

## Amendment # 11

REPRESENTATIVE(S) MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET - PAGE 9:

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - SECTION 11

Amend further:

11.of. (CHE: Other Funds Expenditure Authorization) State institutions of higher learning, including technical schools, shall not expend an amount of other funds in excess of the total authorized by this act and any amount approved by the Other Funds Oversight Committee. Each institution and school shall prepare a quarterly report, which includes quarterly and fiscal year-to-date other funds appropriations expenditure amounts, and provide the reports, no later than fifteen days after the end of the quarter, to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the Executive Budget Office, and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Upon a finding by the Executive Budget Office that an institution or school has breached its other fund authorization, the executive director shall send a letter notifying the ~~State Treasurer~~ **Comptroller General** as to the amount of unauthorized spending and the ~~State Treasurer shall withhold an equal amount from that institution or school's next available general fund appropriation transfer and remit it to the general fund~~ **Comptroller General shall reduce an equal amount from that institution or school's general fund appropriation.**

## AMENDMENT # 13

REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET - PAGE 11:

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Amend further:

11.rec. (CHE: Remit Endowed Chairs Commerce Awards Funds) ~~All monies set aside for the Centers of Excellence Matching Endowment that have not named a matching source of funds by July 1, 2015. The \$2,900,000 of the Endowed Chairs Program funds that have been set aside for "Commerce Awards" shall be remitted to the general fund by August 1, 2015.~~

## AMENDMENT # 14

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Amend further:

11.fpw. (CHE: 4% Waivers) When each institution of higher learning establishes the allotted amount of money to be used as a fee waiver, the formula to be used across the board shall be defined as "Total Waiver Allotment per Statute=Unduplicated headcount (full annual in-state geo tuition) x 4 percent." In order to qualify for a fee waiver a student must be in-state (based on geo-origin); must be an undergraduate; must be enrolled in at least 12 hours; and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average per semester. Formula calculation and award data must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education by October 1 of each year. When reporting data, the institution must identify all other financial awards the student is receiving as well as if the student is an athlete and how many semesters the student has received the waiver. If the information is not provided to the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, the commission must notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and those institutions shall have their general fund appropriations reduced by the total waiver allotment per the respective institution. **State technical schools shall be exempt from the requirements of this provision.**

## AMENDMENT # 15

REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET - PAGES 11-12:

### COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - SECTION 11

Amend further:

~~*11.ab. (CHE: Abatements) For tuition and fee purposes, public institutions of higher learning may adopt policies in addition to those in accordance with Section 59-112-10 et seq. of the 1976 Code and State Regulations 62-600 through 62-612 to waive some or all of the out-of-state tuition rates for those nonresident students who receive scholarship aid. Such waivers shall not exceed the total four percent fee waiver allotted amount.*~~

~~*Calculation of **waivers abatements** for out-of-state students must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education by October 1 each year. When reporting data, the institution must identify the geo-origin of the student, class of the student, all other financial awards the student is receiving as well as if the student is an athlete and how many semesters the student has received the waiver.*~~

~~*If the information is not provided to the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, the commission must notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and those institutions shall have their general fund appropriations reduced by the total waiver allotment per the respective institution.*~~

## AMENDMENT # 16

REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET - PAGE 12:

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - SECTION 11

Amend further:

11.cc. (CHE: Personal Finances Core Curriculum) Each institution of higher learning, **excluding technical schools**, shall offer a course designed for first-year students regarding personal finances which must be included in an institution's general education core curriculum. **State technical schools shall include information regarding personal finances in freshman orientation.**

## AMENDMENT # 18

REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET ON PAGES 12 & 13:

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION - SECTION 11

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*11.cpe. (CHE: Comprehensive **Academic** Program Evaluation) The Commission on Higher Education shall not grant a new **academic** program at an institution of higher learning until a comprehensive evaluation has been conducted on all the **academic** programs at that institution. The commission shall develop criteria to evaluate whether existing **academic** programs are essential and valuable to the institution and to the students enrolled in the institution. The commission shall submit the evaluation criteria to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.*

## AMENDMENT # 20

REPRESENTATIVE BINGHAM PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS PACKET, PAGE 24:

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA - SECTION 1A

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~~1A.48. (SDE-EIA: Technology Academy Pilot) For Fiscal Year 2014-15 2015-16 the Department of Education is directed to use available Modernize Vocational Equipment funds to continue to offer high schools across the state the opportunity to participate in offer an IT certification pilot project. The department must report by February 1, 2015 to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Education Committee shall maintain information on the number of high schools that participated in the pilot and the number of students participating in the program and earning certifications.~~

## AMENDMENT # 21

REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PACKET ON PAGE 14:

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - SECTION 14

Amend further

*14.ei. (CU: Electrical Infrastructure) Clemson University is directed to enter into negotiations with an appropriate entity or an electric cooperative to determine the feasibility for the purchase and operation of the main campus electrical infrastructure and maintenance associated with said infrastructure. A report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1, 2015 on the results of the negotiations.*



## Amendment #22

REPRESENTATIVE PITTS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROVISIO SUBCOMMITTEE PACKET, PAGES 3 - 4:

### COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE/SECTION 61

#### 61.IV SUBSTITUTE

**61.IV. (INDEF: Indigent Verification)** *The Commission on Indigent Defense is directed to review the Affidavit for Indigency and Application for Counsel and make recommendations to the General Assembly by January 5, 2016, on any additional requirements for applicants in order to verify their financial status; the supporting documentation that should be required of all applicants in order to verify their financial status; and the standards by which an application should be approved and counsel appointed accordingly. Additionally, the commission shall report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2015, on the number of applications accepted and rejected during Fiscal Year 2014-15.*