

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H\*4738 (Rat #0201, Act #0188 of 2026) General Bill, By Erickson and McGinnis

**Summary:** Commission on Higher Education

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATOR TRAINING, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE GOVERNOR'S TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP LOAN PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO REVISE DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-40, RELATING TO COLLEGE PARALLEL COURSES AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REMOVE RELATED BUDGETARY REVIEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-40, RELATING TO THE CONVERSION FROM THE QUARTER CALENDAR SYSTEM TO THE SEMESTER CALENDAR SYSTEM BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING 59-143-10, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ENDOWMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE SPECIFIC TIMES FOR RELEASING THE FUNDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-143-30, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR CERTAIN FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING INDEPENDENT COLLEGES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORMULA; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-380, RELATING TO THE GRIEVANCE AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION; BY REPEALING CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-230 RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE WITH ASSISTANCE BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-54-20 RELATING TO THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-340 RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR A CERTAIN INVESTMENT INITIATIVE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-360 RELATING TO CERTAIN REVENUE FROM TAX ON CATALOG SALES CREDITABLE TO MAIL ORDER SALES TAX FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-50 RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF PRIVATE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-120 RELATING TO THE ACCREDITATION AND CHARTERING OF CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-162 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-210 RELATING TO THE COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-230 RELATING TO THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-410 RELATING TO THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-420 RELATING TO CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND USES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-430 RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS FOR THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND TO BE MADE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-440 RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-105-60 RELATING TO THE MODEL SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY CREATED BY THE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-111-75 RELATING TO THE COLLEGE LOAN PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-121-15 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITADEL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-127-75 RELATING TO THE FELTON-LABORATORY SCHOOL AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-150-380 RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/16/25	House	Prefiled
12/16/25	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
01/13/26	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 72)
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03/25/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 6)
03/26/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 58)
03/26/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 58)
03/26/26	House	Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 62)
03/26/26	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 63)

<b>03/27/26</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 4)</b>
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<b>03/31/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 12)</b>
<b>04/21/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable Education (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>04/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 91)</b>
<b>04/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 91)</b>
<b>04/30/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 39)</b>
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<b>05/18/26</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
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