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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/18/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 3)

 1/18/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** (Senate Journal‑page 3)

 2/14/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education** (Senate Journal‑page 10)

 2/21/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 2/21/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 2/21/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 25)

 2/22/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 10)

 2/27/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 32)

 2/27/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** (House Journal‑page 32)

 5/1/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works**

 5/7/2024 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Erickson, Hiott, Carter, Hixon, Guffey, B Newton, Sessions, MM Smith, BL Cox, West, Long (House Journal‑page 131)

 5/8/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 262)

 5/8/2024 House Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 263)

 5/9/2024 House Read third time and enrolled (House Journal‑page 88)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 194

 5/21/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/29/2024 Effective date 05/21/24

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(A191, R194, S974)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59‑104‑20, 59‑149‑10, AND 59‑150‑370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION” FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD not for profit INSTITUTIONs ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

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

Accredited institutions

SECTION 1. Section 59‑104‑20(F)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 (c) not for profit institutions accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges.

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SECTION 2. Section 59‑149‑10(B) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 (3) not for profit institutions accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges.

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SECTION 3. Section 59‑150‑370(B) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 (3) not for profit institutions accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges.

Time effective

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 21st day of May, 2024.

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