**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑5‑65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS HOLIDAYS FOR ALL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE AND THAT THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF THE DISTRICTS MUST BE CLOSED ON THOSE DATES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Title 53 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 53‑5‑65. Beginning with the 2017‑2018 school year, the local school districts of this State shall observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Memorial Day as legal holidays and schools and offices of the districts must be closed on those dates. Districts may not schedule make‑up days on either day.”

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

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