**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO INCLUDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE K‑12 SCHOOL TEACHERS AND anyone whose condition of employment requires them to be located in a public or private school building IN PHASE 1A OF THE COVID‑19 VACCINE PLAN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO LATER THAN TWENTY‑EIGHT DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION, EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST OFFER FIVE‑DAY, IN‑PERSON CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall include public and private K‑12 school teachers and anyone whose condition of employment requires them to be located in a public or private school building in Phase 1a of the department’s COVID‑19 vaccine plan so as to allow schools to return to in‑person instruction five days a week. This requirement includes, but is not limited to, support staff, janitors, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and substitute teachers. This requirement does not apply to district office employees. No later than twenty‑eight days after the effective date of this joint resolution, every school district must offer five‑day, in‑person classroom instruction to students.

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

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