**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM REQUIRING STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE COVID‑19 VACCINATIONS OR DEMONSTRATE PROOF OF HAVING RECEIVED COVID‑19 VACCINATIONS AS A CONDITION TO BEING PRESENT WITHOUT WEARING A FACE MASK AT ANY FACILITY OF THE INSTITUTION; TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM REQUIRING STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE COVID‑19 VACCINATIONS OR DEMONSTRATE PROOF OF HAVING RECEIVED COVID‑19 VACCINATIONS AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT OR ENROLLMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SUBJECT TO LIMITED EXCEPTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN OFF‑CAMPUS LEARNING EXPERIENCES; TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM ANNOUNCING OR ENFORCING ANY POLICIES PROHIBITED BY THIS JOINT RESOLUTION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION EXPIRE JULY 1, 2023.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Public institutions of higher learning may not require that a student or employee receive a COVID‑19 vaccination or provide proof of having received a COVID‑19 vaccination before the student or employee may be present, without wearing a face mask, at any facility of the institution.

(B) A public institution of higher learning may not announce or enforce any policy prohibited in subsection (A).

SECTION 2. (A) Public institutions of higher learning may not require receipt of a COVID‑19 vaccination or proof of having received a COVID‑19 vaccination for any:

(1) employee as a condition of new or continued full‑time employment or part‑time employment; or

(2) student as a condition of enrolling on a full‑time or part‑time basis, attending on‑campus instruction, or residing in on‑campus housing. When a third‑party provider of an off‑campus learning event requires students to prove that they have received a COVID‑19 vaccination as a condition of participating in the event, the requirements of that third party apply.

(B) A public institution of higher learning may not announce or enforce any policy prohibited in subsection (A).

SECTION 3. For purposes of this joint resolution, ‘public institution of higher learning’ means post‑secondary educational institutions in this State including:

(1) state‑supported colleges and universities designated in Section 59‑101‑10; and

(2) technical institutions and other institutions and programs that are under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education as provided in Article 1, Chapter 53, Title 59 of the 1976 Code.

SECTION 4. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval of the Governor and expires July 1, 2023.

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