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**A JOINT RESOLUTION** **TO SUSPEND THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROVIDE PRINTED COPIES OF 2011 DISTRICT AND SCHOOL REPORT CARDS; TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH A LINK TO THE REPORT CARDS VIA EMAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATION METHODS UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO SUSPEND WRITING ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN GRADES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WRITING ASSESSMENTS MAY NOT BE USED IN GROWTH CALCULATIONS; TO SUSPEND THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOLS ADVERTISE THE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL 2011 REPORT CARD, BUT TO REQUIRE RESULTS TO BE PROVIDED TO AN AREA NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION; TO ALLOW HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER STATE‑FUNDED WORKKEY ASSESSMENTS TO CERTAIN STUDENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE‑YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF A SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER LOAN, AND TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION TO DEVELOP FORMS AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE GRACE PERIOD; AND TO DIRECT SAVINGS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.**

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

**District and school report card publication**

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 59‑18‑930, the State Department of Education is not required to provide printed copies of 2011 district and school report cards. The district or school shall email parents a link to the report cards if the school maintains parent email addresses in its student information system database. The district or school shall notify parents about the report cards through its newsletters and other regular communication channels. If a parent requests from the district or school a printed copy of the report card, the district or school shall provide a printed copy without cost to the parent.

**District and school report card publication**

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 59‑18‑930(B), a public school or district board is not required to inform the community of the school’s and district’s 2011 report card by advertising the results in at least one South Carolina daily newspaper of general circulation in the area. However, the results must be provided to the editor of a newspaper of general circulation in the school’s or district’s area.

**Suspension of writing assessments for certain grades**

SECTION 3. For the 2011‑2012 school year, the State Department of Education shall suspend the writing assessments in grades three, four, six, and seven. Writing assessments may be administered only to students in grades five and eight. The writing assessments may not be used in Education Accountability Act growth calculations.

**WorkKeys offered**

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 59‑18‑340, high schools also may offer state‑funded WorkKeys to tenth grade students using funds appropriated for the assessment of PSAT or PLAN. The selection of the test for each student should be informed by the student’s individual graduation plan, cluster selection, guidance counselor advisement, and parent or legal guardian consent.

**Grace period for repayment of teacher loans**

SECTION 5. For Fiscal Year 2011‑2012, an individual who received a South Carolina Teacher Loan pursuant to Section 59‑26‑20(j), who completed an undergraduate or graduate degree in education in Calendar Year 2010 or 2011, and who was not employed in a public school in South Carolina by September 1, 2011, or the 2011‑2012 school year may elect to receive a one‑year grace period that allows the individual to defer making loan repayments for one calendar year. Interest must be accrued during this deferral period. The South Carolina Student Loan Corporation shall develop the forms and procedures to implement and monitor the grace period.

**Allocation of savings by State Department of Education**

SECTION 6. The State Department of Education shall allocate the funds from savings generated from the enactment of Sections 1 and 3 of this joint resolution to school districts based on the weighted pupil units.

**Time effective**

SECTION 7. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 1st day of June, 2011.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2011.

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