

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & OTHER TAXES SUBCOMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL 3410

H. 3410 Reps. Foster, Allison, Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO TRANSFER THE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED BY THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-59-170, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND SECTION 59-59-190, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, THE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-59-180 RELATING TO REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS.

Summary of Bill:

This bill transfers the regional education centers established by the Education and Economic Development Act to the Department of Commerce.

Introduced: 01/23/2013

Received by Ways and Means: 01/24/2013

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

None

Subcommittee Recommendation:

Favorable with amendment

Full Committee Recommendation:

Pending

Other Notes/Comments:

The subcommittee amendment deletes an obsolete section of the code dealing with the Education and Economic Development Council, which has completed its required duties and no longer exists.

HOUSE
AMENDMENT

THIS AMENDMENT
ADOPTED

BEESON/MORGAN
APRIL 15, 2013

CLERK OF THE HOUSE

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT,
AND OTHER TAXES SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSES THE
FOLLOWING AMENDMENT No. TO H. 3410
(COUNCIL\AGM\3410C002.AGM.AB13):

REFERENCE IS TO THE BILL AS INTRODUCED.

**AMEND THE BILL, AND IF AMENDED, BY
DELETING ALL AFTER THE ENACTING WORDS AND
INSERTING:**

**/SECTION 1. CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 OF THE
1976 CODE IS AMENDED BY ADDING:**

“ARTICLE 13

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS

SECTION 13-1-1810. THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL RELATING TO REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 59-59-170 AND 59-59-180 ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

SECTION 13-1-1820. (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL PROVIDE OVERSIGHT TO THE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS, WHICH ARE TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND SERVICES TO STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, EMPLOYERS, AND THE COMMUNITY AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THESE CENTERS ARE TO:

(1) PROVIDE SERVICES TO STUDENTS AND ADULTS FOR CAREER PLANNING, EMPLOYMENT

SEEKING, TRAINING, AND OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS;

(2)PROVIDE INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO EDUCATORS;

(3)PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 59, TITLE 59;

(4)PROVIDE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO EMPLOYERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS, CAREER ORIENTED LEARNING, AND TRAINING SERVICES;

(5)FACILITATE LOCAL CONNECTIONS AMONG BUSINESSES AND THOSE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION;

(6)WORK WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CREATE AND COORDINATE WORKFORCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND

(7) ENSURE EACH REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER HAS A CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR.

(C)(1) EACH REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTER SHALL HAVE A CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR TO COORDINATE CAREER ORIENTED LEARNING, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, AND POSTSECONDARY TRANSITIONING FOR THE SCHOOLS IN ITS REGION.

(2) A CAREER DEVELOPMENT FACILITATOR MUST BE CERTIFIED AND RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

(D) THE CENTERS SHALL PROVIDE DATA AND REPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS.

(E)(1) THE REGIONAL CENTERS MUST CONFORM TO THE GEOGRAPHIC CONFIGURATION OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS (LWIA) OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT. EACH REGIONAL CENTER SHALL HAVE AN ADVISORY BOARD COMPRISED OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD CHAIRPERSON, TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESIDENT, FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE, CAREER CENTER DIRECTOR OR SCHOOL DISTRICT CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COORDINATOR, PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE, AND BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADERS. APPOINTEES MUST RESIDE OR DO BUSINESS IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE CENTER. APPROPRIATE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS SHALL MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL CENTER BOARDS.

(2)THE REGIONAL CENTERS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE ONE-STOP SHOPS, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS, TECH PREP CONSORTIA, AND REGIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTERS.

SECTION 13-1-1840. THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE

STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN PLANNING AND PROMOTING THE CAREER INFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS AND PREPARATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION AND IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS BY:

(1)IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAREER ORIENTED LEARNING PROGRAMS;

(2)SERVING AS A CONTACT POINT FOR EMPLOYEES SEEKING CAREER INFORMATION AND TRAINING;

(3)PROVIDING LABOR MARKET INFORMATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUPPLY AND DEMAND;

(4)PROMOTING INCREASED CAREER AWARENESS AND CAREER COUNSELING THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF THE

