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### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

#### **CHE Student Bill Of Rights Tackles Affordability, Access & Sustainability**

Members of South Carolina's Commission on Higher Education (CHE), led by Governor Henry McMaster and Chairman Tim Hofferth, recently adopted a working draft of a [Student Bill of Rights](#).

The Bill of Rights is a set of principles for reform that has started an important conversation across the state about how to make higher education more affordable and accessible for students and families.

Here's what people are saying about CHE's Student Bill of Rights:

#### **As S.C. Colleges Face Potential Fiscal Crisis...**

"For more than a year, the Higher Education Commission has been issuing dire warnings that South Carolina's 12 four-year colleges could see revenue shortfalls of up to \$500 million by 2026, a crisis comparable to the state's pension system." ([Robert Behre, Charleston Post and Courier, 5/8/2018](#))

#### **...CHE Student Bill Of Rights Addresses College Affordability, Access and Sustainability, According to State Rep. Bill Taylor**

Goal of the Student Bill of Rights is to "start a discussion on how to increase affordability, improve access and quality, as well as bring sustainability to the system." ([State Rep. Bill Taylor of Aiken, Guest Column, Aiken Standard, 5/13/2018](#))

#### **Governor McMaster Is A Fan Of The Student Bill Of Rights...**

"One fan of the Student Bill of Rights, however, is Gov. Henry McMaster." ([Paul Hyde, Greenville News, 5/10/2018](#))

#### **...And McMaster Applauds CHE For Addressing Skyrocketing Tuition Costs**

"Our state's colleges and universities provide a tremendous service to the people of South Carolina and are important economic drivers for our state, but in order for that progress to continue, we must do what we can to ensure that tuition costs are not unnecessarily prohibitive. I applaud the Commission on Higher Education's efforts in bringing these concerns to light and beginning the necessary discussion about how to best address them." ([Press Release, 5/7/2018](#))

#### **Reforms In Student Bill Of Rights Inspire Legislative Proposal And Expand The Discussion**

State Sen. Vince Sheheen's proposal "embodies many of the reforms favored by the Commission on Higher Education in its formal list of priorities, dubbed 'Student Bill of Rights,' which the commission approved last month." ([Lucas Daprile, The State, 5/7/2018](#))

For more information about the Student Bill of Rights, visit <https://www.che.sc.gov/> or email Katie Philpott at [kphilpott@che.sc.gov](mailto:kphilpott@che.sc.gov).

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