COMMITTEE REPORT

March 28, 2019

**H. 3929**

Introduced by Reps. Anderson, R. Williams and Jefferson

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Read the first time February 13, 2019.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (H. 3929) to provide that during the 2018‑2019 school year the State Board of Education may waive the requirements for making up days beyond the three days that may be forgiven by local, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

GREG HEMBREE for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on February 7, 2019**

**State Expenditure**

This bill allows the State Board of Education to waive the requirements of making up days beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district for any days missed during the 2018-19 school year due to snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close. The waiver may be considered and granted only upon the request of the local board of trustees through a majority vote of the local school board. The provisions of this bill apply notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59-1-425.

SDE indicates that this bill requires the agency to perform activities that can be conducted within the normal course of agency business. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on SDE. Further, the forgiveness of school days due to the provisions of this bill will have no impact on the amount of state funds expended to districts to support students.

**Local Expenditure**

This bill allows the State Board of Education to waive the requirements of making up days beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district for any days missed during the 2018-19 school year due to snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close. The waiver may be considered and granted only upon the request of the local board of trustees through a majority vote of the local school board.

SDE indicates that this bill could create cost savings and reduce some expenditures for school districts. The amount of cost savings is undetermined and depends upon the number and size of the districts requesting the forgiveness of days and the number of days forgiven. Any cost savings may include reduced expenditures for hourly employees such as school bus drivers and food service employees. In addition, a small amount of utility expense may be avoided due to forgiveness of school days.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT DURING THE 2018‑2019 SCHOOL YEAR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING UP DAYS BEYOND THE THREE DAYS THAT MAY BE FORGIVEN BY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ANY DAYS MISSED DURING THE 2018‑2019 SCHOOL YEAR BECAUSE OF SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO CLOSE, TO PROVIDE THESE WAIVERS ONLY MAY BE CONSIDERED AND GRANTED UPON REQUEST OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES THROUGH A MAJORITY VOTE OF THAT LOCAL BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION APPLY NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59‑1‑425 OR ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

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

SECTION 1. During the 2018‑2019 School Year, the State Board of Education may waive the requirements of making up days beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district for any days missed during the 2018‑2019 School Year because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close. Such a waiver only may be considered and granted upon the request of the local board of trustees through a majority vote of that local school board. The provisions of this joint resolution apply notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59‑1‑425 or another provision of law.

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

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