

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education Week of Jan. 12 – 16, 2009

The South Carolina General Assembly convened the first regular session of the 118th SC General Assembly on January 13, 2009. The 2009 Session runs through June 4, 2009.

NOTE: The document provides hyperlinked text (blue underlined font). Bills are linked to the SC General Assembly page. The link will provide the most recent version of the bill as posted at www.scstatehouse.gov.

Budget Update: On January 9th, Governor Sanford released his FY 2009-10 Executive Budget. A copy may be accessed at <http://www.scgovernor.com/news/releases/01-09-09.htm>. Additional details on the state's FY 2009-10 budget and the Governor's proposal are found at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/appropriations2009/gabxxxx.htm. Across all of higher education entities (CHE, SC Tuition Grants, State Technical Board, and Colleges and Universities), the Governor's proposed FY 2009-10 Budget Plan significantly reduces higher education funding by \$147.2 million or 22.4%. For the state's colleges and universities, the reductions vary, ranging from a low of 13.1% reductions to a high of 65.5%. These reductions would be on top of those experienced by colleges and universities in the current year. As of January 2009, our public colleges and universities have taken a 22.5% cut in state general funds – a drop of \$170 million from \$758 million in FY 2007-08 to \$589 in FY 2008-09. Details of his recommendations for higher education are found on pages 114-127. A summary review of the Governor's budget recommendations relating to higher education is available at http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/InfoCntr/Legisl/GovernorFY10_rvw%20012809.pdf.

The House Ways and Means Budget Subcommittees continued to meet during the week. The Ways and Means Subcommittee for Higher Education, Technical and Cultural Resources, whose members include Representatives Chip Limehouse (*Subcommittee Chair*), Jim Merrill, Denny Neilson, and Liston Barfield, held its first meeting on January 13th. The subcommittee heard testimony from CHE, Tuition Grants, and Winthrop University. A copy of the presentation made by Dr. Garrison Walters, CHE Executive Director, is available at http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/InfoCntr/Legisl/H03_W&MSubcommittee_BudgetHearing_011309.pdf. On Wednesday, the subcommittee heard from the University of South Carolina, The State Technical College System, and Lander University. Subcommittees of Ways and Means are expected to hear testimony from agencies over the next three weeks. The Ways and Means Proviso Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on February 3. The full Ways and Means Committee is expected to begin its deliberations during the week of February 9. The House is expected to take up the budget during the week of March 2.

In the House –

Prefiled legislation was introduced in the House and referred to committee. A listing of prefiled bills relating to higher education are found on the following pages. Additionally, [H.3250](#) to enact the 21st Century Scholars Program was introduced and referred to House Education and Public Works Committee. The House had previously held its organizational session on December 2 and 3, 2008, at which time Committee membership was determined. House Committees are found at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/housecommlst.html>.

In the Senate –

The Senate spent Tuesday in an organizational session. Committee members were announced and a listing can be found at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/senatecommlst.html>. Prefiled legislation was introduced in the Senate during the week and referred to committee. A listing of prefiled bills relating to higher education are found on the following pages.

Other –

Due to the Presidential Inauguration to be held on January 20, the Governor gave his 2009 State of the State Address to a joint session of the General Assembly on Wednesday. A copy of his address can be found at <http://www.scgovernor.com/news/releases/sos2009.htm>.

Reminder: The above report is not intended to be all inclusive. For additional information on legislation referenced above and other legislation relating to higher education, see CHE's website at <http://www.che.sc.gov/Home/CHELegislativeUpdates/LegislativeSession2009.aspx> . Detailed information on the 2009 Session of the General Assembly may be access at www.scstatehouse.gov or from links included on CHE's website.

2009 Prefiled Bills Relating to Higher Education

A report to the CHE, January 8, 2009

The 2009 Legislative Session opens next week on January 13, 2009. This session is the first year of the two-year continuing session of the 118th South Carolina General Assembly.

Below are available summaries of new legislation relating to higher education that have been prefiled in advance of the session. The summaries are abstracts prepared by Legislative Counsel and are included at the beginning of each bill. Following each bill summary is the committee to which the bill has been referred.

As a reminder, legislation which was not passed last session does not continue over. A number of the bills filed are bills from last year that have been introduced again. Information on bills and summary reports will be posted regularly during the session.

