membership in grades:

(a) kindergarten through fifth of 18:1;

(b) sixth through eighth of 22:1; and

(c) ninth through twelfth of 25:1; and

(2) a teacher may not teach more than one hundred fifty students in any one semester.

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

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