**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER ENTITIES, SHALL SURVEY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE STATE’S COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND INCLUDE QUESTIONS INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THE STUDENTS HAVE EVER CONSIDERED TEACHING IN A RURAL AND ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHAT INCENTIVES, IF ANY, WOULD CAUSE THEM TO CONSIDER WORKING IN SUCH A DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. The State Department of Education and the Center for Education Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA), working in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education, shall survey students enrolled in the state’s colleges of education. At a minimum, the survey shall include questions inquiring as to whether students have ever considered teaching in a rural and economically challenged district. Students must be asked what incentives, if any, would cause them to move to, and work in, such a district. The State Department of Education and CERRA may include additional questions in the survey as considered useful. Results of the survey must be reported to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.

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

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