

## Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education

### Week of March 26 – March 30, 2007:

#### *In the House –*

On Tuesday, a subcommittee of House Ways and Means met and gave favorable report S.321 relating to statutes for licensing nonpublic postsecondary institutions and use of bond funds and exemption of seasonal/temporary recruitment activities and H.3495 relating to the technical college presidents salaries and the Agency Head Salary Commission. A bill, H.3793, was introduced to amend §59-149-10 relating to LIFE scholarships, so as to provide that a "public or independent institution" a student may attend to received a LIFE scholarship includes an institution that offers a doctorate of chiropractic degree program, was founded in 1973, is accredited by SACS and the Commission of Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic education, and is located in SC.

The House will be on furlough in the coming week and will return on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### *In the Senate –*

In the chamber, favorable committee reports for S.282 relating to the procurement code and S.459, the Jessica Horton Campus Crime Act were received.

Presentations to the Higher Education Budget Subcommittee of Senate Finance continued. The subcommittee heard from Francis Marion, SC State and Lander on Wednesday; and Coastal Carolina, College of Charleston and Winthrop on Thursday. Members of the subcommittee include Senator John Courson (Chair), Senator John Matthews, Senator Clementa Pinckney, and Senator Ronnie Cromer. Full Senate Finance announced that it will move its deliberations on subcommittee recommendations to the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Reminder: Additional information on legislation referenced above and other legislation relating to higher education is available on CHE's website at*

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