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Subject: FW: Draft Veto for Charleston Schools

Here - very slight change against the draft sent along earlier...

CLS

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R246, H.5315, a Joint Resolution that exempts the students of Stall High School from making-up two days missed in January due to a gas leak.

The 2011-12 schedule for Charleston County Schools incorporated a June 4 make-up day. I am vetoing this bill because the district's leadership neglected to use this opportunity to make-up for a portion of the lost time, while seeking a waiver pursuant to Section 59-1-425(C).

Although the two school days in question are unlikely to have been pivotal to any individual child's education, it is inappropriate for school district administrators to ignore the law's 180-day standard and essentially gamble that they will receive a waiver from the General Assembly before the session concludes. School districts actively seeking a waiver should exhaust any available make-up days, if the waiver has not yet been granted.

Furthermore, the fact that this Joint Resolution was not introduced in the House of Representatives until May 23 illustrates that districts believe they can railroad these matters through the waning days of a legislative session without giving the General Assembly time to weigh the alternatives.

For these reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval R246, H.5315.

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From: Soura, Christian
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 3:51 PM
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Here's the draft veto for the Charleston Schools make-up days. It's the same as the Fountain Inn one that was approved earlier, except that the "Fortunately" paragraph is unique to this one. If you have changes, please let me know. Thanks.

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Although the two school days in question are unlikely to have been pivotal to any individual child's education, it is inappropriate for school district administrators to ignore the law's 180-day standard and essentially gamble that they will receive a waiver from the General Assembly before the session concludes. Even those school districts that seek leniency should first exhaust any available make-up days, if clemency has not yet been granted.

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