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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3515 Introduced on January 18, 2017  
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**Subject:** Waiver for Hurricane Matthew Closures  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Shuford and Heineman  
**Impact Date:** February 8, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	Undetermined	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds since forgiveness of school days for inclement weather would not increase or decrease the total amount expended by the state to support the students in the impacted schools. The impact of the bill on the twenty-one local school districts is undetermined given the permissive nature of the waiver that allows each governing school board to determine the number of days waived (five or fewer).

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

House Bill 3515 allows the governing bodies of the school districts in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Calhoun, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties to waive the requirement that schools in those districts make up full days missed due to inclement weather for five or fewer full school days that students missed due to Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016.

The waiver is in addition to the existing waiver provisions of Section 59-1-425, and is available regardless of whether a school that closed has made up three full days, or the equivalent number of hours, missed due to snow, extreme weather, or other disruptions requiring the school to close during the 2016-2017 school year. When a district waives a make-up day pursuant to this joint

resolution, the make-up day is also waived for any home schooled student approved by the board of trustees of the district in which the student resides.

The Department of Education indicates that forgiveness of school days for inclement weather would not increase or decrease the total amount expended by the state to support the students in the impacted schools. Therefore, this bill would not affect General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds expenditures of the department.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

The bill is permissive to the local school districts by allowing each governing school board to determine the number of days waived (five or fewer). Local school districts may experience reduced expenditures for school days not made-up. Savings may include reduced expenditures on hourly employees such as school bus drivers and food service workers. In addition, a small amount of utility expense may be avoided when inclement weather closure days are not made-up. The impact of the bill on the twenty-one local school districts is undetermined given the permissive nature of the waiver.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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