

Amendment: D4

Section 117 - General Provisions

Representatives **SIMRILL**, **COBB-HUNTER**, and **FINLAY** proposes the following amendment:

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117.dt. (GP: Denmark Tech Study Committee and Transfer) Effective July 1, 2019, Section 59-53-600 through Section 59-53-640 of the 1976 Code shall be suspended and Denmark Technical College shall no longer operate as a technical college within the South Carolina Technical College System. All physical assets on the main campus of Denmark Technical College shall be transferred to the Department of Education. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education is directed to transfer the \$1,400,000 appropriated in Act No. 93 of 2015, Section 1, Item (25) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Denmark Technical College - Building #200 and #300 Renovations, the \$950,000 appropriated in Act No. 284 of 2016, by proviso 118.16, Item (B)(23)(h) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Denmark Technical College - Barnwell Workforce Center, and the \$550,000 appropriated in Act No. 285 of 2016, Section 1, Item (23) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Denmark Technical College - Barnwell Workforce Center to the Department of Education.

Students enrolled at Denmark Technical College for the 2018-2019 academic year shall be allowed to transfer and enroll in any technical college in the system for the 2019-2020 academic year regardless of where the student resides. Residents of the affected counties and enrolling in a technical college for the first time in the 2019-20 academic year shall be served as follows: residents of Bamberg County shall be served by Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College; residents of Allendale County shall be served by the Technical College of the Lowcountry; and residents of Barnwell county shall be served by Aiken Technical College.

A study committee shall be established to develop a plan to determine the feasibility of transforming Denmark Technical College from a technical college to its original mission of an area trade school. The study shall include but not be limited to a starting date for the transition and selection of a name for the reconstituted school.

The study committee shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) A member appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;
- (2) A member appointed by the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee;
- (3) A member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;
- (4) A member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee;

(5) The Executive Director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education or his designee;

(6) The Superintendent of Education or her designee;

(7) The Chairman of the Bamberg County Council or his designee;

(8) The Chairman of the Denmark City Council or his designee; and

(9) The President of the Denmark Technical College National Alumni Association.

The study committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Department of Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education by October 1, 2019.

Based on the study committee's findings the Department of Education is authorized to use their appropriated funds and funds transferred from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to implement the plan for a comprehensive Denmark facility to serve the residents of Bamberg, Barnwell and Allendale counties on the current site of Denmark Technical College.