Session 113 - (1999-2000)

H*3649 (Rat #0453, Act #0001 of 2001) General Bill, By Tripp

Summary: Surplus, General Fund Revenue Appropriations for fiscal years 1999-2001; State Government, General Assembly, Acts Cited

A BILL TO APPROPRIATE SURPLUS AND OTHER GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2000, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF THESE FUNDS, TO REDUCE THE SALES AND USE TAX ON FOOD ITEMS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY BE PURCHASED WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD COUPONS, TO ESTABLISH A PILOT DRUG TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND PROVIDE FOR ITS OPERATION; TO AMEND ACT 1377 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND CONFORM THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL INDEBTEDNESS AMOUNT TO THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2-7-105 OF THE 1976 CODE DO NOT APPLY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 9, OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 SO AS TO ENACT THE TEACHER AND EMPLOYEE RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND PROVIDE FOR ITS OPERATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-1-1510 AND 9-1-1550, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SERVICE RETIREMENT UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO REDUCE FROM THIRTY TO TWENTY-EIGHT THE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE REQUIRED TO RETIRE AT ANY AGE WITHOUT PENALTY AND SPECIFY THAT SERVICE RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIRES AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-1-1515, AS AMENDED, AND 9-1-1770, AS AMENDED, AND 9-1-1850, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EARLY RETIREMENT OPTIONS, AND AMOUNTS DUE ESTATES OF DECEASED MEMBERS UNDER THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER WITH TWENTY-FIVE YEARS CREDITED SERVICE TO BUY SUFFICIENT CREDIT FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT APPLIES ONLY TO A MEMBER WHO TERMINATES BEFORE RETIREMENT AND MAKES BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PERIOD REQUIRED FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT, UPDATE THE BENEFIT ELECTION OPTION ON THE IN-SERVICE DEATH OF A MEMBER TO REFLECT OTHER CHANGES SINCE ORIGINAL ENACTMENT AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AND TO CONFORM THESE OPTIONS AND BENEFITS TO SERVICE RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS CREDITABLE SERVICE AT ANY AGE WITHOUT PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND TO SPECIFY THAT EARLY SERVICE RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIRES AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-1-1810 AND 9-11-310, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT AUTHORIZED FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATING THE ADJUSTMENT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE ANY ADJUSTMENT IN EXCESS OF THE RATE OF INFLATION, TO DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AND TO CONFORM IN BOTH SECTIONS REFERENCES TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX USED IN CALCULATING THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 9-1-1615, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE MONTH IN WHICH THE RETIREE DIES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-1770, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PRERETIREMENT AND POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCREASE INSURANCE PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF A DECEASED MEMBER UNDER THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-8-80, 9-9-80, AND 9-11-160, RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UNDER THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF A RETIRED MEMBER FOR THE MONTH IN WHICH THE RETIREE DIES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PRERETIREMENT AND POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCREASE INSURANCE PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF DECEASED MEMBERS UNDER THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS RETIRING IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2001 TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THEIR RETIREMENT TO THEIR EMPLOYERS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2000, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-149-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL AMOUNTS THEREOF, SO AS TO INCREASE FROM TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ATTENDING FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ATTENDING TWO-YEAR PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS,

INCLUDING STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGES MAY RECEIVE FROM A MAXIMUM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO THE COST OF TUITION FOR THIRTY CREDIT HOURS A YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE THESE INCREASES BEGIN WITH SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001; TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-470 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR EMPLOYER MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR MATCHING CONTRIBUTION, AND TO PROVIDE THOSE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 122, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COUNTY GRANTS FUND FOR ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION INITIATIVES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES APPROPRIATED TO THE GRANTS FUND, TO REQUIRE REGULAR EVALUATIONS OF PROJECTS RECEIVING MONIES FROM THE GRANTS FUND, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNTY GRANTS FUND PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-670, AS AMENDED, OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' AND OTHER AGENCIES' AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOSTER HOMES, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO REMEDIAL ACTION BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION IN THE INVESTIGATION OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INSTEAD OF THE OMBUDSMAN OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD WHERE THE CHILD IS IN THE CUSTODY OF, OR A RESIDENT OF, A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY OR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OR OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THESE MATTERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1A OF JOINT RESOLUTION 157 OF 1997, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A PILOT CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DIVERT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES TO AN ASSESSMENT TRACK RATHER THAN FOLLOWING NORMAL PROTOCOL WHEN CERTAIN MORE SERIOUS FORMS OF ALLEGED ABUSE OR NEGLECT ARE NOT PRESENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES IN THE PILOT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE NEWEST COUNTIES ADDED NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE EVALUATION; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-60, AS AMENDED, OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY AND ONE-HALF YEARS WITH FORTY YEARS SERVICE TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS WHILE CONTINUING TO SERVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER RECEIVING THESE BENEFITS MAKES NO FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OR ACCRUES SERVICE CREDIT IN THE SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ELECTION TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS IS IRREVOCABLE.-AMENDED TITLE

03/02/99	**House**	**Introduced and read first time HJ-31**
03/02/99	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Ways and Means HJ-32**
04/22/99	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means HJ-13**
04/28/99	**House**	**Amended HJ-30**
04/28/99	**House**	**Read second time HJ-32**
04/29/99	**House**	**Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-17**
05/04/99	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time SJ-9**
05/04/99	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-9**
05/03/00	**Senate**	**Recalled from Committee on Finance SJ-14**
05/17/00	**Senate**	**Amended SJ-29**
05/17/00	**Senate**	**Read second time SJ-29**
05/17/00	**Senate**	**Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-29**
05/25/00	**Senate**	**Amended SJ-49**
05/25/00	**Senate**	**Debate adjourned SJ-116**
06/01/00	**Senate**	**Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-76**
06/01/00	**House**	**Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-56**
06/01/00	**Senate**	**Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Sens. Land, Moore, Setzler SJ-22**
06/01/00	**House**	**Conference committee appointed Reps. Harrell, Kelley and Quinn HJ-65**

06/22/00	House	Free conference powers granted HJ-101
06/22/00	House	Free conference committee appointed Reps. Harrell, Quinn and Kelley HJ-102
06/22/00	Senate	Free conference powers granted
06/22/00	Senate	Free conference committee appointed Sens. Land, Moore, Setzler
06/22/00	Senate	Free conference report received and adopted
06/22/00	House	Free conference report received and adopted HJ-159
06/22/00	House	Roll call Yeas-65 Nays-28 HJ-205
06/22/00	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-215
06/22/00		Ratified R 453
11/21/00		Certain items vetoed by Governor
01/10/01	House	Vetoes sustained: 1 and 2
01/10/01	House	Debate adjourned on Veto 3 until Tuesday, January 16, 2001
01/16/01	House	Veto # 3 sustained HJ-17
01/16/01		Effective date except where otherwise stated this act take effect July 1, 2000
01/26/01		Copies available
02/15/01		Act No. 1