

## 2015 Prefiled Bills Relating to Higher Education

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The 2015 Legislative Session opens on January 13, 2015. This session is the first year of the two-year continuing session of the 121th South Carolina General Assembly.

Below are available bill summaries of prefiled legislation for the 2015 Session relating to higher education or that may be of interest for higher education. The listing is not intended to be complete and additional information may be accessed as indicated below on the General Assembly's website, [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov). The summaries provided are abstracts prepared by Legislative Council and are included at the beginning of each bill. Following each bill summary is the committee to which the bill has been referred.

Please note as a reminder legislation which was not passed during the end of the 2014 session does not carry over and must be reintroduced in the 2015 Session. Information on bills and summary reports will be posted regularly during the session on CHE's website. The direct link to these information postings is accessible from CHE's homepage or directly at <http://www.che.sc.gov/Home/CHELegislativeUpdates.aspx>.

**(Bolded and yellow highlighted text are hyperlinked)**

#### HOUSE PREFILED 2015 BILLS

On December 11 and 18, a total of 177 bills were prefiled in the House. The full listing for December 11 is available at [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15h1.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15h1.htm) and for December 18 at [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15h2.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15h2.htm).

The following relate directly to higher education (number highlighted in yellow) or may be of general interest for state agencies and institutions. The bills are listed in numerical order.

#### **HOUSE PREFILED DECEMBER 11, 2014**

**H. 3006** -- Reps. Atwater, Bedingfield, Allison, Bannister, Bingham, Brannon, Clemmons, Crosby, Daning, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Henderson, Herbkersman, Horne, Huggins, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, McCoy, Merrill, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Nanney, Newton, Putnam, Quinn, Sandifer, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Stringer, Tallon, Thayer, Whitmire and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-138 SO AS TO PROVIDE A REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW REGULATIONS IT PROMULGATES. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry*

**H. 3011** -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS ADJUSTS ITS FORECAST FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR AFTER THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GIVES THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, ANY INCREASE IN PROJECTED REVENUE ONLY MAY BE APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE NON-FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY FUND. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means*

**H. 3013** -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-35-3017 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES TO UNDERTAKE LIFE-CYCLE COST ANALYSIS FOR ALL PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO COST MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-3020, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE ALTERNATE INFRASTRUCTURE-TYPE BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means*

**H. 3027** -- Rep. Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-65-140 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT BY OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST OF EACH YEAR, EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DETAILING ITS FEDERAL RECEIPTS AND DEVELOPING A PLAN SHOULD ITS FEDERAL RECEIPTS BE REDUCED, TO REQUIRE THAT BY FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH OF EACH YEAR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MUST PLACE THE MOST RECENTLY RECEIVED REPORT ON THE AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means*

**H. 3037** -- Reps. Daning and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH VETERANS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION RATES, AND TO DEFINE RELATED TERMINOLOGY. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

**H. 3151** -- Rep. G. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUISITE STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND OTHER TEXTS REFLECTING THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND PUBLICLY-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MAY SATISFY THE INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENT OF THIS REQUIREMENT BY PROVIDING AND ASSIGNING CERTAIN RELATED READING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-130, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE SUBJECTS BE GIVEN FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-140, RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO ENFORCE THESE STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND PRESCRIBE SUITABLE TEXTS, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE FUNCTIONS, WITH RESPECT TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO THE COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

**H. 3170** -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE CERTAIN POST-SECONDARY VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THESE PROGRAMS TO THE BOARD AND TO EXPAND ITS JURISDICTION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND CERTAIN APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS AND ARE ALIGNED WITH WORKFORCE NEEDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-103-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS AND MISSIONS, AND SECTION 59-103-35, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT UNDERTAKE A NEW PROGRAM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-101-150 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A CONDITION TO UNDERTAKING A NEW PROGRAM. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