**SOUTH CAROLINA OCCUPATIONAL
INFORMATION SYSTEM;**

**(5)COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL AGENCIES
AND BUSINESSES TO STIMULATE FUNDS; AND**

**(6)COOPERATING IN THE CREATION AND
COORDINATION OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS.”**

**SECTION 2. SECTION 59-59-190 OF THE 1976
CODE, AS ADDED BY ACT 88 OF 2005, IS AMENDED
TO READ:**

**“SECTION 59-59-190. (A) THE SOUTH
CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND
WORKFORCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND
COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND THE
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL
ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN
PLANNING AND PROMOTING THE CAREER
INFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS AND
PREPARATION PROGRAMS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS**

**~~CHAPTER AND IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS BY:~~**

**(1)IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CAREER-ORIENTED
LEARNING PROGRAMS;**

**(2)SERVING AS A CONTACT POINT FOR
EMPLOYEES SEEKING CAREER INFORMATION AND
TRAINING;**

**(3)PROVIDING LABOR MARKET
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SUPPLY AND DEMAND;**

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INFORMATION SYSTEM;**

**(5)COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL
AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES TO STIMULATE
FUNDS; AND**

**(6)COOPERATING IN THE CREATION AND
COORDINATION OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS.**

(B) THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL ASSIST IN PROVIDING A LINK BETWEEN EMPLOYERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND YOUTH SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.”

SECTION 3. SECTION 59-59-170 AND SECTION 59-59-180 OF THE 1976 CODE ARE REPEALED.

SECTION 4. THIS ACT TAKES EFFECT UPON APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR. /

**RENUMBER SECTIONS TO CONFORM.
AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM.**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3410**

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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
ANALYSTS: R.J. Stein, K. Earle Powell, Nicole Ford-Jennings, Rachael Fulmer
DATE: April 16, 2013 SBD: 2013217

AUTHOR: Representative Forrester PRIMARY CODE CITE: 13-1-1810
SUBJECT: Regional Education Centers

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3410 amends Chapter 1, Title 13 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 13 which transfers the powers and duties of the Education and Economic Development Coordinating Council relating to regional education centers (established under Sections 59-59-170 and -180) to the Department of Commerce. The Bill requires the Departments of Employment and Workforce, State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education, and the Commission on Higher Education to assist the Department of Commerce in planning and promoting the objectives of the Centers. The Bill provides guidelines for cooperation and guidelines for operating the Centers.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Commerce

The Department reports that this Bill would have no additional impact on the General Fund of the State since there is currently an appropriation at the State Department of Education for these centers. It is assumed that this funding will be transferred to the Department of Commerce.

State Department of Education

Commission on Higher Education

State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education

These Agencies indicate this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Department of Employment and Workforce

The Agency has been forwarded a copy of the Bill, but to date, has not submitted impact of the proposed Bill.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



Brenda Hart
Assistant Director, State Budget Division

South Carolina General Assembly
120th Session, 2013-2014

H. 3410

STATUS INFORMATION

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Forrester, Allison, Loftis, V.S. Moss, Cole and Tallon

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Introduced in the House on January 23, 2013

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

Summary: Regional Education Centers

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Date	Body	Action Description with journal page number
1/23/2013	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 41)
1/23/2013	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 41)

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TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO TRANSFER THE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED BY THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-59-170, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND SECTION 59-59-190, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, THE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-59-180 RELATING TO REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 13 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 13

Regional Education Centers

Section 13-1-1810. The powers and duties of the Education and Economic Development Coordinating Council relating to regional

1 education centers pursuant to Sections 59-59-170 and 59-59-180
2 are transferred to the Department of Commerce.

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4 Section 13-1-1820. (A) The Department of Commerce shall
5 provide oversight to the regional education centers, which are to
6 coordinate and facilitate the delivery of information, resources, and
7 services to students, educators, employers, and the community as
8 provided in this article.

9 (B) The primary responsibilities of these centers are to:

10 (1) provide services to students and adults for career
11 planning, employment seeking, training, and other support
12 functions;

13 (2) provide information, resources, and professional
14 development programs to educators;

15 (3) provide resources to school districts for compliance and
16 accountability pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Title 59;

17 (4) provide information and resources to employers
18 including, but not limited to, education partnerships, career
19 oriented learning, and training services;

20 (5) facilitate local connections among businesses and those
21 involved in education;

22 (6) work with school districts and institutions of higher
23 education to create and coordinate workforce education programs;
24 and

25 (7) ensure each regional education center has a career
26 development facilitator.

