

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education Week of Feb. 8 - 12, 2010

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In the House –

Due to budget considerations, the House was on furlough during the week and did not meet.

Ways and Means budget proviso subcommittee met on Tuesday to review and adopt recommendations for the full committee with regard to provisos. Proviso amendments considered by the Committee may be accessed on-line, [Click Here](#). Please note the provisos included in the meeting packet may have been further amended by the subcommittee and will receive further consideration when the full Committee meets.

Ways and Means was expected to meet on budget recommendations during the week of February 15. However, on Thursday, the Committee announced that it would postpone its budget deliberations for a week and is now expected to meet during the week of February 23. The delay will result in pushing back the expected floor debate in the House until the week of March 15.

In the Senate –

[S.1085](#), [H.3395](#), and [H.3396](#) relating to amendments to the state code and constitution with regard to provisions for the state's General Reserve Fund were given second reading. [S.1066](#), relating to the SC Manufacturers' Extension Partnership (SCMEP) and the establishment of a tax credit for funds contributed for SCMEP to the South Carolina Existing Manufacturers' Retention and Growth Fund, received its third reading and was sent to the House for consideration.

The Full Education Committee met on Wednesday. Among the bills considered were [H.3365](#), Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Policies Act, and [H.3841](#), Technical College Administrative Efficiencies Act. Amendments were made to both bills before being adopted with favorable reports for consideration of the Senate. The committee reports on the bills were received by the Senate by the end of the week, and the bills now await consideration of the full Senate.

Budget News –

The Board of Economic Advisors met on Thursday. They did not make any adjustments to the current year revenue estimates and affirmed their preliminary estimates for FY 2010-11 which are level with the current FY 2009-10 estimates for general fund revenues, Education Improvement Act (EIA) and lottery.

*** Bill numbers are linked to the SC General Assembly page and the link goes to the most recent version of the bill.*

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