**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF ONE DAY THAT SCHOOLS CLOSED DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR HURRICANE IRMA.

Whereas, in September 2017, all public schools in South Carolina closed for one day because of a state of emergency declared in preparation for Hurricane Irma, a Category Five hurricane; and

Whereas, the unique circumstances of this emergency situation merit the waiving of this one school closing day for school districts. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. A public school district may waive one make‑up day for the day on which the school was closed due to Hurricane Irma, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59‑1‑425. When a district waives a make‑up day pursuant to this joint resolution, the make‑up day also is waived for any student participating in a home schooling program approved by the board of trustees of the district in which the student resides.

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

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