**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND THE DATE BY WHICH A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO EMPLOY A TEACHER FOR THE 2009‑2010 SCHOOL YEAR FROM APRIL FIFTEENTH TO MAY FIFTEENTH AND TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER HAS TEN DAYS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN OFFER TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY UNIFORMLY NEGOTIATE SALARIES BELOW THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE 2009‑2010 SCHOOL YEAR FOR RETIRED TEACHERS WHO ARE NOT PARTICIPANTS IN THE TEACHER AND EMPLOYEE RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 59‑25‑410, the boards of trustees of the several school districts shall decide and notify, in writing, the teachers, as defined in Section 59‑1‑130, in their employ concerning their employment for the 2009‑2010 school year by May 15, 2009.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 59‑25‑420, any teacher who is reemployed by written notification pursuant to Section 59‑25‑410 shall notify the board of trustees in writing of his acceptance of the contract for the 2009‑2010 school year no later than ten days following receipt of written notification. Failure on the part of the teacher to notify the board of acceptance within the specified time limit shall be conclusive evidence of the teacher’s rejection of the contract.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, school districts may uniformly negotiate salaries below the school district salary schedule for the 2009‑2010 school year for retired teachers who are not participants in the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive Program.

SECTION 4. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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