



# State of South Carolina

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The Honorable André Bauer  
President of the Senate  
State House, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, East Wing  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby returning without my approval S. 481, R-199, an Act:

TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 OF CLARENDON COUNTY TO EXPEND FUNDS IN ITS SCHOOL BUILDING FUND TO MEET ITS COSTS OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND TO REPLACE FUNDS LOST AS A CONSEQUENCE OF REDUCTIONS IN STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003.

This bill was introduced to address the budget shortfall of Clarendon School District One in fiscal year 2002-2003. I am vetoing this bill because fiscal year 2002-2003 has ended and this legislation is no longer relevant.

I also have concerns with the policy of this bill, specifically that it would allow the district to expend money from bonded indebtedness to fund operating expenses. In a transmittal letter accompanying H. 3945, R-105 last year, I indicated very clearly that I would veto any legislation that continued this practice. As I stated then, I believe funding short-term operating needs with long-term bonded indebtedness is not the fiscally-responsible way to address budget shortfalls, and will actually add further stress on the school district's financial condition.

For these reasons, I am returning S. 481, R-199 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford  
Governor

cc: The Honorable John C. Land, III