

2008 “New” Bills Introduced to date Relating to Higher Education

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The 2008 Legislative Session opened on January 8, 2008. This session is the second of the two-year continuing session. Below are available summaries of new legislation that has been introduced relating to higher education. 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. If you would like to have a copy of the full bill or would like to discuss any particular point, please contact Julie Carullo. As a reminder, legislation from last session carries over to this session. A tracking spreadsheet is posted on our website that lists bills relating to higher education. The new bills will be added to this spreadsheet. Information on the spreadsheet will be updated regularly throughout the session.

HOUSE BILLS

[H. 4316](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Lucas, Clyburn and Cotty: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-104-28 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDING OF PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2008 AND THEREAFTER WHO ATTEND "MAGNET SCHOOLS" OR SCHOOLS WITH "OPEN ENROLLMENT".

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 4372](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. J. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY DESIGNATING SECTION 59-53-1610 AS SUBARTICLE 1 AND ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF ARTICLE 19, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 59; AND BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 2 TO ARTICLE 19, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE ENTERPRISE CAMPUS AUTHORITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 4379](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Govan: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED PERSON SERVING ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND DELETE ARCHAIC REFERENCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

[H. 4387](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Viers, Witherspoon, E. H. Pitts, Littlejohn and Cotty: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-430 SO AS TO DENY POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION BENEFITS ON THE BASIS OF RESIDENCE TO A PERSON UNLAWFULLY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 4389](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-286 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO VOTING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE MAY BE OFFERED OR ACCEPT A POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE INSTITUTION WHILE A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS AFTER HE CEASES TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

[H. 4408](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Skelton, Harrell and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-104-25 AND 59-149-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN MATHEMATICS OR SCIENCES AND THE LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPEND FOR STUDENTS MAJORING IN MATHEMATICS OR SCIENCES, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO REVISE THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE STIPEND DURING A STUDENT'S FRESHMAN YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

SENATE BILLS

[S. 900 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senators Sheheen, Leventis, Lourie and Hawkins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25-3-220 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS' SUPPORT ACT OF 2008", AND TO PROVIDE LIMITED COLLEGE TUITION PAYMENTS TO THE SPOUSE AND CHILD OF A DECEASED NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER WHO DIED WHILE PERFORMING HIS MILITARY DUTY

Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee

[S. 909 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 111 OF TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-111-25, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE COMPONENTS THAT ARE AWARDED A BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OR HIGHER MILITARY AWARD IN THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE, FOR COMBAT OPERATIONS MAY BE ADMITTED TO ANY STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR POST HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTION FREE OF TUITION.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education

[S. 923 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senators Sheheen, Leventis and Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 111, TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TUITION EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2008", TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THIS STATE IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN PERCENTAGES OF TUITION BASED ON VARIOUS CONDITIONS AND MAY RECEIVE A BOOK ALLOWANCE AND PARTICIPATE IN A WORK STUDY PROGRAM FOR COMPENSATION IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROMULGATE RELATED REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTER THE TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CREDIT HOUR GENERATED BY A VETERAN RECEIVING A TUITION EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE USED TO COMPUTE THE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA AND MAY NOT HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE LEVEL OF FUNDING AN INSTITUTION RECEIVES.

Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education

[S. 950 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senators Hutto and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-630, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO GROUND LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES UPON APPROVAL BY THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education

REGULATIONS:

Document Number 3143: CHE's Regulations relating to Free Tuition for those 60 yeas and older. These regulations were received January 8 and have been referred to Senate Education Committee and House Education and Public Works Committee.