**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑149‑17 SO AS TO PROVIDE RESIDENT STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AT LEAST ONE UNDERGRADUATE YEAR SHALL RECEIVE ONE ADDITIONAL STIPEND WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER GRADUATING FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN CERTAIN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE MULTIPLE MAJORS IN THE THESE FIELDS MAY NOT RECEIVE MULTIPLE STIPENDS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 149, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑149‑17. (A) A resident student who receives a LIFE Scholarship for at least one year of his undergraduate career shall receive one additional LIFE Scholarship stipend of seven thousand five hundred dollars within ninety days after graduating from a public or private institution of higher learning in this State with a baccalaureate degree and an undergraduate major in:

(1) early childhood education;

(2) elementary education;

(3) middle level education;

(4) secondary education;

(5) art education;

(6) dance education;

(7) music education;

(8) foreign language education;

(9) physical education; or

(10) special education.

(B) A student who completes multiple majors enumerated in subsection (A)(1) through (9) may not receive multiple stipends under the provisions of subsection (A).”

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act take effect July 1, 2022.

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