

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education: Week of Feb. 8-12, 2016

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In the House

- The House Ways and Means Higher Education and Technical College Budget Subcommittee continued its meetings during the week and considered provisos for higher education. See attached for notes concerning the committee's recommendations which will next be advanced to the proviso subcommittee for consideration. For a copy of the Ways and Means schedule for consideration of the FY17 Budget, [Click Here](#).
- The full House Education & Public Works Committee met on Wednesday and considered several bills relating to K-12 that had been considered earlier in the day by the K-12 subcommittee. Bills considered and passed out favorably to the House with amendments included:
 - [H.4777](#) relating to standards for fiscal practices for K-12 schools, [H.4779](#) relating to the State Department of Education's Office of Transformation, [H.4780](#) relating to the creation of a committee to review all statutes pertaining to state education statutes, [H.4781](#) relating to re-establishment of the Education and Economic Development Act Coordinating Council, [H.4782](#) relating to a survey of students in teacher education programs to be conducted by the State Department of Education and CERRA in coordination with CHE, and [H.4783](#) relating to the adoption of the Profile of a Graduate to provide for goals for all South Carolina high school graduates.
 - The Committee voted to make these six bills Committee bills, and on Thursday, Committee bills ([H.4936](#), [H.4937](#), [H.4938](#), [H.4939](#), [H.4940](#), and [H.4941](#)) on the aforementioned subject matters were introduced and placed on the House Calendar without reference.
- Bills passed during the week and sent to the Senate included:
 - [H.4515](#) relating to SC resident tuition and fees for certain non-resident veterans and dependents (Introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Education)
 - [H.4639](#) relating to authority for CHE and higher education institutions to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for postsecondary distance education (Introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Education)
 - [H.3041](#) relating to a referendum to change the State Superintendent from an elected position to one appointed by the Governor (Introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary)
- Bills introduced in the House during the week:
 - [H.4864](#), requiring K-12 schools to be closed on Veterans' Day and to exempt public colleges and universities from this requirement.

In the Senate

- Re-appointments to the Commission on Higher Education were introduced and referred to Senate Education for consideration including: Allison Dean Love (Four-Year Representative), Louis B. Lynn (Public Research Institutions); Paul O. Batson III (Technical and Comprehensive Education); and Tim M. Hofferth (Initial Appointment and Re-Appointment, At-Large/Chair) (See [Senate Journal, Tuesday, Feb. 9](#))

For a listing and information on other bills of interest under consideration during the 2015-2016 Session, [CLICK HERE](#).

Attachment

FY 2016-17 RENUMBERED BASE PROVISO LIST (Select Provisos Excerpted)			
For copies of the text of FY 2015-16 Provisos, see http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/appropriations2015/tab15ndx.php			
FY 2015-16 ACT	FY 2016-17 BASE		Notes on Recommendations from W&M Higher Education Budget Subcommittee Meeting, 2/9/2016
SECTION 3	SECTION 3	LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (H660)	
3.1	3.1	Audit	Adopt/Update Fiscal Year
3.3	3.2	Election Day Sales	Adopt
3.6	3.3	FY 2015-16 Lottery Funding	Delete and to Reinsert & Conform to Funding
3.7	3.4	Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program Additions	Amend to add Clinton College
3.8	3.5	Transfer for Veteran Differential Reimbursement Fund	Delete
SECTION 11	SECTION 11	COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (H030)	
11.1	11.1	Contract for Services Program Fees	Adopt
11.3	11.2	African-American Loan Program	Adopt
11.4	11.3	GEAR-UP	Adopt
11.5	11.4	EPSCoR Committee Representation	Adopt
11.6	11.5	SREB Funds Exempt From Budget Cut	Adopt
11.7	11.6	Performance Improvement Pool Allocation	Adopt
11.8	11.7	Troop-to-Teachers	Adopt
11.9	11.8	Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth	Adopt
11.10	11.9	Tuition Age	Adopt
11.11	11.10	LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Enhancement Stipends	Adopt
11.12	11.11	SmartState	Delete
11.15	11.12	College Transition Need-Based Grants	Adopt
11.19	11.13	Scholarship Awards	Adopt
11.25	11.14	Other Funded FTE Revenue	Adopt
11.29	11.15	Abatements	Adopt
11.30	11.16	Outstanding Institutional Debt	Adopt
11.35	11.17	Transferability	Adopt with Date Amended for Continued Applicability
11.41	11.18	Technical College Study	Delete
11.42	11.19	College & University Out of State Veteran Tuition Differential Reimbursement Fund	Delete
Section 15	Section 15		
	ADD NEW	UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON (H15)	Adopted new proviso to enable funds made available in past for the School of Science and Math Grice Marine Biology Lab to be used for renovation for the School of Science and Math Rita L. Hollings Science Center.
SECTION 14	SECTION 14	CLEMSON UNIVERSITY (H120)	
14.2	14.1	Electrical Infrastructure	Delete
SECTION 19	SECTION 19	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY (H240)	
19.4	19.1	Loan Funds	Delete and Adopt new proviso to provide for loan repayment schedule and forgiveness
	ADD NEW	Related to Presidential Search	Adopted new proviso relating to presidential search
SECTION 20	SECTION 20	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (H450)	
20.1	20.1	Palmetto Poison Center	Adopt
20.2	20.2	School Improvement Council	Adopt
20.3	20.3	Child Abuse Medical Response Program	Adopt
20.5	20.4	Palmetto College - Operating	Delete
SECTION 23	SECTION 23	MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (H510)	
23.1	23.1	Rural Dentist Program	Adopt
23.2	23.2	Telemedicine	Under consideration of healthcare subcommittee
23.3	23.3	Rural Access Plan	Under consideration of healthcare subcommittee
SECTION 25	SECTION 25	STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION (H590)	
25.1	25.1	Training of New & Expanding Industry	Adopt
25.2	25.2	Training of New & Expanding Industry Carry Forward	Adopt
25.3	25.3	Training of New & Expanded Industry - Payments of Prior Year Expenditures	Adopt
25.4	25.4	MSSC	Adopt
25.5	25.5	Critical Statewide Workforce Needs	Adopt
25.6	25.6	Aeronautics Training Center	Adopt
SECTION 117	SECTION 117	GENERAL PROVISIONS (X900)	
117.8	117.8	State Institutions - Revenues & Income	Adopt
117.11	117.11	Fixed Student Fees	Adopt
117.12	117.12	Tech Educ. Colleges Student Activity Fees	Adopt
117.15	117.15	Allowance for Residences & Compensation Restrictions	Adopt
117.16	117.16	Universities & Colleges - Allowance for Presidents	Adopt
117.28	117.28	State Operated Day Care Facilities Fees	Adopt
117.42	117.42	Life and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships Waiver Exemption	Adopt
117.73	117.72	Printed Report Requirements	Did not consider (Under consideration of another subcommittee)
117.98	117.97	USC Greenville Medical School	Adopt/Amend Date
117.131	117.122	Energy Efficiency Repair and Related Maintenance	Delete
117.133	117.124	Capital Bond Study Committee	Delete

****Note: Information subject to change. Anticipated that the Ways and Means Proviso Committee will meet during the week of Feb 15th to consider recommendations from the various subcommittees. For information on Ways & Means Committee activities, see <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/housewaysandmeans.php>**