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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: H. 3534  
 Author: Cobb-Hunter  
 Requestor: House Education and Public Works  
 Date: March 18, 2015  
 Subject: Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program  
 RFA Analyst(s): Fulmer and Kincaid

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

The Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) is a lottery-funded program. Funds made available for this program are divided equally among the eligible institutions. This bill would have no expenditure impact to the General Fund, Federal Funds, and Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

The bill expands the South Carolina Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) to include an institution that offers at least one non-sectarian program at the baccalaureate level. The bill would also include an institution accredited by an organization that is recognized by the United States Department of Education provided that the institution also receives Title III funding.

Section 2-77-20 requires that HEEEP be funded by appropriations from the Education Lottery Account in an amount provided by the General Assembly. Funds made available by the General Assembly are allocated equally among the eligible institutions. Currently, there are eight institutions eligible for HEEEP: Allen, Benedict, Claflin, Columbia College, Converse, Morris, SC State, and Voorhees. The Commission on Higher Education is aware of only one other institution located in South Carolina that would meet the new eligibility requirements, Clinton College.

**The Commission on Higher Education.** The Commission is responsible for administering the Higher Education Enhancement Program and expects that this bill would not cause any additional expenditure.

**State Revenue**

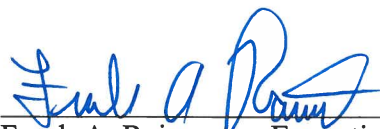
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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