

**HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2020-21
TO THE PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE**

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- 11.18 AMEND** (Suspend Governor’s Professor of the Year Award) Suspends the Governor’s Professor of the Year Award for FY 2019-20.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to “2020-21.”

11.18. (CHE: Suspend Governor’s Professor of the Year Award) The requirements of Section 59-104-220 of the 1976 Code pertaining to the Governor’s Professor of the Year Award shall be suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2019-20~~ 2020-21.

SECTION 15 - H150 - UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

- 15.icr ADD** (Institutional Capital Resources) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the university to use any institutional capital resources to make repairs to McAlister Hall. Direct that any recovery from ongoing litigation must first be used to repay allocations made from the university’s capital improvement fee for this renovation.

15.icr. (UOC: Institutional Capital Resources) In the current fiscal year, the University of Charleston may use any institutional capital resources necessary to make repairs to McAlister Hall. Any recovery from ongoing litigation must first be used to repay allocations made from the institution’s capital improvement fee for this renovation.

SECTION 19 - H240 - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 19.1 DELETE** (Enrollment Loan Forgiveness) Directs that references to full-time student enrollment at S.C. State University related to loan forgiveness to the state shall mean total headcount enrollment as determined by CHE.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

19.1. (SCSU: Enrollment Loan Forgiveness) ~~Any reference to full time student enrollment at South Carolina State University that is related to a loan forgiveness to the state, shall mean total headcount enrollment, as determined by the Commission on Higher Education.~~

SECTION 25 - H590 - STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

- 25.8 DELETE** (Tech Awareness and Education) Directs the state board to used \$500,000 to develop and implement a comprehensive awareness and education campaign to enhance the perception of technical education and opportunities it affords South Carolinians. Requires the state board to obtain a 2:1 private entity match before using these funds. Requires a report be submitted on the proposed expenditure of funds and outcome measures to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees by June 30th.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

25.8. (TEC: Tech Awareness and Education) ~~Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, \$500,000 shall be used to enhance the perception of technical education and the opportunities it can afford South Carolinians across the state. Prior to utilizing these funds for this purpose, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall be required to obtain a 2:1 private entity match. The funds shall be used to~~

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~~develop and implement a comprehensive awareness and education campaign. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall submit a report by June 30th of the current fiscal year to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. This report shall include information on the proposed expenditure of funds and outcome measures.~~

25.dtf **ADD** (Denmark Tech Fund Repurpose) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to redirect the expenditure of funds remaining from previous appropriations in Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 to Denmark Technical College for specific projects. Direct that these funds shall be used for campus renovations, improvements, and equipment for job skills training and authorize these funds to be carried forward and spent for the same purpose.

25.dtf. (TEC: Denmark Tech Fund Repurpose) Funds remaining of 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 shall be redirected to be used for campus renovations, improvements and equipment for job skills training. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.69 AMEND (Printed Report Requirements) Directs that for Fiscal Year 2019-20, certain state agencies and higher education institutions shall not be required to submit printed reports and shall only submit the reports electronically and waives the submission of certain reports. Authorizes DOT to combine their Annual Report and Mass Transit Report into their Annual Accountability Report.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references to “2020-21.”

117.69. (GP: Printed Report Requirements) (A) For Fiscal Year 2019-20, state supported institutions of higher learning shall not be required to submit printed reports mandated by Sections 2-47-40, 2-47-50, and 59-103-110 of the 1976 Code, and shall instead only submit the documents electronically.

Submission of the plans or reports required by Sections 59-101-350, 59-103-30, 59-103-45(4), and 59-103-160(D) shall be waived for the current fiscal year, except institutions of higher learning must continue to report student pass rates on professional examinations, and data elements otherwise required for the Commission on Higher Education Management Information System. The commission, in consultation with institutions, shall take further action to reduce data reporting burdens as possible.

(B) For Fiscal Year ~~2019-20~~ 2020-21, the Department of Agriculture shall not be required to submit printed reports mandated by Section 46-49-10 of the 1976 Code. The department shall provide these reports electronically and shall use any monetary savings for K5-12 agricultural education programs.

(C) For Fiscal Year ~~2019-20~~ 2020-21, the Department of Health and Human Services shall not be required to provide printed copies of the Medicaid Annual Report required pursuant to Section 44-6-80 of the 1976 Code and shall instead only submit the documents electronically.

