**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑17‑170 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BE OPEN ON A STATE HOLIDAY IF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE IS OPEN ON A STATE HOLIDAY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑17‑170. If any school district of this State is open on a state holiday as defined in Section 53‑5‑10, the office of the State Department of Education must be open on the state holiday.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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