

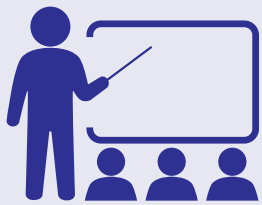
S.C. CAREER OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL ACT

A BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS IN EDUCATION

A VIBRANT WORKFORCE IS CRITICAL TO SUSTAINING AND GROWING OUR STATE'S ECONOMY.

We must endeavor to increase the number of students ready and able to fill jobs demanded by a dynamic and evolving economy. To achieve this, we have established a goal of at least 60% of all working-age South Carolinians having a post-secondary degree or recognized industry credentials before the year 2030.

S.C. ranks 24th nationally in spending for public education but last in test scores and college readiness.



TEACHER PAY

ALL TEACHERS WILL GET A RAISE.

The minimum salary for starting teachers will increase to

\$35,000.

All other teachers will receive an average raise of

4.8%.

This brings teacher salaries up to the Southeastern average with a goal of moving teacher pay to the national average within 5 years.



SCORE!

The **Special Council On Revitalizing Education**

is a group of individuals including 2 highly effective teachers who will monitor our education system from pre-Kindergarten to post-graduation and make suggestions to the General Assembly on how to improve the education-to-workforce pipeline.



READ TO SUCCEED

Screening assessments will be given more than once for students in Kindergarten through Third grades **if, and only, if**, the student demonstrates deficiencies. School districts will provide appropriate in-class and summer class intervention until all students are at grade level. Parents can appeal retention of their child which will be reported and monitored by the school district.

LESS TESTING, MORE TEACHING

6 Current # of state assessments
- 4 Eliminated # of state assessments under H.3759
2 Number of state assessments with passage of H.3759

Students take 6 state required assessments from Kindergarten to high school graduation. *These do not include assessments required by federal or local mandate.*

The four statewide tests H. 3759 eliminates are:

- 8th grade Science test
- 5th grade Social Studies test
- 7th grade Social Studies test
- U.S. History EOC test

Doing away with these tests will save an estimated \$3.1 million and allow more time for classroom instruction.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS



The Student Bill of Rights requires a **balanced education and curriculum**. It also

defines the types of alternative schools a student could attend if zoned in an underperforming school - charter, magnet, or Exceptional SC. Finally the bill notes the parental responsibility to ensure attendance at school. There is also a Bill of Rights for teachers that ensures teachers are not burdened with unnecessary paperwork so they can implement effective instruction for students.



ETHICS IN SCHOOL BOARDS

School Board members must be held to a high standard. School Board members should be required to attend mandatory training and file ethics reports like other elected officials.