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**S. 557**

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 2/22/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Finance** (Senate Journal‑page 3)

 3/22/2023 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Finance** (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 3/28/2023 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 76)

 3/28/2023 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 76)

 3/28/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 76)

 3/29/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 26)

 3/30/2023 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 24)

 3/30/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Ways and Means** (House Journal‑page 24)

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 5/9/2023 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 25)

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 5/10/2023 House Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 75)

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

 Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 12-6-3477 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 12-6-3477. A taxpayer who employs an apprentice pursuant to an apprentice agreement registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Employment and Training Administration of the United States Department of Labor is allowed a credit against an income tax imposed pursuant to this chapter equal to the greater of the cost of the apprenticeship or one thousand dollars for each apprentice employed, but not to exceed four thousand dollars for an apprentice, or six thousand dollars for the youth apprenticeship program. A credit is not allowed unless the apprentice was in the employ of the taxpayer for at least seven full months of the taxable year and a credit is not allowed for an individual apprentice for more than four taxable years; however, if the apprentice completes the apprenticeship and remains an employee of the taxpayer, the taxpayer may claim the one thousand dollar credit for up to three additional taxable years. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the maximum aggregate credit for all taxpayers may not exceed five million dollars in any one tax year. The General Assembly, in the annual general appropriations act, may increase or decrease the maximum aggregate credit amount. The department shall prescribe a form to claim this credit that provides information to the department sufficient for the proper administration of this credit. Any unused credit may be carried forward for three years.

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

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