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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 23, 2021

**S. 595**

Introduced by Senator Senn

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Read the first time February 23, 2021.

**THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 595) to amend Section 54-3-10(b) of the 1976 Code, relating to the creation and membership of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/SECTION 1. Section 54‑3‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 54-3-10. (A) There is created the South Carolina State Ports Authority. The governing body of the authority is a board of directors consisting of eleven members~~,~~: nine ~~voting~~ members appointed by the Governor as provided in Section 54‑3‑20, the Secretary of Transportation, ~~or his designee,~~ and the Secretary of Commerce~~, or his designee~~. The ~~voting~~ members shall be responsible for setting policies and direction for the authority so that the authority may achieve its mission. The powers and duties of the authority shall be exercised by the board. The board may delegate to one or more officers, agents, or employees such powers and duties as it determines are necessary and proper for the effective, efficient operation of the port.

(B) The Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce~~:~~

~~(1)~~ shall serve on the board, ex officio~~, as nonvoting members;~~ and

~~(2)~~ are ineligible for election as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, or any other office elected by the board~~; and~~

~~(3)~~ ~~may only attend meetings or portions of meetings open to the public. They are not permitted to attend executive session meetings~~.

SECTION 2. Section 54‑3‑60(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 54-3-60. (A) Each member of the board, except for the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce~~, or their designees,~~ must possess a four‑year baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(1) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face‑to‑face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(2) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(3) an institution of higher learning in this State chartered prior to 1962.”

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LAWRENCE K. GROOMS for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 54-3-10(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY, TO DELETE THE PROVISION PROHIBITING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS FROM ATTENDING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54-3-10(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) The Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce:

(1) shall serve on the board, ex officio, as nonvoting members; and

(2) are ineligible for election as chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, or any other office elected by the board~~; and~~

~~(3)~~ ~~may only attend meetings or portions of meetings open to the public~~. ~~They are not permitted to attend executive session meetings.~~”

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

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