**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑103‑163 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT REQUIRE THAT ITS STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES WEAR A FACE MASK.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 103, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑103‑163. No public institution of higher learning, including a technical college, may require that its students or employees wear a face mask at any of its educational facilities. This prohibition extends to the announcement or enforcement of any such policy. The State Treasurer shall withhold all funding from any public institution of higher learning that violates this section.”

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

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