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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM TAKING ACTION IN RELATION TO REFUGEES PLACED IN THIS STATE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL NEW SECURITY MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM ACCEPTING ANY NEW REFUGEES AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL NEW SECURITY MEASURES ARE IMPLEMENTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; AND TO DIRECT THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO WORK WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CONFIRM REFUGEES PLACED IN THIS STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DO NOT POSE A PUBLIC SAFETY RISK.

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

SECTION 1. All agencies of the State of South Carolina shall immediately cease any involvement relating to refugees placed in this State as of the effective date of this act pursuant to the federal Refugee Resettlement Program until the United States Department of State has reexamined the security concerns and established new processes for accepting refugees into the program.

SECTION 2. No agency of the State of South Carolina shall accept nor aid in the acceptance of any new refugees after the effective date of this act pursuant to the federal Refugee Resettlement Program until the United States Department of State has reexamined the security concerns and established new processes for accepting refugees into the program.

SECTION 3. The State Law Enforcement Division, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, shall confirm that any refugees placed in South Carolina by the federal government pursuant to the Refugee Resettlement Program do not pose a public safety risk. The State Law Enforcement Division must report to the General Assembly its findings regarding public safety risks as soon as practicable.

SECTION 4. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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