**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑101‑440 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING RECEIVES LODGING OR MEALS REIMBURSEMENTS IN EXCESS OF CERTAIN LIMITS, THEN THE STATE TREASURER SHALL WITHHOLD THE AMOUNT OF THE EXCESS FROM THE INSTITUTION’S GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 101, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑101‑440. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a member of the governing board of a public institution of higher learning, as defined in Section 59‑103‑5, receives lodging or meals reimbursements, from whatever source, in excess of the limits set forth for such board members in the annual general appropriations act, then the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the Comptroller General, shall withhold the amount of the excess from the institution’s general fund appropriation.”

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

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