## **HOUSE PREFILED DECEMBER 18, 2014**

**H. 3184** -- Reps. Pope, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, TO CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SENATE, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE AND MANNER OF THEIR REMOVAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO VEST WITH THE COMMISSION THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS STAFF, AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THEIR STAFFS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, STAFF, AND CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OR THEIR STAFF PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND, AFTER INVESTIGATION, FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND THE SUPREME COURT FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-530 AND 8-13-540, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR EFFECT AND APPLICABILITY; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3185** -- Reps. Pope, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 16 ENTITLED "ETHICS, CRIMINAL PENALTIES" SO AS TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 8-13-100 AND 8-13-1300, TO MOVE CERTAIN LANGUAGE RELATING TO ETHICS VIOLATIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO CREATE SIMILAR OFFENSES CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 28 OF TITLE 16 WITH REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-780, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REMEDIES FOR BREACHES OF ETHICAL STANDARDS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, OR EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE REMEDIES FOR A BREACH OF CERTAIN ETHICAL STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES IN BREACH OF ETHIC STANDARDS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE LATE FILING OF OR FAILURE TO FILE A REQUIRED ETHICS REPORT OR STATEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES AFTER THE MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY HAS BEEN LEVIED; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1515 SO AS TO CREATE THE NEW OFFENSE OF WILFUL FAILURE TO FILE A REQUIRED STATEMENT OR REPORT IN AN EFFORT TO CONCEAL A VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS CHAPTER AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1525 SO AS TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE REMEDIES FOR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ETHICAL