27 (C)(1) Each regional education center shall have a career
28 development facilitator to coordinate career oriented learning,
29 career development, and postsecondary transitioning for the
30 schools in its region.

31 (2) A career development facilitator must be certified and
32 recognized by the National Career Development Association.

33 (D) The centers shall provide data and reports that the
34 department requests.

35 (E)(1) The regional centers must conform to the geographic
36 configuration of the Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) of
37 the South Carolina Workforce Investment Act. Each regional
38 center shall have an advisory board comprised of a school district
39 superintendent, high school principal, local workforce investment
40 board chairperson, technical college president, four-year college or
41 university representative, career center director or school district
42 career and technology education coordinator, parent-teacher
43 organization representative, and business and civic leaders.

1 Appointees must reside or do business in the geographic area of
2 the center. Appropriate local legislative delegations shall make the
3 appointments to the regional center boards.

4 (2) The regional centers shall include, but not be limited to,
5 the one-stop shops, workforce investment boards, tech prep
6 consortia, and regional instructional technology centers.

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8 Section 13-1-1840. The South Carolina Department of
9 Employment and Workforce, in collaboration with the State Board
10 for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission
11 on Higher Education, shall assist the Department of Commerce in
12 planning and promoting the career information and employment
13 options and preparation programs provided for in this section and
14 in the establishment of the regional education centers by:

15 (1) identifying potential employers to participate in the career
16 oriented learning programs;

17 (2) serving as a contact point for employees seeking career
18 information and training;

19 (3) providing labor market information including, but not
20 limited to, supply and demand;

21 (4) promoting increased career awareness and career
22 counseling through the management and promotion of the South
23 Carolina Occupational Information System;

24 (5) collaborating with local agencies and businesses to
25 stimulate funds; and

26 (6) cooperating in the creation and coordination of workforce
27 education programs.”

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29 SECTION 2. Sections 59-59-170(B) of the 1976 Code, as added
30 by Act 88 of 2005, is amended to read:

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32 “(B) The ~~council~~ department shall:

33 (1) advise the Department of Education on the
34 implementation of this chapter;

35 (2) review accountability and performance measures for
36 implementation of this chapter;

37 (3) ~~designate and oversee the coordination and establishment~~
38 ~~of the regional centers established pursuant to Section 59-59-180.~~

39 (4) report annually by December first to the Governor, the
40 General Assembly, the State Board of Education, and other
41 appropriate governing boards on the progress, results, and
42 compliance with the provisions of this chapter and its ability to

1 provide a better prepared workforce and student success in
2 postsecondary education;

3 (54) make recommendations to the Department of Education
4 for the development and implementation of a communication and
5 marketing plan to promote statewide awareness of the provisions
6 of this chapter; and

7 (65) provide input to the State Board of Education and other
8 appropriate governing boards for the promulgation of regulations
9 to carry out the provisions of this chapter including, but not limited
10 to, enforcement procedures, which may include monitoring and
11 auditing functions, and addressing consequences for
12 noncompliance.”

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14 SECTION 3. Section 59-59-190 of the 1976 Code, as added by
15 Act 88 of 2005, is amended to read:

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17 “Section 59-59-190. (A) The South Carolina Department of
18 Employment and Workforce, in collaboration with the State Board
19 for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission
20 on Higher Education, shall assist the Department of Education, in
21 planning and promoting the career information and employment
22 options and preparation programs provided for in this chapter and
23 ~~in the establishment of the regional education centers~~ by:

24 (1) identifying potential employers to participate in the
25 career-oriented learning programs;

26 (2) serving as a contact point for employees seeking career
27 information and training;

28 (3) providing labor market information including, but not
29 limited to, supply and demand;

30 (4) promoting increased career awareness and career
31 counseling through the management and promotion of the South
32 Carolina Occupational Information System;

33 (5) collaborating with local agencies and businesses to
34 stimulate funds; and

35 (6) cooperating in the creation and coordination of
36 workforce education programs.

37 (B) The South Carolina Department of Employment and
38 Workforce shall assist in providing a link between employers in
39 South Carolina and youth seeking employment.”

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41 SECTION 4. Section 59-59-180 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

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1 SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.
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