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**A Bill**  
**Presented by Carolyn McCalley**  
**College of Charleston**

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**Purpose:** To require South Carolina public schools to include periods of meditation for all elementary school students.

**Whereas,** The quality of education in South Carolina is among the lowest in the country,

**Whereas,** Meditation has been proven to develop gray matter in the brain (which is responsible for thinking and memory) and white matter (which connects parts of the brain to each other),

**Whereas,** Meditation will boost the developing minds of children, ensuring the child’s mind to develop to its fullest potential during learning years,

**Whereas,** Meditation can improve concentration levels in students, especially when practiced regularly from an early age,

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:

**Section I:** Public school teachers must attend an hour-long workshop on basic mediation at the beginning of each school year.

**A.** Instructors will be provided for these workshops by the South Carolina government.

**Section II:** Meditation periods should total 15 minutes per week.

**A.** The placement of each individual session will be left to the discretion of the school.

**Section III:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.

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**An Amendment  
Presented by Emily LaCroix and Anne Lafond  
College of Charleston**

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- Purpose:** To amend Section 59-1-443 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.
- Whereas,** A moment of silence at the start of every day is required by the state in public schools,
- Whereas,** Moments of silence take time away from education,
- Whereas,** Most students take the moment of silence for granted,
- Whereas,** A moment of silence every day is a burden,
- Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:
- Section I:** The phrase “each school day” will be struck from Section 59-1-443, and replaced with “every Monday” and read like this  
“Schools shall provide a minute of mandatory silence at beginning of ~~each school day~~ every Monday”
- Section II:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.

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**A Bill**

**Presented by Tavaris Jones and Stevie Galicia  
College of Charleston**

**Purpose:** To require persons of the age seventy-five and older to re-take and pass the behind-the-wheel road test bi-yearly.

**Whereas,** Fatality rates for drivers begin to climb after age sixty-five, according to a recent study conducted by a University of Pittsburg professional and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety based on data from 1999-2004,

**Whereas,** The rate of fatal crash involvement per one hundred miles driven for elder drivers was higher than any other age group besides teenagers between April 2001 and March 2002,

**Whereas,** Road safety analyst predict that by 2030, when all baby-boomers are at least sixty-five years of age, they will be responsible for twenty-five percent of all fatal crashes;

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:

**Section I:** South Carolina will require persons seventy-five and older to re-take and pass the behind-the-wheel portion of the driver's license test bi-yearly.

1. The renewal of a driver's license will not be allowed to persons of and beyond the age of seventy-five without passing a bi-yearly behind-the-wheel road test
2. Persons of and over the age of seventy-five caught trying to renew a driver's license not following the bi-yearly standard will be rejected

**Section III:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.

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**A Resolution**  
**Presented by Anne Pedrick and Noelle Danahey**  
**College of Charleston**

**Purpose:** To make basketball the South Carolina State Team Sport.

**Whereas,** Only 13% of students who participate on a sports team ages 4-9 have difficulty with delayed development in vocabulary compared to the 29% who do not,

**Whereas,** Only 4% of students who have participated long time on a sports team, compared to the 16% who did not,

**Whereas,** 90% of young students who participated on a sports team report having excellent health,

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in spring session assembled the following:

**Section I:** South Carolina will acknowledge basketball as its State Team Sport,

**Section II:** South Carolina public schools will participate in basketball as part of their physical education requirement,

**Section IV:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.

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**A Bill**  
**Presented by Meredith Huff and Tess Siemon**  
**College of Charleston**

**Purpose:** To strike from the South Carolina Code of Law Title 52-13-10, which prohibits dance halls from operating between the hours of twelve o'clock, midnight, Saturday and twelve o'clock, midnight, Sunday.

**Whereas,** Dance halls provide economic stimulation,

**Whereas,** Traditionally, dance halls bring together the community and strengthen interpersonal bonds,

**Whereas,** Recreational activities are necessary for the mental and physical health of any individual,

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:

**Section I: Strike Section 52-13-10**

*It shall be unlawful for any person to keep open or admit persons to any public dancing hall owned or operated by him or to allow any person to continue thereat between the hours of twelve o'clock, midnight, Saturday and twelve o'clock, midnight, Sunday, and all such places shall be and remain closed to the public between such hours. The violation of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for the first offense and for the second offense not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for thirty days.*

**Section II:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.