**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO DEFINED PROGRAM FOR THE PALMETTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUSD), DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4421, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the State Board of Education, relating to Defined Program for the Palmetto Unified School District (PUSD), designated as Regulation Document Number 4421, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

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

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

The Palmetto Unified School District No. 1 (PUSD) was established in 1981 by the South Carolina General Assembly pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 24‑25‑10 to provide educational services to inmates through a statewide school district. PUSD, as a sanctioned school district, is also mandated to comply with the regulations of the State Board of Education (SBE) unless otherwise noted. The PUSD shall provide a defined educational program that complies with standards prescribed for the Board of Trustees and district operations for secondary grades and adult education programs.

The purpose of the PUSD is to enhance the quality and scope of education services for inmates within the South Carolina Department of Corrections. PUSD’s mission is to maximize the academic, vocational, and life skills of student inmates in preparation for their successful return to society.

The proposed regulation will address the requirements to successfully operate the PUSD just as any other state‑identified school district except where the unique needs and situations of incarcerated students require modifications or exceptions. The requirements of this regulation will help to ensure that the purpose of the PUSD is implemented and supported.

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