**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NEED‑BASED GRANTS PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5054, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Commission on Higher Education, relating to South Carolina Need‑based Grants Program, designated as Regulation Document Number 5054, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education proposes the following revisions to Chapter 62 regulation, R.62‑450 through 62‑505, South Carolina Need‑based Grants Program. The proposed regulation increases the maximum funding amount that full‑time students may receive in a South Carolina Need‑based Grant by $1,000 and by $500 for part‑time students. In addition, the proposed regulation provides the institutions the ability to award and disburse SC Need‑based Grant for up to three terms a year, rather than two, within the maximum annual funding amount to eligible students. The regulation also allows students to receive up to a maximum award amount over the course of their studies, rather than limiting award eligibility to a number of semesters.

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