HOUSE BILLS

On December 9 and December 16, a total of 208 bills were prefiled in the House. The full listing is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/prefil09.htm>. The following relate to higher education:

[H. 3043](#) ([Word](#) version) -- 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 EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THOSE RELATED TO LOBBYING AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 3045](#) ([Word](#) version) -- 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 APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THOSE RELATED TO LOBBYING AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 3057](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Merrill: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-17-56 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH A LOBBYIST AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 3077](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Kirsh: 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 EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THOSE RELATED TO LOBBYING AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 3098](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2780, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FINES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE USED TO ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO TRAIN MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE FIELD OF TRAUMA MEDICINE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 3014](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. M. A. Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-620, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LICENSE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TAX ON CIGARETTES TO 1.85 CENTS A CIGARETTE, DEFINE "CIGARETTE", PROVIDE THAT NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS OF CIGARETTE LICENSE TAX REVENUES MUST BE APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR THE ALLIED HEALTHCARE INITIATIVE AND NOT LESS THAN TEN MILLION DOLLARS MUST BE APPROPRIATED TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE CRITICAL NEEDS NURSING INITIATIVE FUND AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BALANCE OF THE REVENUE MUST BE

APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY TO THE NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-110-35, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND (NESF) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS COVERING TUITION, FEES, AND BOOKS FOR INSTATE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TWO YEAR AND FOUR YEAR NURSING PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

[H. 3103](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Toole: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-43-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A STATE SPONSORED ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH HE RESIDES MAY TAKE THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXAM FREE OF CHARGE UPON MEETING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 3104](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. G. M. Smith and Brady: 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, 2009, 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 OF 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.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 3178](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Littlejohn: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-112-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE MAY OFFER IN-STATE TUITION TO A STUDENT WHO IS A LEGAL RESIDENT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY, POLK COUNTY, HENDERSON COUNTY, OR TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY AS LONG AS THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNING AUTHORITY OFFERS IN-STATE TUITION TO A STUDENT WHO IS A LEGAL RESIDENT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY OR GREENVILLE COUNTY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 3125](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 146, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOND ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 59-146-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND CONTINUING FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR FISCAL YEARS THEREAFTER, AN ADDITIONAL THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN SCHOOL FACILITIES BONDS MAY BE ISSUED OVER THIS FIVE YEAR PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE BONDS MUST BE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS BASED ON A FORMULA WHICH GIVES PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO DISTRICTS WITH HIGHER PERCENTAGES OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICED LUNCHESES, THE RELATIVE FINANCIAL ABILITY OF A DISTRICT TO FUND NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES OR IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES, AND REMAINING CAPACITY OF A DISTRICT TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS; AND TO AMEND TITLE 59, BY ADDING CHAPTER 75 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE ACT", TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS GOVERNANCE, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FINANCE SCHOOL FACILITIES; TO ALLOW STATE APPROPRIATIONS, GRANTS, LOAN REPAYMENTS, AND OTHER AVAILABLE AMOUNTS TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND OF THE AUTHORITY; TO AUTHORIZE LENDING TO AND BORROWING BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE AUTHORITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR ITS STATED PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SENATE BILLS

On December 10 and December 17, a total of 232 bills were prefiled in the Senate. The full listing is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/prefil09.htm>. The following relate to higher education:

[S. 19 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-116-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY POLICE/SECURITY DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN THEIR OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-116-10, 59-116-20, 59-116-30, 59-116-50, 59-116-60, 59-116-80, 59-116-100, AND 59-116-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND OPERATION OF CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "CAMPUS" AND "CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER", AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER", TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY OF A CONSTABLE AND SECURITY OFFICER, AND TO REVISE THE MARKINGS THAT MAY APPEAR ON A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER'S VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CAMPUS UNMARKED VEHICLES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-116-70, RELATING TO THE POSTING OF A BOND BY A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER BEFORE THE ASSUMPTION OF THEIR DUTIES.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 29 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-65-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD MUST ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL HE ATTAINS THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, OR RECEIVES A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA; TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "CHILD" FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRUANCY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-1030, RELATING TO PREHEARING INQUIRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE TITLES FOR TRUANCY PETITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-1420, RELATING TO DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSION AND RESTRICTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COURT SUSPENSION OR RESTRICTION OF A CHILD'S DRIVERS LICENSE UPON THE FINDING OF VIOLATION OF COURT TRUANCY ORDER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-1440, RELATING TO COMMITMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITMENT OF A CHILD WHO VIOLATES A COURT ORDER TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 36 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-74-20 AND 44-74-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BOTH RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS, SO AS TO ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-74-40, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST, SO AS TO ALSO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN INITIAL CERTIFICATION AS A RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT AND FOR LICENSURE AS A RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-74-60, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RADIATION QUALITY STANDARDS ASSOCIATION BOARD, ITS MEMBERS, POWERS, AND DUTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TWO RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MEMBERS ON THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ENUMERATED RADIOLOGIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

