**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16‑17‑420, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING SCHOOL DISTURBANCES BY NONSTUDENTS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE OFFENSES TO CERTAIN FOUR‑YEAR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND DAYCARE PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑17‑420(B) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 182 of 2018, is further amended to read:

“(B) For the purpose of this section~~,~~:

(1) ‘Person who is not a student’ means a person who is not enrolled in, or who is suspended or expelled from, the school or college that the person interferes with, disrupts, or disturbs at the time the interference, disruption, or disturbance occurs.

(2) ‘School’ means any:

(a) four‑year‑old kindergarten program for at‑risk children under the South Carolina Child Early Reading Development and Education Program found in Chapter 156, Title 59;

(b) public or private kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, or high school as defined in Article 3, Chapter 1, Title 59; and

(c) childcare facility as defined in Section 63‑13‑20(4).”

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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