**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO ACCREDITATION CRITERIA, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4400, 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 Accreditation Criteria, designated as Regulation Document Number 4400, 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.

Regulation 43‑300 governs the accreditation process for schools and districts in South Carolina. Currently, schools and districts are accredited through the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). The proposed amendment would provide a second accreditation option by allowing districts and schools to gain accreditation through an accrediting entity accepted by higher education in lieu of accreditation through the SCDE.

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