**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑112‑110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE AIKEN CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO OFFER IN‑STATE TUITION TO STUDENTS WHOSE LEGAL RESIDENCE IS IN CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, SO AS TO PROVIDE FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY MAY OFFER IN‑STATE TUITION TO STUDENTS WHOSE LEGAL RESIDENCE IS IN CERTAIN BORDER COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑112‑110 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 59‑112‑110. (A) The University of South Carolina’s Aiken Campus and Aiken Technical College may offer in‑state tuition to a student whose legal residence is in the Richmond/Columbia County area of the State of Georgia as long as the Georgia Board of Regents continues its Georgia Tuition Program by which in‑state tuition is offered to students residing in the Aiken/Edgefield/McCormick County area of the State of South Carolina, or students residing in the Aiken/Edgefield County area of the State of South Carolina if the Georgia Board of Regents does not include McCormick County residents in its Georgia Tuition Program.

(B) Francis Marion University may offer in‑state tuition to a student whose legal residence is in one of the North Carolina border counties of Columbus, Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Moore, Hoke, Cumberland, Bladen, and Sampson as long as the State of North Carolina continues its NC Promise Tuition Plan. These students must meet the admission requirements set forth by the university to be eligible to receive in‑state tuition. Francis Marion University only may award in‑state tuition to two‑hundred and fifty eligible North Carolina students each academic year under the provisions of this subsection.”

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

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