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On Wed, Oct 5, 2016 at 5:30 PM, Adams, Chaney <[ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov](mailto:ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

On background: Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws provides for the Governor to authorize leave with pay to affected state employees who are absent from work as a result of a State of Emergency or hazardous weather conditions. Since the Governor took office, she has ordered this provision into effect approximately eleven times for various incidents, such as for winter weather or the October Flood.

**SECTION 8-11-57.** Declaration of state of emergency or order to close state offices due to hazardous weather; paid leave.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather conditions.

HISTORY: 2002 Act No. 356, Section 1, Pt IX.D, eff July 1, 2002.