

## **Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education Week of Feb. 23-27, 2009**

### ***Budget Update:***

The budget adopted last week by the House Ways and Means Committee is expected to reach the House in the upcoming week and be debated by the House during the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Senate Finance budget subcommittees have begun holding agency budget hearings.

### ***In the House –***

Legislation, [H.3616](#), to create the York Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority was introduced and placed on the calendar without reference.

The Regulation Subcommittee of House Education and Public Works committee met on Wednesday and gave a favorable report to the Commission on Higher Education Regulations for the National Guard College Tuition Assistance Program ([Document # 3196](#)).

### ***In the Senate –***

[S.468](#), which is a companion bill of H.3616, was introduced to create the York Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority. S.468 was referred to Senate Education. A similar bill, [S.469](#), for Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College was also introduced and referred to Senate Education.

On Wednesday, Senate Education met. The Committee voted to recommend favorably to the Senate the Governor's appointment of Mr. Ken Wingate as chair of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education. The Education Committee also voted to recommend favorably several bills to the Senate for consideration including [S.19](#) relating to police and security departments of private colleges and [S.97](#) relating to changes to the Central Carolina Technical College Commission.

*\*\* Bill numbers are linked to the SC General Assembly page. The link should go to the most recent version of the bill.*

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