STANDARDS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-705, 8-13-720, 8-13-725, 8-13-750, 8-13-755, AND 8-13-760 ALL RELATING TO ETHICS VIOLATIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3186** -- Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM AND REQUIRED CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3190** -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING EXEMPTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEIR IMMEDIATE STAFF, AND TO INSTEAD ONLY PROVIDE A LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR DRAFTS OF POTENTIAL ORDINANCES, LEGISLATION, AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATION, AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTAL DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OR HIS STAFF; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NEITHER OF THESE EXEMPTIONS LIMIT OR RESTRICT PUBLIC ACCESS TO SOURCE DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS, FACTUAL DATA OR SUMMARIES OF FACTUAL DATA, PAPERS, MINUTES, OR REPORTS OTHERWISE CONSIDERED TO BE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNDER THESE PROVISIONS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 3191** -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-665 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, FUNCTIONS, AND RELATED PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE, ITS HEARING OFFICERS, AND APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-30, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO INSPECT OR COPY PUBLIC RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE RECEIPT OF EXISTING ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS OF PUBLIC RECORDS, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH RELATED FEES AND CHARGES MAY BE ESTABLISHED AND COLLECTED, TO REDUCE THE TIME IN WHICH A PUBLIC BODY MUST RESPOND WITH NOTICE OF ITS FINAL DETERMINATION CONCERNING A RECORDS REQUEST FROM FIFTEEN TO TEN DAYS, TO PROVIDE TWO SETS OF TIME LIMITS WITHIN WHICH RECORDS SUBSEQUENTLY MUST BE FURNISHED OR MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING BASED ON WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS ARE LESS OR MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD, TO INCLUDE AMONG THOSE RECORDS THAT MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ALL DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC BODY OR ITS AGENT THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO OR REVIEWED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BODY DURING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PRECEDING SIX-MONTH PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MAY COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING CERTAIN RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BY MAKING THE RECORDS AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-100, RELATING TO REMEDIES AVAILABLE FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEARINGS BEFORE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW TO SEEK SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT, TO CHALLENGE THE REASONABLENESS OF FEES, AND TO SEEK RELIEF FROM UNDULY BURDENSOME, OVERLY BROAD, AND OTHERWISE IMPROPER REQUESTS TO PUBLIC BODIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-110, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AWARD OF DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY FEES. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 3192** -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ITEMS MAY BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 3198** -- Reps. Lucas, Delleney, Pope and Newton: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN BY CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC MEMBERS, AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO MUST RECUSE HIMSELF SHALL DO SO AT ANY TIME THE MATTER IS BEFORE THE BODY, A REGULAR OR STANDING SUBSET OF THE BODY, OR APPROPRIATE AGENCY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-745, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS AND CONTRACTING BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BUSINESSES WITH WHICH THEY ARE ASSOCIATED AND PROHIBITIONS ON REPRESENTATION OF CONTESTED CASES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN VOTING ON A MATTER AND THE REPRESENTATION FROM TWELVE MONTHS TO TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 3200** -- Reps. Cole, Finlay, Newton, Pope, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-756 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS, RESTRICTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED PROVISIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT BENEFITS THE INSTITUTION AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RETAINS SOME ROYALTY RIGHTS TO THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3201** -- Reps. Lucas, Pope and Delleney: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS AND ACTS PROHIBITED OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THOSE FUNCTIONS PAID FOR BY A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE INVITED. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3202** -- Reps. Funderburk, Cole, Finlay, Newton, Pope, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Felder, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3205** -- Rep. R. L. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-350, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STATE CONTENT STANDARDS, SO AS TO EXTEND BY ONE YEAR THE DATES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW STANDARDS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3209** -- Rep. R. L. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-395 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE SCHOOLS FROM PROCEEDS OF A DESIGNATED LOTTERY GAME AND TO NAME THE GAME "THE K-12 GAME". *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3214** -- Rep. Govan: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED PERSON SERVING ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND DELETE ARCHAIC REFERENCES. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3221** -- Rep. McEachern: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT VETERANS DAY MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS A HOLIDAY FOR ALL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE STATE. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3222** -- Rep. M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-495 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A MODEL DATING VIOLENCE POLICY TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN POLICIES FOR REPORTING AND RESPONDING TO DATING VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE POLICIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE REPORTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INFORM PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF THE POLICY AND TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH A COPY OF THE POLICY UPON REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT DO NOT PREVENT A VICTIM FROM SEEKING REDRESS UNDER OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LAWS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-477 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, WITH THE REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN GUIDELINES AND MATERIALS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CONCERNING DATING VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT A CURRICULUM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION ON DATING VIOLENCE FOR TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ONLINE CLASSES MAY BE USED AS PART OF THIS CURRICULUM, TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE CREDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN DATING VIOLENCE DEVELOPED USING THIS CURRICULUM ANNUALLY MUST BE COMPLETED BY TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATOR WHO HOLDS A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE MUST USE THESE CREDITS TO SATISFY CREDENTIAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-475, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR EDUCATORS, SO AS TO REVISE EXISTING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ONLINE CLASSES MAY BE USED AS PART OF THIS CURRICULUM, TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE CREDIT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE DEVELOPED USING THIS CURRICULUM ANNUALLY MUST BE COMPLETED BY TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATE STAFF, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATOR WHO HOLDS A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE MUST USE THESE CREDITS TO SATISFY CREDENTIAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3226** -- Rep. M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SECURITY TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ENSURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INFORMATION SECURITY CONTROLS OVER INFORMATION RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT STATE OPERATIONS AND ASSETS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SECURITY'S DIRECTOR IS THE CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OVERSEE AGENCY INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES AND PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE BINDING REGULATIONS REGARDING MINIMUM INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE STEPS EACH STATE AGENCY MUST TAKE REGARDING INFORMATION SECURITY, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDIT OF EACH AGENCY'S INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

