

CHE Legislative Report Update, June 10, 2013

(Bills referenced in the text are linked to the latest version of the bill available on www.scstatehouse.gov. Information reported is subject to change. The 2013 Session is the first year of the two-year continuing session. Legislation introduced that is not passed in 2013 retains its position as of the end of this session.)

On June 6, the General Assembly adjourned the 2013 Session at 5:00 pm under provisions of a sine die resolution, [S.744](#). Under the resolution, the General Assembly will reconvene noon on Tuesday, June 18 and meet until not later than Thursday, June 20. The resolution provides for business that may be conducted and limits action to consideration of gubernatorial vetoes, budget and related budget bills, sine die resolutions, appointments, congratulatory and the like resolutions, local legislation, conference reports provided the conference committee was appointed before 5:00 pm on June 6, and joint assembly for offices or vacancies elected by General Assembly.

Budget Update:

As of the end of the session on June 6, the Senate passed its budget recommendations (Appropriations Act, [H.3710](#), and Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) Bill, [H.3711](#)) and had returned the bills to the House. It is noted that the CRF was given third reading by the Senate during the last week of session and passed without amendments to the Senate Finance Committee bill.

Upon return of the bills to the House, the House amended the bills by reverting to their previously adopted provisions and making additional amendments. Included in the additional amendments was the adoption of a proviso to enable veterans and their dependents who establish the intent to domicile in South Carolina to receive in-state tuition without meeting the one-year physical presence requirement. A bill, [H.3086](#), relating to this provision had passed the House earlier in the session and remained under consideration of the Senate as the end of the regular session. For information concerning Senate recommendations for higher education and also an outline of key differences in the Senate and House budgets for higher education, see previous [May 30 CHE report](#) previous. For an earlier report on the House recommendations, see CHE report or [March 17](#).

Budget conferees were named by the last day of the session to work out the differences in the House and Senate versions of the Appropriations Act and CRF. The Senate conferees include Senators Hugh Leatherman, Harvey Peeler, and Nikki Setzler. The House conferees include Representatives Brian White, Gary Simrill and Mike Anthony. The committee met on Friday, June 7, and is scheduled to meet again on Friday, June 14 with the anticipation of resolving the differences in order to have a conference report available for consideration during the General Assembly's return on June 18. Once a conference report is adopted in each body, the budget bills must be ratified (signed by Senate Pro Tempore and House Speaker) and subsequently sent to the Governor for consideration. The Governor has five days, excepting Sundays, to consider the bills and issue any vetoes.

Update on Legislation:

A report on the status of bills of note for higher education was included in the [May 30 CHE report](#). The following changes as of this report are noted below. Once the budget has been finalized, a summary report will be provided on the 2013 session and legislation of interest for higher education.

- [S.417 – Military Service Occupation, Education, and Credentialing Act](#) was ratified on June 4 and signed into law by the Governor on June 7. This bill provides for consideration of the award of educational credit for students honorable discharged from the US Armed Forces and for the licensing of active duty military personnel and their spouses.
- [S.22, Department of Administration](#) remains under consideration in conference committee to resolve House and Senate differences. Conferees were named prior to sine die and include Representatives Lucas, Dellaney, and Ott and Senators Alexander, Sheheen and Massey.
- [H.3502](#), a bill concerning The Citadel Foundation and transfers was ratified on June 11 and is pending action of the Governor.