**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE AND REQUIRE IN‑PERSON CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO ANY VIRTUAL STUDENT WHO DOES NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE COURSE INSTRUCTION FOR THE FINAL GRADING PERIOD OF THE APPLICABLE VIRTUAL COURSE, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE DURING THE 2020‑2021 AND 2021‑2022 SCHOOL YEARS.

Whereas, the State of South Carolina has the responsibility to ensure that our students have an opportunity for a quality education; and

Whereas, the state of South Carolina’s education has severely suffered as a result of the COVID-19 crisis; and

Whereas, our students continue to fall further behind in their educational goals; and

Whereas, we must take immediate action to prevent the continued eroding of our children’s educational development; and

Whereas, data has shown in‑person instruction is far better in the educational development of our children. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. For the 2020‑2021 and 2021‑2022 School Years, each school district shall provide and require in‑person classroom instruction to any virtual student who has not successfully completed course instruction for the final grading period for each applicable virtual course or subject of virtual instruction.

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

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