**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑104‑63 SO AS TO ABOLISH THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO DEVOLVE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THIS STATE, EXCEPT FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, WHICH MUST BE DEVOLVED TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 104, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑104‑63. The State Commission on Higher Education, created pursuant to Section 59‑103‑10, is hereby abolished. Its powers and duties established by law are devolved to the individual college boards of trustees of this State, except for its powers and duties concerning scholarships and grants, which must be devolved to the office of the State Treasurer.”

SECTION 2. Savings realized by the abolition of the State Commission on Higher Education must be returned to the general fund or be used for classroom purposes as determined by the General Assembly in the annual appropriations act.

SECTION 3. Section 59‑103‑10 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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