OPERATION OF A CENTRAL INFORMATION SECURITY INCIDENT CENTER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SECURITY. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3227** -- Rep. W. J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, TO CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SENATE, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE AND MANNER OF THEIR REMOVAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE SHALL ADMINISTER, SUPERVISE AND IF NECESSARY, INVESTIGATE THE ETHICAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY LAW OR RULE ON MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHERS NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES, IMPOSED BY LAW ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC MEMBERS, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AND OTHERS BY THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE 2 AND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, AND IMPOSED BY LAW, RULE, AND THE CANNONS OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT ON JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM NOW ADMINISTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT THROUGH ITS COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUNISHMENT OR SANCTIONS, IF ANY, FOR VIOLATIONS SHALL REMAIN WITH THE ETHICS COMMITTEES OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, AND THE SUPREME COURT THROUGH ITS COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, RESPECTIVELY FOR THOSE PERSONS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURES, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE NECESSARY TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO CONFORM THEM TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, RELATING TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THESE COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO CONFORM THEM TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "CANDIDATE" AND "CONTRIBUTION"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-740, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO PERMIT SUCH REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED IN A MATTER THAT MAY BECOME A CONTESTED CASE, AS WELL AS A MATTER THAT IS A CONTESTED CASE BEFORE CERTAIN ENTITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-745, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THEIR ASSOCIATES AND CONTRACTING BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION PERTAINING TO PAID REPRESENTATION BY ASSOCIATES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO DELETE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST CONTRACTING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, MAY NOT TAKE A VOTE ON OR TAKE AN ACTION ON A MATTER IN WHICH HE, AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, OR A BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED HAS A KNOWN FINANCIAL INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-756 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS, RESTRICTIONS, OR CERTAIN FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED PROVISIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT BENEFITS THE INSTITUTION AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RETAINS SOME ROYALTY RIGHTS TO THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO

AMEND SECTION 8-13-780, RELATING TO REMEDIES FOR BREACHES OF ETHICAL STANDARDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ETHICS COMMISSION IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER REMEDIES, MAY IMPOSE A WRITTEN BUT NOT AN ORAL WARNING FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAW BUT NOT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM AND REQUIRED CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, CONTRIBUTORS, AND EXPENDITURES BY CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, IF REQUESTED BY THEIR APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE, TO PRODUCE CERTAIN REQUIRED RECORDS TO THE SUPERVISORY OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING CAMPAIGN REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TWO DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION, A CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORT MUST BE FILED SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND EXPENDITURES TO OR BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ENDING TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1312, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH CAMPAIGN EXPENSES MUST BE PAID; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1313 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PARTICULAR COMMITTEE REQUIRED TO FILE AND WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OR VALUE IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING A CALENDAR YEAR OR MAKES AN ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION MUST FILE A REPORT OF SUCH EXPENDITURE OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ELECTRONICALLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A CANDIDATE ACCEPTS A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO RETIRE A DEBT FROM A CAMPAIGN FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE, THE CONTRIBUTION MUST BE UTILIZED TO RETIRE THE DEBT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLYING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1338, RELATING TO PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT SOLICITATIONS BY THE HEAD OF ANY STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT WHO IS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE OR RESTRICTIONS ON INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AND EXCEPTIONS TO THESE PROVISIONS, INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THIS EXCEPTION FOR THOSE TYPES OF COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE AND EXPENDITURE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE OR EXPENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH AND PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CAMPAIGN FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED; AND TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS VIOLATIONS STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS ALL OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS RULES, DIRECTIVES, AND VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 17, TITLE 2, AND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND WHICH SPECIFIC ETHICS VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROVISIONS OF LAW SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED AS CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS AND WHICH SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED AS CIVIL VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE DATE BY WHICH THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 3228** -- Rep. Merrill: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-17-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE LOBBYING. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

**H. 3238** -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-102-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MAY RECEIVE REMUNERATION FOR THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF COMMERCIAL VENTURES AND FROM THE SALE OF MERCHANDISE OR MEMORABILIA USING HIS APPEARANCE AND BEARING HIS NAME AND IMAGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-102-150, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES OF THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2004, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3240** -- Rep. Robinson-Simpson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-385 SO AS TO PROVIDE A DESIGNATED LOTTERY GAME FROM WHICH PROCEEDS MUST BE USED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO FACILITATE ACCELERATED LEARNING FOR UNDERACHIEVING STUDENTS TO ELIMINATE DISPARITY IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, AND TO NAME THE GAME "THE BOOST LEARNING GAME". *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.*