[S. 43 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-127-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL ESTABLISH A LAW SCHOOL AND AN UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE LAW SCHOOL AND ENGINEERING SCHOOL MUST BE ESTABLISHED AND FUNDED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FACULTY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL AND THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BOTH IN COLUMBIA, TO TEACH ALSO AT THE COUNTERPART SCHOOLS AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 48 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY, BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-750 TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO WEAR PANTS SAGGING MORE THAN THREE INCHES BELOW HIS HIPS; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS NOT

GROUNDS FOR DENYING, SUSPENDING, OR REVOKING THE VIOLATOR'S PARTICIPATION IN A STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION TO HEAR A VIOLATION IS VESTED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE MAGISTRATES COURT.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

[S. 49 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 111, TITLE 59 SO AS TO EXEMPT A PERSON WHO IS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY FROM PAYING TUITION TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING OR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THIS STATE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM SERVING HIS TERM OF ACTIVE DUTY PURSUANT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 62 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-127-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2011, AN ENGINEERING SCHOOL AND A LAW SCHOOL MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AT ITS CAMPUS IN ORANGEBURG, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS FOR THE ENGINEERING SCHOOL AND THE LAW SCHOOL MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY THE UNIVERSITY FROM OTHER FUNDS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 72 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-195 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND ENTITIES SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO THE GOVERNOR ON JANUARY FIFTEENTH AND JULY FIFTEENTH OF EACH YEAR THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE DOLLARS FROM ANY SOURCE THAT ARE RECEIVED BY THEM, AND HOW THESE DOLLARS ARE USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AND EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROVISION.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S. 97 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senators Leventis, Land and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-1410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER FROM CLARENDON COUNTY AND AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER FROM KERSHAW COUNTY.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 100 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-315, TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT TWO PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR BE DEPOSITED INTO THE TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND MUST BE USED TO OFFSET REVENUE SHORTFALLS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY MONIES IN THE FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE NON-FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY FUND.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S. 130 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-87 SO AS 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; 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. 133 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-111-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE MAY ATTEND CLASSES FOR CREDIT OR NONCREDIT PURPOSES ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PAYMENT OF TUITION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-111-15 RELATING TO TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PERMANENT FACULTY AND STAFF.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 143 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 75 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE ACT" TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND SPECIAL SOURCE BONDS AND NOTES BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, TO CREATE THE SCHOOL FACILITIES REVIEW COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, TO SPECIFY THE TERMS BY WHICH THE BONDS AND NOTES ARE ISSUED, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-71-155, RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF FINANCING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

[S. 147 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-105 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON AUTHORIZATION OF STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, TO ALLOW THE AUTHORIZATION OF SUCH BONDS ONLY IN A BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION ENACTED IN AN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, TO EXTEND ALL LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE, HOWEVER DESCRIBED, SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMIT ON DEBT SERVICE MEASURED AS A PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES, TO REQUIRE THE ENACTMENT OF A SEPARATE JOINT RESOLUTION PRECEDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS THAT SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS THE CONSIDERATION OF A BOND BILL, TO PROVIDE THAT A BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION ALLOWING SUCH BONDS MAY NOT BE GIVEN THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE OR REPORTED FROM A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE OR FREE CONFERENCE UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE TREASURER THAT DEBT SERVICE ON ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OUTSTANDING WHEN ADDED TO ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE ON AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS AND THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN THE BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION DOES NOT EXCEED THE THEN CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT SERVICE LIMIT, AND TO DEFINE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.