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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS FOR THREE OR FEWER FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, THREE OR FEWER SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO DISRUPTIONS CREATED BY MALFUNCTIONING HVAC OR OTHER BUILDING SYSTEMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE TWO, TO PROVIDE A DISTRICT MAY NOT EXERCISE THESE WAIVERS UNTIL IT HAS EXHAUSTED ALL STATUTORILY REQUIRED MAKE‑UP DAYS REMAINING ON THE 2014‑2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR, AND TO PROVIDE THE EXERCISE OF THESE WAIVERS BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVED HOME SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59‑1‑425, the governing body of a school district may waive the requirement that schools make up full days missed due to snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close for:

(1) three or fewer full school days that students who attend schools or charter schools in the district missed during the 2014‑2015 school year due to snow or other extreme weather;

(2) three or fewer days for students who attend a school or charter school in the district missed during the 2014‑2015 school year due to disruptions caused by the malfunction of plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or other related building systems of the school; or

(3) any combination of items (1) and (2).

(B) A district may not exercise a waiver for a school in the district pursuant to subsection (A) until it has exhausted all statutorily required make‑up days for that school remaining on the 2014‑2015 school calendar.

(C) When a district waives a make‑up day pursuant to this section, the make‑up day also is waived for any student participating in a home schooling program approved by the board of trustees of the district in which the student resides.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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