**H. 3244** -- Rep. Robinson-Simpson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-365 SO AS TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS TO COVER THE COST OF ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, TO PROVIDE THE SCHOLARSHIP IN COMBINATION WITH ALL OTHER GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS MUST NOT EXCEED ACTUAL ATTENDANCE COSTS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION MUST PROMULGATE RELATED REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS MUST REPORT THEIR ENROLLMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA AS SOLICITED BY THE COMMISSION WHICH MAY AUDIT THESE INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLIANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.*

**H. 3249** -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 138 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEES OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF "CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS", DEFINED AS ALL TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THIS STATE INCLUDING TECHNICAL COLLEGES; TO PROVIDE THAT ON JULY 1, 2016, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 138, TITLE 59 ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-103-10 RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND SECTION 59-53-10 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

**H. 3255** -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A ZERO BASE BUDGET PROCESS BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.*

## SENATE PREFILED 2015 BILLS

On December 3 and 10, a total of 267 bills were prefiled in the Senate. The full listing for December 3 is available at [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15s1.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15s1.htm) and for December 10, [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121\\_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15s2.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/hpref15/pref15s2.htm).

The following relate directly to higher education (number highlighted in yellow) or may be of general interest for agencies and institutions. The bills are listed in numerical order.

### **SENATE PREFILED DECEMBER 3, 2014**

**S.1** -- Senators L. Martin, Peeler, Hayes, Campsen, Courson, Malloy and Fair: A BILL TO ENACT THE "2015 ETHICS REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM BEING ELECTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO PROHIBIT DIRECT OR INDIRECT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UNTIL THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE SENATE AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO LEVY A FEE ON A PERSON WHO COMMITTED AN ETHICS VIOLATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND HEARING; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF TITLE 8, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE BUSINESS DEALINGS DURING HOURS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS COMPENSATED FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MUST RECUSE HIMSELF; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-720 AND 8-13-725 BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755 TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FROM LOBBYING OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE OFFICIAL, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PARTICIPATED DURING HIS PUBLIC SERVICE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-775 TO PROVIDE WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDED OF A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1110 FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SALARIED MEMBERS OF A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECTORS OF A DIVISION, INSTITUTION, OR FACILITY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145 AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372 TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-365 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-

ELECTION REPORTS TO FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1328 TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CANDIDATE LOAN REPAYMENTS AS IT APPLIES TO THE CANDIDATE'S FAMILY MEMBERS; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1337, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, NOR PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES BASED UPON A CONTRIBUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1344 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON A CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY FROM OFFERING AN INCENTIVE TO ENDORSE A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348 TO PROHIBIT USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY PENALTIES FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1356 TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY WIDE, OR LESS THAN COUNTY WIDE OFFICE, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-1160, 8-13-1180; 8-13-1310, 8-13-1350, 8-13-1358, 8-13-1362, AND 8-13-1366; AND TO PROVIDE FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 2**-- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-43-167 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE LANE EXPANSION FUND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LANES ON EXISTING MAINLINE INTERSTATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE NON-TAX FUNDS TO THE FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PROJECTED TO BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FROM CERTAIN SALES, USE, AND CASUAL EXCISE TAXES DERIVED FROM THE SALE, USE, OR TITLING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND REGISTERED, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK SELECTS ELIGIBLE PROJECTS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 11**-- Senators L. Martin, Malloy, Peeler and Courson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-80, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC BODIES, TO REQUIRE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MUST PROVIDE AN AGENDA FOR ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND THAT ITEMS SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THAT AGENDA LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING, EXCEPT BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BODY. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 14**-- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS 8-13-100(5) AND (9) TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CANDIDATE" AND "CONTRIBUTION"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO LEVY AN ENFORCEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTIGATING AND HEARING OF A VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(g) REGARDING PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-320 AND 8-13-530 TO PROVIDE FOR ETHICS LAW EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTS FILED WITH THE STATE ETHICS

