**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑1‑425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND MAKE‑UP DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT MAY NOT DESIGNATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AS A POTENTIAL MAKE‑UP DAY WHEN THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑1‑425(B) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 260 of 2006, is amended to read:

“(B) Notwithstanding ~~any other provisions~~ another provision of law ~~to the contrary~~, ~~all~~ school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up. ~~All~~ A school ~~districts~~ district shall designate annually at least three days within ~~their~~ its school ~~calendars~~ calendar to be used as make‑up days in the event of these occurrences. A school district may not designate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, observed pursuant to Section 53‑5‑10, as a day to be used as a make‑up day. If those designated days have been used or are no longer available, the local school board of trustees may lengthen the hours of school operation by no less than one hour per day for the total number of hours missed or operate schools on Saturday. Schools operating on a four‑by‑four block schedule shall make every effort to make up the time during the semester in which the days are missed. A plan to make up days by lengthening the school day must be approved by the Department of Education before implementation. Tutorial instruction for grades ~~7~~ seven through ~~12~~ twelve may be taught on Saturday at the direction of the local school board. If a local school board authorizes make‑up days on Saturdays, tutorial instruction normally offered on Saturday for seventh through twelfth graders must be scheduled at an alternative time.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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