

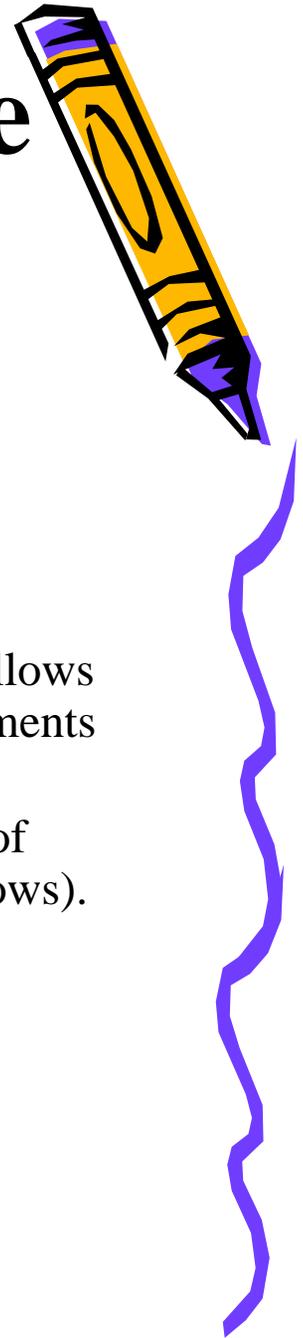
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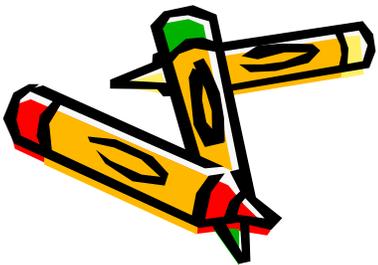
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- **Palmetto Fellows Scholarship**

- **Act 162 of 2005 (H. 3906)**

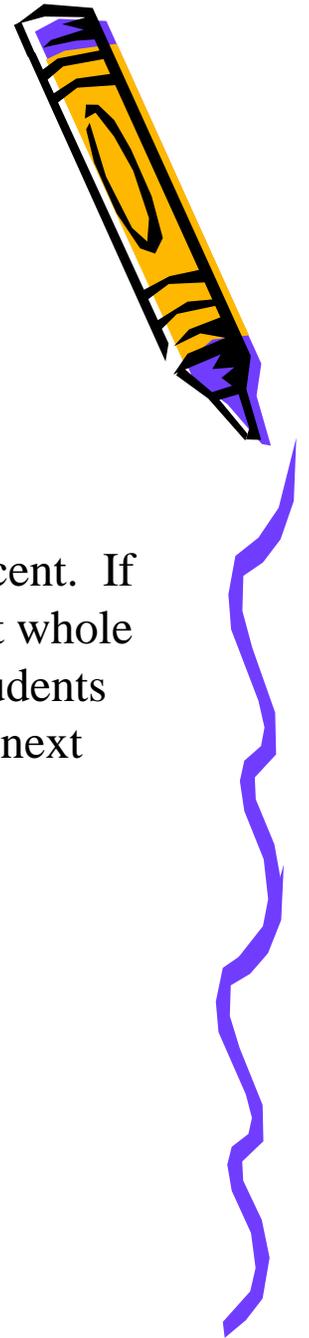
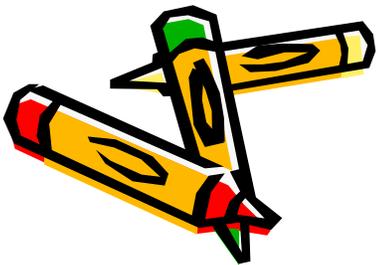
- Amends eligible institutions to include Bob Jones University
- Amends initial eligibility requirements:
 - Provides alternate criteria to qualify for Palmetto Fellows by removing rank and increasing SAT/GPA requirements (1400 SAT/32 ACT and 4.0 cumulative GPA)
 - Allows top six percent of class to be whole number of students when calculating percentage (Example follows).



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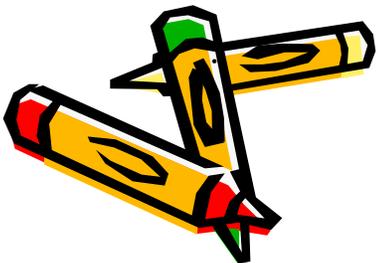
Example: Rank is calculated by multiplying the number in class by six percent. If the resulting percent is not a whole number, then round it up to the next whole number. For example, a class size of 175 students allows the top 11 students to be included in the top six percent. ($175 \times 6\% = 10.5$, rounded to the next whole number of 11)



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- **LIFE Scholarship**
Act 162 of 2005 (H. 3906)
 - Amends eligible institutions to include South University
 - Amends eligibility criteria:
 - Allows students to use grades from all institutions attended in GPA calculation for the LIFE Scholarship (See LIFE GPA Handout)
 - Grades can not include remedial, continuing education, or non-degree courses (See LIFE GPA Handout)
 - Allows military personnel and their dependents to be eligible for the LIFE Scholarship if they were residents of SC and if they paid SC income taxes during the majority of their years of service



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- **Lottery Tuition Assistance**

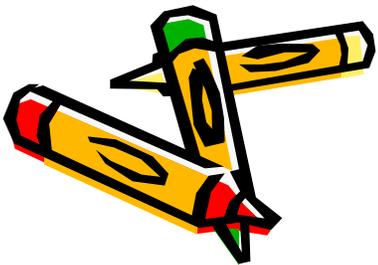
Act 48 of 2005 (H. 3392)

- Exempts certain students who do not qualify for Federal Financial Aid from filing the FASFA

- **General**

Act 95 of 2005 (S. 204)

- Allows visual and hearing impaired or multi-handicapped students to receive the Palmetto Fellows, HOPE, or LTAP funds to attend an out-of-state institution that specializes in the student's impairment



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