COMMISSION TO BE ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530 REGARDING DUTIES OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-535 TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540(3), RELATING TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING ETHICS LAWS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-740, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO FURTHER DELINEATE WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTESTED CASE WHEN REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PERMITTED; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145 AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372, TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302 TO PERMIT AN APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE TO REQUEST DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTION RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ELECTION REPORTS TO BE FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1312 TO REQUIRE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE EXPENSES TO BE PAID WITH A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD OR THROUGH ONLINE TRANSFER AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE OFFICER; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1338 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM SOLICITING CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES;  
*Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 43** -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 138 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEES OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 138, TITLE 59 ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-53-10 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND SECTION 59-103-10 RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 61** -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMIT ON STATE SPENDING IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(C), ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, TO IMPOSE AN ANNUAL LIMIT ON THE STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BY RESTRICTING ANY INCREASE TO A PERCENTAGE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS TEN COMPLETED STATE FISCAL YEARS; TO CREATE A SEPARATE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO WHICH MUST BE CREDITED ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL LIMIT; TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND; TO DEFINE EMERGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF THIS APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN EMERGENCIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS OF SURPLUS FUNDS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 62** -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-61, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR PENALTY IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND MUST ONLY DO SO BY SEPARATE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MUST NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR FEE BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 74** -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE "2015 ETHICS REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM BEING ELECTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO PROHIBIT DIRECT OR INDIRECT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UNTIL THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE SENATE AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO LEVY A FEE ON A PERSON WHO COMMITTED AN ETHICS VIOLATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND HEARING; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF TITLE 8, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE BUSINESS DEALINGS DURING HOURS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS COMPENSATED FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MUST RECUSE HIMSELF; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-720 AND 8-13-725 BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755 TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FROM LOBBYING OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE OFFICIAL, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PARTICIPATED DURING HIS PUBLIC SERVICE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-775 TO PROVIDE WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDED OF A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1110 FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SALARIED MEMBERS OF A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECTORS OF A DIVISION, INSTITUTION, OR FACILITY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145

AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372 TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-365 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ELECTION REPORTS TO FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1328 TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CANDIDATE LOAN REPAYMENTS AS IT APPLIES TO THE CANDIDATE'S FAMILY MEMBERS; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1337, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, NOR PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES BASED UPON A CONTRIBUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1344 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON A CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY FROM OFFERING AN INCENTIVE TO ENDORSE A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348 TO PROHIBIT USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY PENALTIES FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1356 TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY WIDE, OR LESS THAN COUNTY WIDE OFFICE, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-1160, 8-13-1180; 8-13-1310, 8-13-1350, 8-13-1358, 8-13-1362, AND 8-13-1366; AND TO PROVIDE FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 88** -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-420 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23, WHO IS A REGISTERED STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, OR FACULTY MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTION, MAY POSSESS A FIREARM ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY THE INSTITUTION, AND A PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION MAY POST A SIGN STATING "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE NOTICE TO A PERSON HOLDING A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 THAT CONCEALABLE WEAPONS NOT BE BROUGHT UPON THE PREMISES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 93** -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-138 TO PROVIDE THAT A REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, TO DELETE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW REGULATIONS IT PROMULGATES. **Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

**S. 97** - Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-15-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL

PERFORM AUDITS FOR STATE AGENCIES EVERY FIVE YEARS AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY OR PERSONS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 106** -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 36(B)(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, TO PROHIBIT FUNDS FROM BEING EXPENDED FOR OTHER NONRECURRING PURPOSES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 121** -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-605, TO PROVIDE FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION BASE STUDENT COST AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST BE FUNDED BY USING THE BASE STUDENT COST. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 132** -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, 1895, RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, TO ADD SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR FUNDING THE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF THIS STATE ON A UNIFORM AND NONDISCRIMINATORY PER PUPIL BASIS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 142** -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-221 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES ACCUMULATED IN A FISCAL YEAR IN EXCESS OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MAINLINE INTERSTATES AND STATE AND LOCAL ROADS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 171** -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING GENERALLY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5, TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL ANNUALLY AWARD STIPENDS TO STUDENT ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT AND MAINTAIN A GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF STIPENDS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING GENERALLY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL CREATE A STUDENT ATHLETE TRUST FUND AND FUND THE TRUST WITH A PERCENTAGE OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT GROSS REVENUE GENERATED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR EACH YEAR A STUDENT ATHLETE MAINTAINS GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND ON HIS BEHALF AND THE TOTAL TRUST FUND AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT ATHLETE; TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER FULFILLMENT OF ALL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND COMPLETION OF A STATE-APPROVED FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE, THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO EACH STUDENT ATHLETE IN THE FULL AMOUNT DEPOSITED IN THE FUND ON THEIR BEHALF, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF THE TRUST FUND PAYMENT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

