**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL EXCUSE FIVE DAYS OF SCHOOL THAT A STUDENT MISSES IN A SCHOOL YEAR DUE TO TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID‑19 OR BEING QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF EXPOSURE TO COVID‑19, AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION APPLICABLE TO THE 2021‑2022 AND 2022‑2023 SCHOOL YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 65, Title 59 or another provision of law, the governing body of a school district shall excuse five days of school that a student misses in a school year due to testing positive for Covid‑19 or being quarantined because of exposure to Covid‑19. The provisions of this joint resolution are applicable to the 2021‑2022 and 2022‑2023 School Years.

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

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