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Let me know if this language is what you believe will be helpful...

Before you for consideration is H.5253 that would alleviate a school calendar problem that recently became evident in Dorchester County.

As you know, the harsh winter of 2013-14 created a difficult situation for our school districts to manage with respect to mandatory make up days. In response the General Assembly, with your support, provided for relief. However a recent unexpected ruling by the SC Department of Education denying the use of expanded early dismissal days for makeup credit has created further challenges as the only remaining make up days for Dorchester District 2 are scheduled for after all grades have been recorded and our graduations concluded.

This situation has uncovered a significant problem with school calendars and the assignment of makeup days too late in the school year. Now well aware, we are committed to passing legislation next session to ensure make up days remain instructional days.

For now, although not a situation any of us are pleased with, I hope that you will support efforts to save our taxpayers the cost of school operations for days that will likely be lowly attended and/or contain little instructional content.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,



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