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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 26, 2015

**S. 261**

Introduced by Senator Thurmond

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Read the first time January 13, 2015.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 261) to amend Section 59‑111‑320 of the 1976 Code, relating to persons age sixty and over attending classes at state‑supported colleges, universities, and technical schools, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JOHN E. COURSON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact to the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

The bill amends Section 59-111-320 by deleting language that requires persons sixty and over receiving compensation as full-time employees to pay tuition while attending classes at state-supported colleges, universities, and technical schools.

**Commission on Higher Education (CHE).**

The proposed legislation offers a benefit to persons sixty and over only if space is available. Based on this permissive nature of the statute, CHE reports that public institutions expect no additional cost to the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑111‑320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERSONS AGE SIXTY AND OVER ATTENDING CLASSES AT STATE‑SUPPORTED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THESE PERSONS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AS FULL‑TIME EMPLOYEES MUST PAY TUITION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑111‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑111‑320. State‑supported colleges and universities, and institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, are authorized to permit legal residents of South Carolina who have attained the age of sixty to attend classes for credit or noncredit purposes on a space available basis without the required payment of tuition, if these persons meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the college, university, or institution~~, and if these persons do not receive compensation as full‑time employees~~.”

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

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