**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-600(A) AND (B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY DEVOLUTION OF POWERS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS VESTED IN THE DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, TO EXTEND THE DEVOLUTION TO JANUARY 1, 2019 FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2018 AND TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 59-53-600 IS REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59-53-600(A) and (B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59-53-600. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, during the time period beginning May 1, 2017, and ending ~~November 1, 2018~~ January 1, 2019, all powers, duties, and obligations vested in the Denmark Technical College Area Commission, as provided in this article, are devolved upon and become the powers, duties, and obligations of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. The state board shall consult with and receive input from the Denmark Technical College Area Commission. On ~~November 1, 2018~~ January 1, 2019, all powers, duties, and obligations vested in the State Board pursuant to this section shall revert back to the Denmark Technical College Area Commission.

(B) During the ~~eighteen-month~~ twenty-month period beginning on May 1, 2017, the state board shall provide quarterly status reports to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee concerning its activities in relation to Denmark Technical College, its operations, financial standing, recruitment and retention of students, actions taken to stabilize the college, and any other matters the state board deems relevant.”

SECTION 2. Section 59-53-600 of the 1976 Code is repealed January 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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