**South Carolina General Assembly**

119th Session, 2011-2012

**A213, R243, H5051**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Limehouse, Barfield, Tribble, Sabb, Hosey, Southard, J.H. Neal, Crawford, Parker, Brantley, Neilson, Erickson, Clemmons, Hearn, Hardwick, Loftis, Murphy, Ryan, McCoy, Anderson, Butler Garrick, Whitmire, Williams, Sottile, Alexander, Allen, Bowen, Pinson, Brannon, Johnson, Huggins, Spires, Sellers, Agnew, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Bannister, Battle, Bedingfield, Bingham, Bowers, Branham, G.A. Brown, H.B. Brown, R.L. Brown, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb‑Hunter, Cole, Corbin, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Edge, Forrester, Frye, Funderburk, Gambrell, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Howard, Jefferson, King, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McEachern, McLeod, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Munnerlyn, J.M. Neal, Norman, Ott, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, J.E. Smith, J.R. Smith, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Toole, Vick, Weeks, Whipper, White and Willis

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Companion/Similar bill(s): 1323

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Introduced in the Senate on May 1, 2012

Last Amended on May 29, 2012

Passed by the General Assembly on May 31, 2012

Governor's Action: June 7, 2012, Signed

Summary: Higher Education mission and goals

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

3/21/2012 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 61](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-21-12.docx))

3/21/2012 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 61](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-21-12.docx))

3/29/2012 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-29-12.docx))

4/24/2012 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Bedingfield, Owens, Clemmons, Barfield, RL Smith, Skelton, RL Brown, Whipper, Hosey, Limehouse, Putnam, Hixon, Thayer, Bowen, GR Smith, Dillard, Allen, Merrill, Sellers Sabb, Allison, Tallon, Brantley, Herbkersman, Patrick, Brannon ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-24-12.docx))

4/25/2012 House Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Stavrinakis

4/25/2012 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-25-12.docx))

4/25/2012 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-25-12.docx))

4/25/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑80 Nays‑25 ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-25-12.docx))

4/26/2012 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 75](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-26-12.docx))

5/1/2012 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-01-12.docx))

5/1/2012 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-01-12.docx))

5/16/2012 Senate Polled out of committee **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-16-12.docx))

5/16/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-16-12.docx))

5/22/2012 Senate Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

5/22/2012 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

5/22/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑36 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-22-12.docx))

5/23/2012 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-23-12.docx))

5/29/2012 House Senate amendment amended ([House Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-29-12.docx))

5/29/2012 House Returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-29-12.docx))

5/29/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑105 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\05-29-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 96](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑36 Nays‑3 ([Senate Journal‑page 69](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

6/5/2012 Ratified R 243

6/7/2012 Signed By Governor

6/18/2012 Effective date 06/07/12

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59‑103‑15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION MISSION AND GOALS FOR ALL PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO ALLOW A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, TO OFFER A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN MARINE SCIENCE.**

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

**Four year higher education institutions may offer doctorate in Marine Science with approval of Commission on Higher Education**

SECTION 1. Section 59‑103‑15(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) The General Assembly has determined that the primary mission or focus for each type of institution of higher learning or other post‑secondary school in this State is as follows:

(1) Research institutions

(a) college‑level baccalaureate education, master’s, professional, and doctor of philosophy degrees which lead to continued education or employment;

(b) research through the use of government, corporate, nonprofit‑organization grants, or state resources, or both;

(c) public service to the State and the local community;

(2) Four‑year colleges and universities

(a) college‑level baccalaureate education and selected master’s degrees which lead to employment or continued education, or both, except for doctoral degrees currently being offered;

(b) doctoral degree in Marine Science approved by the Commission on Higher Education;

(c) limited and specialized research;

(d) public service to the State and the local community;

(3) Two‑year institutions ‑ branches of the University of South Carolina

(a) college‑level pre‑baccalaureate education necessary to confer associates’ degrees which lead to continued education at a four‑year or research institution;

(b) public service to the State and the local community;

(4) State technical and comprehensive education system

(a) all post‑secondary vocational, technical, and occupational diploma and associate degree programs leading directly to employment or maintenance of employment and associate degree programs which enable students to gain access to other post‑secondary education;

(b) up‑to‑date and appropriate occupational and technical training for adults;

(c) special school programs that provide training for prospective employees for prospective and existing industry in order to enhance the economic development of South Carolina;

(d) public service to the State and the local community;

(e) continue to remain technical, vocational, or occupational colleges with a mission as stated in item (4) and primarily focused on technical education and the economic development of the State.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 5th day of June, 2012.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2012.

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