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FREE TUITION FOR RESIDENTS SIXTY YEARS OF AGE

SECTION 59-111-310. “Tuition” defined.

As used in this article, “tuition” shall mean the amount charged for registering for a credit hour of instruction and shall not be construed to mean any other fees or charges or costs of textbooks.

SECTION 59-111-320. Persons age sixty and over may attend classes without payment of tuition.

State-supported colleges and universities, and institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, are authorized to permit legal residents of South Carolina who have attained the age of sixty to attend classes for credit or noncredit purposes on a space available basis without the required payment of tuition, if these persons meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the college, university, or institution, and if these persons do not receive compensation as full-time employees.

SECTION 59-111-330. Rules and regulations.

The State Commission on Higher Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this article.

SECTION 59-111-340. Institutions to which article applies.

The provisions of this article apply to:

- (1) those institutions enumerated in Section 59-107-10 and to the branches and extensions of those institutions;
- (2) those institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

SECTION 59-111-350. Persons attending under article not counted in computing enrollment.

Persons attending classes under the provisions of this article, on a space available basis without payment of tuition, shall neither be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes nor considered on a formula basis for the issuance of capital improvement bonds.

SECTION 59-111-360. Proof of eligibility.

The officials of such colleges, universities or institutions charged with administration may require such proof as they deem necessary to insure that the person applying to the college, university or institution is eligible for the benefits provided by this article.

SECTION 59-111-370. Penalties for misrepresenting eligibility.

Any applicant who willfully misrepresents his eligibility for the tuition benefits provided for under this article, or any person who knowingly aids or abets such applicant in misrepresenting his eligibility for such benefits, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.