

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3778 Introduced on January 16, 2025
Subject:	Hurricane Helene School Closure Waivers
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s):	Bryant
Impact Date:	March 18, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution provides that the governing body of a school district may waive the requirement that public schools make up full days missed due to inclement weather for public schools in the districts that were closed due to inclement weather associated with Hurricane Helene during the 2024-2025 school year. This waiver extends to home school programs and charter schools in the district.

This joint resolution will have no expenditure impact on the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) since it does not alter the duties or responsibilities of the department.

This joint resolution will have no expenditure impact on the state agency schools. The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School indicate that they can manage the provisions of the joint resolution with existing appropriations.

This joint resolution will have no expenditure impact on the local school districts. SCDE surveyed the seventy-two regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from fourteen districts. All fourteen responding districts indicate that the joint resolution will have no impact on expenditures.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 16, 2025 State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This joint resolution provides that the governing body of a school district may waive the requirement that public schools make up full days missed due to inclement weather for public schools in the districts that were closed due to inclement weather associated with Hurricane Helene during the 2024-2025 school year. This waiver also extends to home school programs and charter schools in the district.

This joint resolution will have no expenditure impact on the local school districts. SCDE surveyed the seventy-two regular school districts and three charter school districts and received responses from fourteen districts. All fourteen responding districts indicate that the joint resolution will have no impact on expenditures.

Local Revenue N/A

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