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REPORT OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL 0863

S.0863 -- Senators Grooms, Cromer, Martin, Bennett, Rankin, Tedder, Sutton and Matthews : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO THE STATE'S MISSION AND GOALS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE STATE TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CERTAIN DEGREES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF STATE FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE PROGRAMS.

Received by Ways and Means: April 2, 2026

Summary of Bill:

This bill amends Section 59-103-15 , by authorizing an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree. Programs must first be approved by the Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, then the Commission on Higher Education.

Estimated Revenue Impact:

Technical colleges who offer this program in the future will experience an unknown increase in Other Fund revenue, based on tuition and fees, associated with the new program offering. This additional revenue will be used for expenses related to the degree program.

Subcommittee Action/Explanation

The bill is reported favorably from the General Government legislative subcommittee.

Full Committee Action/Explanation

Other Notes/Comments:



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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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This fiscal impact statement is produced in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and House and Senate rules. The focus of the analysis is on governmental expenditure and revenue impacts and may not provide a comprehensive summary of the legislation.

Bill Number: S. 0863 Introduced on January 28, 2026
Subject: Culinary Arts Management Degree
Requestor: Senate Education
RFA Analyst(s): Tipton
Impact Date: March 10, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree within the state technical and comprehensive education system provided that the program is first approved by the Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (Tech Board) and then the Commission on Higher Education (CHE). The Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program is only allowed under the bill so long as new General Funds are not appropriated for the operations of the degree program.

This bill is expected to have a minimal expenditure impact on the Tech Board to establish the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program. However, any expenses incurred will be managed by existing institutional resources as well as future tuition and fee revenue generated by the degree program.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on CHE, as the agency indicates that it will manage the approval of the degree program with existing staff and resources.

This bill may result in an undetermined increase in Other Funds revenue for state technical colleges as a result of additional tuition and fees generated by the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree. The actual revenue increase will depend on tuition rates set and the number of students who enter the degree program and is currently unknown.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 28, 2026

State Expenditure

This bill authorizes an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management within the state technical and comprehensive education system provided that the program is first approved by the Tech Board and then CHE. The Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program is only allowed under the bill so long as new General Funds are not appropriated for the operations of the degree program.

The Tech Board anticipates a minimal expenditure impact to establish the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program and indicates that any expenses incurred will be

managed by existing institutional resources as well as future tuition and fee revenue generated by the degree program.

CHE indicates that the approval of the degree program will be managed with existing staff and resources will therefore have no expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

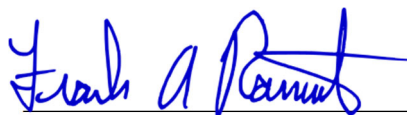
This bill will result in an undetermined increase in Other Funds revenue for state technical colleges from tuition and fees generated by the Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree program. The actual revenue increase will depend on tuition rates set by the Tech Board and the number of students who enter the degree program and is currently unknown. The Tech Board indicates that this revenue will be used for educational and administrative expenses related to the degree program.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

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S. 863

STATUS INFORMATION

General Bill

Sponsors: Senators Grooms, Cromer, Martin, Bennett, Rankin, Tedder, Sutton and Matthews

Companion/Similar bill(s): 5177

Document Path: SR-0511KM26.docx

Introduced in the Senate on January 28, 2026

Introduced in the House on April 2, 2026

Currently residing in the House Committee on **Ways and Means**

Summary: Culinary Arts Management Degree

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
1/28/2026	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)
1/28/2026	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 9)
1/28/2026		Scrivener's error corrected
3/25/2026	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Education (Senate Journal-page 9)
4/1/2026	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 45)
4/1/2026	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 45)
4/1/2026	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 45)
4/2/2026	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 9)
4/2/2026	House	Introduced and read first time
4/2/2026	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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5 March 25, 2026

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9 Introduced by Senators Grooms, Cromer, Martin, Bennett, Rankin, Tedder and Sutton

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12 Read the first time January 28, 2026

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16 **THE COMMITTEE ON SENATE EDUCATION**

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18 To whom was referred a Bill (S. 863) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending
19 Section 59-103-15, relating to the State's mission and goals for higher education, so as to provide for
an Applied, etc., respectfully

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REPORT:

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That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

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GREG HEMBREE for Committee.

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO THE STATE'S MISSION AND GOALS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE STATE TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CERTAIN DEGREES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF STATE FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59-103-15(B)(5)(e) and (f) of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

(e) continue to remain technical, vocational, or occupational colleges with a mission as stated in item (4) and primarily focused on technical education and the economic development of the State; ~~and~~

(f) subject to subsection (C), an Applied Baccalaureate in Advanced Manufacturing Technology degree approved first by the Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and then the Commission on Higher Education; and

(g) subject to subsection (C), an Applied Baccalaureate in Culinary Arts Management degree approved first by the Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and then the Commission on Higher Education.

SECTION 2. Section 59-103-15(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) Notwithstanding subsection (B), the degrees set forth in subsection (B)(3)(e), (f), (g), and (h), and subsection (B)(5)(f) and (g) are only allowed so long as new state general funds are not appropriated for the operations of the degree program.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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