**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 149, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LIFE OR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-105 TO PROVIDE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN LAW OR REGULATION, A STUDENT WHO CHANGES HIS DECLARED MAJOR TO AN ELIGIBLE SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE FOR A LIFE OR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROVIDED THE STUDENT COMPLETES THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION IN MATHEMATICS AND LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES WITHIN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 149, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59-149-105. Notwithstanding any other eligibility requirements in law or regulation, a student who changes his declared major to an eligible science or mathematics program that is approved by the Commission on Higher Education is eligible for a LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement if the student completes the required minimum level of instruction in mathematics and life and physical sciences within one academic year of changing his major and meets all of the other eligibility requirements provided by law.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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