

Amendment: D3

Representative BALLENTINE proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 117 – X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amend

117.149. (GP: ~~In-State Tuition Mitigation SC First Funding Innovation and Realignment for in-demand Skills and Talent~~) (A) The following recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher learning ~~to mitigate tuition and fee increases for in-state undergraduate students exclusively in support of programs that instruct undergraduate students in the critical workforce disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); as well as education and training, government and public administration, health science, and human services~~:

(1) The Citadel	\$3,081,444 <u>1,540,722</u> ;
(2) Clemson University	\$12,196,972 <u>6,098,486</u> ;
(3) University of Charleston	\$2,820,143 <u>1,410,071</u> ;
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$2,456,003 <u>1,228,001</u> ;
(5) Francis Marion University	\$2,289,757 <u>1,144,878</u> ;
(6) Lander University	\$2,119,998 <u>1,059,999</u> ;
(7) South Carolina State University	\$1,842,814 <u>921,407</u> ;
(8) University of South Carolina-Columbia	\$14,436,186 <u>7,218,093</u> ;
(9) University of South Carolina-Aiken	\$2,361,911 <u>1,180,955</u> ;
(10) University of South Carolina-Upstate	\$3,173,940 <u>1,598,970</u> ;
(11) University of South Carolina-Beaufort	\$1,077,571 <u>538,785</u> ;
(12) University of South Carolina-Lancaster	\$640,000 <u>320,000</u> ;
(13) University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie	\$411,995 <u>205,997</u> ;
(14) University of South Carolina-Sumter	\$686,882 <u>343,441</u> ;
(15) University of South Carolina-Union	\$608,475 <u>304,237</u> ;
<i>and</i>	
(16) Winthrop University	\$2,330,588 <u>1,165,294</u> ;
<i>and</i>	
(17) Medical University of South Carolina	\$12,529,269.

(B) In order to retain the above appropriations, each institution of higher learning listed above must certify to the Commission on Higher Education by August 15, ~~2025~~ 2026, there is no in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase, excluding increases in auxiliary and athletic fees, for the ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27 academic year.

~~(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall develop the process by which institutions provide the certification.~~ Certification of any institution proposing an in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase must include analysis as to the necessity of the increase and all cost savings measures that have been undertaken to minimize them. Any institution unable to provide such certification to the commission shall remit their respective above recurring allocation to the General Fund by September 15, ~~2025~~ 2026.

(D) By November 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Executive Budget Office the institutions that failed to certify that the in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase met the guidelines outlined in this provision. The Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.

(E) Institutions must identify and suspend new admissions for at least fifty percent of all academic programs that operate at a financial loss for at least four academic years.

(F) Each institution shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee on or before March 1 of each fiscal year, detailing the programs discontinued or consolidated, the cost savings achieved, and the programmatic enhancements implemented under this initiative.