COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED AND AMENDED

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Introduced by Education and Public Works Committee

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER ENTITIES, SHALL SURVEY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE STATE’S COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND INCLUDE QUESTIONS INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER THE STUDENTS HAVE EVER CONSIDERED TEACHING IN A RURAL AND ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHAT INCENTIVES, IF ANY, WOULD CAUSE THEM TO CONSIDER WORKING IN SUCH A DISTRICT.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. The State Department of Education and the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA), working in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education, shall survey students enrolled in the state’s colleges of education. This survey shall be administered to those college students who have been fully admitted into their institution’s teacher education program. At a minimum, the survey shall include questions inquiring as to whether students have ever considered teaching in a rural and economically challenged district. Students must be asked what incentives, if any, would cause them to move to, and work in, such a district. The State Department of Education and CERRA may include additional questions in the survey as considered useful. Results of the survey must be reported to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.

Additionally, the Department of Education, CERRA, and the Commission on Higher Education together shall explore a practical and effective means of obtaining similar survey information from students in other programs at the state’s institutions of higher learning as a means of planning and promoting teaching career information and employment options and in accordance with the general intentions of Section 13‑1‑1840 of the 1976 Code. A report summarizing the recommendations for this survey must be submitted to the General Assembly by February 1, 2017, to include whether the focus should be on students in the state’s two‑year as well as four‑year institutions, and whether improvements facilitating transfer and articulation into teacher education programs could enhance recruitment into the teaching profession.

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

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