**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE SUMMER READING PROGRAM FUNDS TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S SUMMER READING LOSS PREVENTION PROJECT TO PROVIDE BOOKS TO CERTAIN STUDENTS OVER THE SUMMER, AND TO ALLOW PARTNERING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CARRY FORWARD UNEXPENDED FUNDS FOR SUMMER READING CAMP PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding Paragraph 1.84, Section 1, Part 1B of Act 101 of 2013, any school district that did not receive an adequate allocation of funds to operate a summer reading program may use such funds to partner with the department’s Summer Reading Loss Prevention Project. The partnership must result in providing the school districts with books to set up free book fairs for summer reading camp‑identified students. The students must be allowed to select eight books based on their reading ability level and interest. The book fair must be held at the end of the school year with students taking their books home for the summer accompanied with a reading log to be completed by the student.

(B) A school district that uses these funds for the partnership may carry forward any unexpended funds to be used for summer reading camp programs.

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

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