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(D) For Fiscal Year ~~2019-20~~ 2020-21, the Department of Transportation shall not be required to submit printed reports or publications mandated by Sections 1-11-58, 2-47-55, and 58-17-1450 of the 1976 Code.

The Department of Transportation may combine their Annual Report and Mass Transit Report into their Annual Accountability Report.

117.140 DELETE (Higher Education Tuition Mitigation) States that specific recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher education to mitigate tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state undergraduate students. Requires institutions, in order to retain these funds, to certify to CHE by August 1, 2019 that, except for tuition increases due to required pension and state health plan increases, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2019-20 academic year. Directs CHE to develop a certification process and require any institution that is unable to provide the certification to remit their recurring allocation listed in this provision to the General Fund by September 1, 2019. Directs CHE, by October 1, 2019, to report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees and to EBO the institutions that did not meet the certification requirement and directs EBO to reduce the recurring appropriation for non-compliant institutions.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

117.140. (GP: Higher Education Tuition Mitigation) ~~The following recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher education to mitigate tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state undergraduate students:~~

(1) The Citadel	\$ 764,651;
(2) Clemson University	\$ 5,716,806;
(3) University of Charleston	\$ 2,659,523;
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$ 2,145,346;
(5) Francis Marion University	\$ 1,464,038;
(6) Lander University	\$ 1,200,335;
(7) South Carolina State University	\$ 919,875;
(8) University of South Carolina Columbia	\$ 8,313,496;
(9) University of South Carolina Aiken	\$ 1,262,954;
(10) University of South Carolina Upstate	\$ 2,498,567;
(11) University of South Carolina Beaufort	\$ 780,527;
(12) University of South Carolina Lancaster	\$ 649,998;
(13) University of South Carolina Salkehatchie	\$ 384,972;
(14) University of South Carolina Sumter	\$ 454,205;
(15) University of South Carolina Union	\$ 471,844;
(16) Winthrop University	\$ 1,958,372; and
(17) Medical University of South Carolina	\$ 4,523,265.

~~In order to retain the above appropriations, each institution of higher education listed above must certify to the Commission on Higher Education by August 1, 2019, that, excluding tuition increases due to pension increases required by the provisions of Sections 9-1-1085 and 9-11-225 of the 1976 Code and any state health plan increase, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2019-2020 academic year.~~

~~The Commission on Higher Education shall develop the process by which institutions provide the certification. Any institution unable to provide such certification to the commission shall remit their respective above recurring allocation to the General Fund by September 1, 2019.~~

~~By October 1, 2019, 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 tuition increase met the guidelines outlined in~~

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~~this provision. The Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.~~

- 117.tsc** **ADD** (Transfer Student Credits) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, in consultation with CHE and public institutions of higher learning, to develop policies by October 31, 2020, to guarantee students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Science degree from a public 2-year institution receive at least 60 transfer credits are given a junior status at the 4-year college or university. Direct that course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for awarding degrees still apply. Direct that the effective date for implementation is January 1, 2021.

117.tsc. (GP: Transfer Student Credits) The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education and the public institutions of higher learning, shall develop policies by October 31, 2020, to guarantee students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a public two-year institution of higher learning receive a minimum of sixty transfer credit hours at a public four-year college or university and shall be given a junior status at the college or university. Course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for awarding degrees shall still apply. Implementation of this provision shall be effective beginning January 1, 2021.

- 117.pip** **ADD** (Permanent Improvement Projects) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to exempt permanent improvement projects from the requirements of Section 2-47-50 [JBRC: ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY AUTHORITY; REVIEW OF PROPOSED REVISIONS; "PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" DEFINED] where the project cost is at least \$1,000,000 but not greater than \$5,000,000 at public research universities and not greater than \$2,000,000 at all other public institutions of higher learning. Direct that a project is not considered approved unless the institution's governing board has voted for approval in a public session. Require institutions provide a report of approved projects to the CHE Chairman, to JBRC, and to SFAA by September 30th.

117.pip. (GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) For the current fiscal year, permanent improvement projects, as defined in Title 2, Chapter 47 of the 1976 Code, where the cost is at least one million dollars but not greater than five million dollars for public research universities and not greater than two million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning, shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50, of the 1976 Code, except that a project shall not be considered approved without an institution's governing board having first voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this provision to the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by September 30th of the current fiscal year.