

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H 4755 General Bill, By Lucas, Allison, Trantham and Felder

Summary: Technical Colleges

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICIES REQUIRED OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE OPEN ADMISSIONS POLICY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH CERTAIN COMMON MINIMUM ADMISSIONS SCORES FOR ITS INSTITUTIONS, TO PROVIDE VARIATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE THAT INSTITUTIONS SHOULD GIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO MEET THESE MINIMUM SCORES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO THE CRITERIA FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO STRENGTHEN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS BY REQUIRING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CERTAIN ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS OR COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSEWORK DURING THEIR SENIOR YEARS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADJUST THE REQUIRED MINIMUM SCORES TO REFLECT ANY CHANGES IN THE SCORING RANGES OF THE SAT OR ACT, AND TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE 2019-2020 SENIOR CLASS FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-360, RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND TECHNICAL COLLEGES OR TWO-YEAR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS SEEKING CERTAIN BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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