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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUIRE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT HER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES BY STUDENTS WHILE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND AT SCHOOL‑SPONSORED EVENTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

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

SECTION 1. (A) No later than January 1, 2021, the State Superintendent of Education shall provide a report to the General Assembly regarding her recommendations for restrictions on the use of cell phones by students while on public school campuses and at school‑sponsored events. The report must include:

(1) a model policy, which must contain exceptions for cell phone use in emergency situations, that could be adopted statewide or by individual districts;

(2) a timeline for implementation; and

(3) projected costs for implementing the model guidelines on both a per district cost basis and a statewide basis.

(B) For purposes of this joint resolution, “cell phone” means a cellular telephone or any other electronic device with the capability, whether on its own or through use of an application, of transmitting:

(1) telephone calls;

(2) text messages;

(3) voice chats; or

(4) any combination of items (1) through (3).

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

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