**South Carolina General Assembly**

123rd Session, 2019-2020

**H. 4655**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

Concurrent Resolution

Sponsors: Reps. Gilliard, Robinson, Clyburn and Thigpen

Document Path: l:\council\bills\agm\19648wab20.docx

Introduced in the House on January 14, 2020

Introduced in the Senate on February 20, 2020

Currently residing in the Senate Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services**

Summary: Help the homeless in light of the nations economy and weather conditions

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

11/20/2019 House Prefiled

11/20/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Invitations and Memorial Resolutions**

1/14/2020 House Introduced ([House Journal‑page 56](file:///h:\hj\20200114.docx))

1/14/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Invitations and Memorial Resolutions** ([House Journal‑page 56](file:///h:\hj\20200114.docx))

1/30/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thigpen

2/19/2020 House Committee report: Favorable **Invitations and Memorial Resolutions** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj\20200219.docx))

2/20/2020 House Adopted, sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20200220.docx))

2/20/2020 Senate Introduced ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20200220.docx))

2/20/2020 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20200220.docx))

View the latest [legislative information](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=4655&session=123&summary=B) at the website

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[11/20/2019](file:///p:\pprever\2019-20\4655_20191120.docx)

[2/19/2020](file:///p:\pprever\2019-20\4655_20200219.docx)

COMMITTEE REPORT

February 19, 2020

**H. 4655**

Introduced by Reps. Gilliard, Robinson, Clyburn and Thigpen

S. Printed 2/19/20--H.

Read the first time January 14, 2020.

**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 4655) to urge our federal, state, and local governments, along with churches and neighborhood associations, to accelerate their efforts to assist the homeless in light of the nation’s economy, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JIMMY C. BALES for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO URGE OUR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ALONG WITH CHURCHES AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, TO ACCELERATE THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS IN LIGHT OF THE NATION’S ECONOMY AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Whereas, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty approximates that, annually, more than three million people experience homelessness in the United States, including approximately 1.3 million children. Although homelessness is difficult to measure definitively, it appears that more people, especially families, are sleeping in shelters, living in their cars, and taking up residence in tent communities; and

Whereas, the present cold winter weather only exacerbates the problems of the homeless, threatening the lives of many; and

Whereas, in South Carolina alone, almost five thousand people are homeless on any given night, of whom approximately 543 are veterans and 388 are chronically homeless. However, estimates put the total number of beds available in homeless shelters across the State at only two thousand one hundred; and

Whereas, it is critical for us as compassionate Americans and South Carolinians to work toward increased emergency relief, as well as toward the elimination of causes, for those suffering from the serious problem of homelessness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, urge our federal, state, and local governments, along with churches and neighborhood associations, to accelerate their efforts to assist the homeless in light of the nation’s economy and adverse weather conditions.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