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June 11, 2012

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Statehouse, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House,

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R239, H.4886, a Joint Resolution that exempts the students of Fountain Inn Elementary School from making-up a day missed in February due to bat infestation.

The 2011-12 schedule for Greenville County Schools incorporated three make-up days, on March 9, 12 and April 9. I am vetoing this bill because the district's leadership neglected to use any of these three opportunities to make-up for the lost day, while seeking a waiver pursuant to Section 59-1-425(C).

Although the single school day in question is 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.

For these reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval R239, H.4486.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/jdb