

# REPORT OF THE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

(Whitmire, Hayes, G.R.Smith, & Dillard-Staff Contact: Kenzie Riddle)

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## HOUSE BILL 3608

H. 3608 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, Allison and Whitmire: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTING ACT 135 OF 2020 DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS, BY APPROPRIATING NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

*Received by Ways and Means:*

***Summary of Bill:***

The bill is to address the shortfall for the Public Charter School District as a result of Act 135 of 2020. The bill allows for an appropriation from the 2018-2019 Contingency Reserve Fund of nine million dollars to be distributed Public Charter School District per pupil funding for the 2020-2021 school year.

During the current school year, charter schools have grown and currently have a shortfall of \$34 million. The charter schools plan to use their current carry forward, which is \$16 million to cover part of the cost. They are also receiving \$9 million in GEER's funding. Under the current situation they are still short \$9 million. This bill will prevent a shortfall for the current school year.

***Estimated Revenue Impact:***

The bill will take from the 2018-2019 Contingency Reserve Fund and there will be an appropriation of \$9,000,000 to the Department of Education for distribution to the Public Charter School District.

***Subcommittee Recommendation:***

Favorable with Amendment

***Other Notes/Comments:***

The amendment includes the Charter Institute at Erskine.

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AMENDMENT

THIS AMENDMENT  
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GOOD/DOWNEY  
JANUARY 13, 2021

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL SCHOOLS SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT No. TO H. 3608 (USERS\KENZIERIDDLE\APPDATA\LOCAL\MICROSOFT\WINDOWS\INETCACHE\CONTENT.OUTLOOK\Y88J45FH\3608C001.NBD.DG21):

REFERENCE IS TO THE RESOLUTION AS INTRODUCED.

**AMEND THE JOINT RESOLUTION, AS AND IF AMENDED, BY STRIKING SECTION 1 AND INSERTING:**

**/ SECTION 1. FROM THE 2018-2019 CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND, THERE IS APPROPRIATED \$9,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING**

**THE CHARTER INSTITUTE AT ERSKINE, FOR PER  
PUPIL FUNDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 91 OF  
2019, PART 1.B. PROVISO 1.A.50. /**

**RENUMBER SECTIONS TO CONFORM.**

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM.**

**South Carolina General Assembly**  
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**H. 3608**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Joint Resolution

Sponsors: Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, Allison and Whitmire

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Summary: Not yet available

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
1/12/2021	House	Introduced and read first time
1/12/2021	House	Referred to Committee on <b>Ways and Means</b>

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ADDRESS A FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTING ACT 135 OF 2020 DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS, BY APPROPRIATING NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. From the 2018-2019 Contingency Reserve Fund, there is appropriated \$9,000,000 to the Department of Education for distribution to the Public Charter School District for per pupil funding in accordance with Act 91 of 2019, Part 1.B. Proviso 1.A.50.

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

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