**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑498 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTION, COMMISSION, BOARD, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING A SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAY REQUIRE THAT INDIVIDUALS WEAR A FACE MASK.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑498. No state agency, department, institution, commission, board, or political subdivision, including a school district, may require that individuals wear a face mask at any of its facilities including on school buses. This prohibition extends to the announcement or enforcement of any such policy. The State Treasurer shall withhold all funding from any entity that violates this section.”

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

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