**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑5‑110 SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE CLOSED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

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 53‑5‑110. Each local school district must observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a legal holiday and schools and offices of each school district must be closed on that day. A district may not schedule make‑up days on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Schools and school districts may utilize the funds realized from observing this holiday to provide educational training related to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance.”

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

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