

2016 Prefiled Bills Relating to Higher Education (December 2015)

The 2016 Legislative Session opens on January 12, 2016. This session is the second year of the two-year continuing session of the 121st South Carolina General Assembly.

Below are available bill summaries of prefiled legislation for the 2016 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. 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 2015 session carries forward into 2016, retaining its positions as of the end of 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/LegislativeInformation/2016LegislativeUpdatesofinterestforHigherEducation.aspx>.

(Bolded and yellow highlighted text are hyperlinked)

HOUSE PREFILED 2016 BILLS

On December 3 and 10, a total of 199 bills were prefiled in the House. To access the full listing of House bills prefiled on December 2 and 10, see <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sessphp/prefil15.php>.

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 3, 2015

H. 4438 (Word version) -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL USE AT LEAST ONE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER THROUGHOUT ALL INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAMES IN WHICH THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES WITHIN THE STATE OR OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4459 (Word version) -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SECTION 59-149-10, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SECTION 59-150-370, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, ALL SO AS TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AVAILABLE UNDER THESE SCHOLARSHIPS BY TEN PERCENT. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.*

H. 4460 (Word version) -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-143-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ENDOWMENT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT MADE BY THE TUITION GRANTS COMMISSION. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4475 (Word version) -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY PROHIBIT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY THE WEARING OF PATRIOTIC CLOTHING OR DISPLAY ON CLOTHING OF PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PREVENTS A SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM PROHIBITING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY THE WEARING OF PATRIOTIC CLOTHING OR THE DISPLAY ON CLOTHING OF PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS WHEN COMBINED WITH POLITICAL, VULGAR, OR OTHER PROHIBITED STATEMENTS, IMAGES, OR SLOGANS AS BANNED BY SCHOOL POLICY. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4481 (Word version) -- Reps. M. S. McLeod and King: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DISTURBING SCHOOLS, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES TO PROVIDE A DELINEATED LIST OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH INVOLVE DISTURBING SCHOOLS, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISTURBING SCHOOLS OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Judiciary.*

H. 4501 (Word version) -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-380, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION BY CERTAIN ACCREDITED PROGRAMS. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.*

H. 4514 (Word version) -- Rep. Daning: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-112-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPENDENT CHILD WHO IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN MAY NOT BE DENIED CLASSIFICATION AS A DOMICILED RESIDENT WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES AND STATE-SPONSORED TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS BASED SOLELY ON HIS STATUS OF HIS PARENT AS A NONRESIDENT ALIEN, TO PROVIDE THE MANNER THROUGH WHICH THE STUDENT MAY ESTABLISH DOMICILE, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIRING OF THE ABSENCE OF INDICIA IN OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES BEFORE A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4515 (Word version) -- Rep. Daning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE TUITION FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO DIED IN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED AS THE SPOUSAL OR CHILDREN DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS TO RECEIVE CERTAIN UNUSED FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TRANSFERRED FROM VETERANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A THREE-YEAR POST-DISCHARGE ENROLLMENT TIME LIMIT. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4521 (Word version) -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL MAINTAIN REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SPECIFY INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS, TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ONLINE, AND SHALL FURNISH REPORTS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS BEFORE THE STUDENTS MAY BEGIN THE FORMAL PROCESS OF JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY, TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIAL COMPILATION OF THESE REPORTS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

HOUSE PREFILED DECEMBER 10, 2015

H. 4529 (Word version) -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION AND TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES HAVE ACCESS TO DEBT-FREE HIGHER EDUCATION AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE GROWING CRISIS OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND DEFAULT, PARTICULARLY AMONG LOW-INCOME STUDENTS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS DISPROPORTIONATELY BURDENED BY THE CRISIS. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.*

H. 4531 (Word version) -- Rep. Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-112-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AT LANCASTER AND WINTHROP UNIVERSITY MAY OFFER IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN ADJACENT COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA IF THAT STATE RECIPROCATES BY OFFERING IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF YORK COUNTY, CHESTER COUNTY, AND LANCASTER COUNTY. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4536 (Word version) -- Reps. Govan and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-65-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT IN SCHOOLS, SO AS TO INCREASE FROM SEVENTEEN TO EIGHTEEN THE AGE OF THE CHILD AT WHICH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN NO LONGER HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO CAUSE THE CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL. *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.*

H. 4574 (Word version) -- Rep. Spires: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CITATION, TO PROVIDE PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF ELECTROLOGY WITHOUT LICENSURE, TO CREATE THE ELECTROLOGY LICENSURE COMMITTEE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COSMETOLOGY BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ELECTROLOGIST AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ELECTROLOGY INSTRUCTOR, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF LICENSEES, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF A LICENSE AND SUBSEQUENT REINSTATEMENT, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-13-5, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO DESIGNATE EXISTING SECTIONS OF THE CHAPTER AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "COSMETOLOGISTS, NAIL TECHNICIANS, AND ESTHETICIANS"; AND TO REDESIGNATE THE CHAPTER AS "COSMETOLOGY AND MISCELLANEOUS RELATED OCCUPATIONS". *Prefiled and Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.*

SENATE PREFILED 2016 BILLS

On December 2 and 9, a total of 54 bills were prefiled in the Senate. To access the full listing of Senate bills prefiled on December 2 and 9, see <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sessphp/prefil15.php> . .

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 2, 2015

S. 909 (Word version) -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ERECTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR THE RENAMING OR REDEDICATION OF STRUCTURES, STREETS, PARKS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS ONLY SHALL APPLY TO PROPERTY UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION AND CONTROL AND DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*

S. 913 (Word version) -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-50 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE MOUNTED VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS IN THE LIST OF SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION THAT IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY APPLY FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT IF THERE IS CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF SPECIFIC HARM FROM THE RELEASE OF THE RECORDING. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

S. 926 (Word version) -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-370, TO MANDATE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR PEOPLE SEEKING TO BECOME TEACHERS FROM ANOTHER FIELD. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

S. 933 (Word version) -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310(B)(2) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE A TWO YEAR EXTENSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PETITIONS FOR A PERSON WHO IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND WHO PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR WAS DENIED GRADUATION SOLELY FOR FAILING TO MEET THE EXIT EXAM REQUIREMENTS. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

SENATE PREFILED DECEMBER 9, 2015

N/A. For a full listing of Senate December 9th prefiles, [Click Here](#).