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**S. 185** -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-77-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS AT LEAST ONE NONSECTARIAN PROGRAM AT THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL, AND TO INCLUDE AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ALSO RECEIVES TITLE III FUNDING. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 206** -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 9-4-60, SO AS TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC BENEFIT AUTHORITY TO DESIGN, IMPLEMENT, AND MAINTAIN A LONGEVITY PAY PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE COSTS OF THE PLAN BY A SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 208** -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-87, TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL STATE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AND THE REPORTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO BE IN A PROGRAMMATIC FORMAT BY PROVIDING A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF EACH SEPARATE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A STATE AGENCY AND PROVIDING THE ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE NARRATIVE, AND TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR AN AGENCY TO INCLUDE AN OVERALL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION BY BUDGET CATEGORY AND A SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH SEPARATE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY AND THE SPECIFIC SOURCE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE AGENCY. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 210** -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION OR ENFORCE ANY POLICY THAT DENIES A RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BASED ON THE RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S REQUIREMENT THAT ITS LEADERS OR MEMBERS ADHERE TO ITS SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 213** -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FROM GENERAL FUND REVENUES, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT NOT LESS THAN FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES MUST BE APPROPRIATED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN NOT LESS THAN THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE LATEST FISCAL YEAR OR THE AVERAGE OF THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE FIVE LATEST FISCAL YEARS, OR HIGHER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF ALLOCATION RATIO. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 230** -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY TO INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE IN THE STATE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OR OTHER ACTS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THAT ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEE OR FINE ONLY MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT SEPARATE FROM AN APPROPRIATIONS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MAY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE PROHIBITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THESE PROHIBITIONS ON JANUARY 15, 2016, UNLESS REAUTHORIZED BY LAW; TO ESTABLISH THE OTHER FUNDS STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AGENCY EARMARKED AND RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING FUNDS FROM ALL SOURCES RETAINED AND EXPENDED FOR AGENCY OPERATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2017, AFTER WHICH THE COMMITTEE TERMINATES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

**S. 261** -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-111-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERSONS AGE SIXTY AND OVER ATTENDING CLASSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION, TO DELETE THE

PROVISION THAT THESE PERSONS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES MUST PAY TUITION. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 263** -- Senator Thurmond: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE SENATE BY ADDING RULE 55, RELATING TO EARMARKS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION SURROUNDING EARMARKS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOR INCLUSION IN AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE FOR THIS DISCLOSURE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Rules.*

**S. 264** -- Senator Thurmond: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 32, RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT A BILL OR RESOLUTION COSPONSORED BY TWENTY-SEVEN OR MORE MEMBERS AT THE TIME OF INTRODUCTION IS CONSIDERED A CONSENSUS BILL AND MUST BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT REFERENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONSENSUS BILL MUST BE PRINTED ON THE CALENDAR FOR THREE STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE DAYS PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER CONTESTED CONSENSUS BILLS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Rules.*

**S. 267** -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE MANDATORY ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY, AND PROVIDE THAT IN ANY YEAR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FAILS TO GIVE THIRD READING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY MARCH FIRST, RATHER THAN MARCH THIRTY FIRST, THE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT IS EXTENDED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER MARCH FIRST, THAT THE HOUSE FAILS TO GIVE THE BILL THIRD READING. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*