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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 4391	Introduced on January 9, 2018
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Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill requires the student body president of each public four year institution to serve as a voting member of that institution's board of trustees. The student body president is ineligible to receive subsistence, mileage, or per diem for such service. Board of trustees meetings are conducted in the normal course of agency business. The addition of one member would result in minimal additional expenditures which could be absorbed in existing appropriations. The bill also provides that a college or university student who resides for one fall or spring semester in the community in which he attends a college or a university may register to vote in that community. Voter registration is not a document that impacts residency or tuition status; therefore, this provision would have no fiscal impact. This bill does not have an expenditure or revenue impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires each State supported institution of higher learning's student body president serve as an ex officio voting member of that institution's board of trustees, so long as the student body president is a qualified elector in this state. Otherwise, the student body president shall serve in a nonvoting advisory capacity. Previously, the statute regarding the student body president's membership on the board of trustees was permissive and restricted the student body president to a nonvoting role. The term of service for the student body president will be the active term for the office provided, and the student body president may not receive subsistence,

mileage, or per diem for serving on the board of trustees. This bill does not apply to student body presidents of the technical colleges.

This bill also makes changes to the qualifications for registration to vote by providing that a college or university student who resides for one fall or spring semester in the community in which he attends a college or a university in this state must be considered qualified as an elector and may register to vote in that community if he meets the other requirements of this section. Registration to vote does not impact the documentation necessary to establish intent to become a South Carolina resident for tuition purposes, so this provision would have no fiscal impact.

The Commission on Higher Education surveyed the public four year institutions. The institutions noted that the bill would result in minimal additional expenditures for board meetings and events, which could be absorbed within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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