

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education: Week of June 1-5, 2015

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The General Assembly adjourned sine die on June 4th under the conditions of [H.4274](#). The Session was adjourned without the FY 2015-16 Budget being finalized and the General Assembly will return to Session on June 16-18.

Budget Update:

A budget conference committee was named for the FY16 General Appropriations Bill ([H.3701](#)) to resolve differences of the Senate and House. Conferees include Senators Leatherman, Setzler, and Peeler and Representatives White, Pitts, and Clyburn. The budget conference committee met once in an organizational session and is scheduled to meet again on Monday, June 8.

The Capital Reserve Fund Bill ([H.3702](#)), which provides for appropriations of available funds from the Capital Reserve, remains on the Senate Calendar as of Session end. The bill may be considered when the General Assembly returns on June 16.

A supplemental appropriations bill, [H.4230](#), was reported out of Ways and Means Committee, and as of Session end, remained on the House Calendar awaiting consideration. The bill may be considered when the General Assembly returns on June 16.

[H.4266](#), a continuing resolution for state appropriations, has been adopted by the House, sent to the Senate, and referred to the Senate Finance Committee, where it resides as of Session end. The Resolution, which provides for continuing authority at the FY15 appropriation levels in the event the FY16 budget is not enacted by July 1, may be considered when the General Assembly returns on June 16.

[S.657](#), a Bond Bill introduced from Senate Finance after being deleted from the Finance Committee's recommendations for H.3702, remained on the Senate calendar as of Session end.

During the week:

- [S.11](#), relating FOIA provisions with respect to public bodies and meeting notices and agenda, was sent to the Governor on Thursday (Jun 4) after a conference report was adopted by the House and the Senate.
- [S.47](#), relating to the use of body cameras by SC law enforcement officers, was sent to the Governor on Thursday (Jun 4) after a conference report was adopted by the House and the Senate.
- [S.261](#), relating to an amendment to provisions for free tuition for those 60 years and over so as to remove the requirement that participants may not be full-time employed, was signed into law by the Governor on June 3.
- [S.437](#), James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative, which adds provisions to requirements for K-12 students with respect to taking the examination used by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, was signed into law by the Governor on June 3.
- [H.3847](#), a Joint Resolution to provide for a temporary exemption for applicants for licensure as a speech-language pathologist assistant from the requirement of having a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, was signed into law by the Governor on June 3.
- [H.4135](#), relating to the makeup and provisions for the Greenville Technical College Area Commission, was signed into law by the Governor on June 3.

For a linked list of legislation passed and sent to the Governor for consideration as of the 2015 Session Sine Die adjournment, [Click Here](#).