

**Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education**  
**Week of Feb. 25 – Feb. 29, 2008**

***Budget Update –***

In the upcoming week, the budget recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee will be introduced in the House. House members are scheduled to receive a briefing on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The House floor debate on the budget is scheduled to begin on March 11<sup>th</sup>. For a report on Ways and Means recommendations for higher education, see the update from last week (i.e., Update for Week of Feb. 18 – Feb 22, 2008). Senate Finance budget subcommittees have begun holding budget hearings. The Finance Higher Education Budget Subcommittee is expected to begin its hearings on March 13<sup>th</sup>. CHE's hearing is scheduled on this date. The members of this subcommittee include Senators Courson, Matthews, Pinckney and Cromer.

***In the House –***

On Wednesday, the House Education and Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee met and considered two bills related to public college trustees and employment ([H.4389](#)) and the Board of Trustees at SC State University ([H.4539](#)). The subcommittee adjourned debate on the both bills.

***In the Senate –***

The Senate Education Committee met on Wednesday and heard testimony from The Honorable Reginald Lloyd, recently confirmed as Chief of SLED, Major Mark Keel of SLED, and Chief Howard Cook of the Columbia College Police Department and SC Campus Law Enforcement Association. The guest speakers discussed with the Committee issues and needs relating to safety on education campuses. The Governor's recommended appointment to CHE to fill the recently vacated seat for the 4-year Comprehensive College and University Representative was announced. Mr. Kenneth Jackson of Florence has been recommended and his appointment now awaits confirmation of the Senate.

**Reminder:** The above report is not intended to be all inclusive. Bill numbers are linked to the SC General Assembly page. The link should go to the most recent version of the bill. For additional information on legislation referenced above and other legislation relating to higher education, see [http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE\\_Docs/InfoCntr/Legis/HigherEd\\_Legis\\_List.xls](http://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/InfoCntr/Legis/HigherEd_Legis_List.xls) . Detailed information on the 2008 Session of the General Assembly may be access at [www.scstatehouse.net](http://www.scstatehouse.net) or from links included on CHE's website at <http://www.che.sc.gov/Home/CHELegislativeUpdates/LegislativeSession2008.aspx>