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**A175, R176, S888**

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/6/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20211206.docx))

12/6/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20211206.docx))

3/15/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20220315.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

3/22/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\sj\20220322.docx))

3/29/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\hj\20220329.docx))

3/29/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 36](file:///h:\hj\20220329.docx))

4/27/2022 House Recalled from Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 30](file:///h:\hj\20220427.docx))

5/3/2022 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  White, Hayes, West, Thayer, Wheeler, Hardee, Whitmire, Yow, Finlay, Hixon, Carter, Hiott, DC Moss, McCabe, May, Dabney, Nutt, Magnuson, McDaniel, R Williams ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/10/2022 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 611](file:///h:\hj\20220510.docx))

5/11/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 93](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑106 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 93](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 108](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Ratified R 176 ([Senate Journal‑page 208](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/16/2022 Signed By Governor

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(A175, R176, S888)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑11‑40 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR CONTRACTORS LICENSES VOLUNTARILY MAY MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE APPLIED TO ACCREDITED PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OFFERING DEGREES IN CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE, BUILDING SCIENCE, OR CIVIL ENGINEERING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND TO IMPOSE CERTAIN RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON INSTITUTIONS RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THESE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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

**Voluntary contributions with licensee applications, uses, reporting requirements**

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑11‑40. (A)(1) An applicant for a new, reinstatement, or renewal contractor’s license must be given an opportunity in writing to make a voluntary contribution to be distributed to an accredited public institution of higher learning offering degrees in construction science, building science, or civil engineering. The applicant may designate a specific accredited institution to receive the contribution. Undesignated contributions shall be distributed to accredited institutions in a pro rata manner based on the number of full‑time equivalent students enrolled in each program at each institution. Any voluntary contribution must be added to the contractor’s license fee and must be transferred to the State Treasurer and credited to the appropriate institution.

(2) By June first of each year, the State Commission on Higher Education shall provide to the department a list of accredited public institutions of higher learning offering degrees in construction science, building science, or civil engineering, and include in the annual report the number of students enrolled in each of these programs for the prior academic year.

(B)(1) Each institution receiving funds pursuant to this section shall utilize the funds to provide or enhance programs related to building science or civil engineering, which shall include, but is not limited to, scholarships, fellowships, research, faculty development, and continuing education programs.

(2) Each institution receiving funds pursuant to this section shall provide an annual report to the department by January thirty‑first disclosing the amount of funds received during the prior fiscal year and an accounting of how the funds were utilized.

(C) The department shall retain five percent of the amount to be distributed for administrative expenses associated with the collection and distribution of funds.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect sixty days after approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2022.

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