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Introduced by Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, Allison, Whitmire and McGarry

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ADDRESS A FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTING ACT 135 OF 2020 DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY THE COVID‑19 VIRUS, BY APPROPRIATING NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE 2020‑2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. From the 2018‑2019 Contingency Reserve Fund, there is appropriated $9,000,000 to the Department of Education for distribution to the Public Charter School District, including the Charter Institute at Erskine, for per pupil funding in accordance with Act 91 of 2019, Part 1.B. Proviso 1.A.50. This funding shall not be used for administrative salary increases.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 59-40-55 of the 1976 CODE, in the current fiscal year, a charter school sponsor may, but is not required to, approve charter applications that meet the requirements specified in Sections 59‑40‑50 and 59‑40‑60.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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