

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education: Week of Mar. 21-25, 2016

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In the House

- By Wednesday, the House approved its recommendations for the State's FY 2016-17 budget and sent **H.5001**, the FY 2016-17 Appropriations Bill, and **H.5002**, the Capital Reserve Fund to the Senate where the bills were introduced and referred to Senate Finance. To access information on the FY 2016-17 budget bills, [Click Here](#). The higher education recommendations as adopted by the House were not changed from those included in the bill as proposed by Ways and Means. The House did adopt an amendment to move the recommended pay raise for State Employees from 1%, as included in the Ways and Means recommendations, to 2%.
- The House did not hold other meetings during the week as the budget was debated. Following the approval of the budget bills on Wednesday, March 23, the House adjourned until April 12.

In the Senate

- The Senate Finance Higher Education Budget Subcommittee (chaired by Senator [John Courson](#) who is joined on the subcommittee by Senators [Danny Verdin](#), [Darrell Jackson](#), and [John Scott](#)) met on Thursday and heard from the University of South Carolina and Lander. The subcommittee also considered recommendations relating to Part 1B budget provisos for higher education. For information regarding the provisos, see the following page for a comparison of House higher education related provisos and the subcommittee's actions as of Thursday, March 24.
- **H.4145**, which relates to the creation of a coordinating council for workforce development and a comprehensive plan for workforce training and education among other related items, was recalled from Senate Labor Commerce and Industry Committee and referred to Senate Education for consideration.
- Senate Education met on Wednesday, March 23. CHE Commissioners Paul Batson, Allison Dean Love, and Louis Lynn were screened for reappointment to CHE. The committee recommended favorable consideration of the Senate for each. The appointments are now pending consideration of the Senate. The committee also considered several regulations of the State Department of Education including Documents 4605 (District and School Planning), 4606 (Test Security), 4586 (Special Education, Education of Students with Disabilities), and 4593 (Program Approval Standards for Teacher Education Institutions) and reported these favorably to the full Senate for consideration. To access copies of the regulation documents, see <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regnsrch.php>
- The Senate adjourned on Wednesday until April 5.

For information on other bills of interest under consideration during the 2015-2016 Session, [CLICK HERE](#).

****Note: Information subject to change. House adopted its budget recommendations on 3/24 and the budget is under consideration of Senate Finance. Information on the budget is accessible at http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/appropriations2016/gab5001.php. See Part 1B Provisos.**
 For copies of the text of FY 2015-16 Provisos (i.e., as applicable in current year), see http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess121_2015-2016/appropriations2015/tab15ndx.php.
 See FY 2016-17 Budget Recommendations for provisos under consideration.

Proviso # FY 2015-16 ACT	Proviso # FY 2016-17 BASE		House Recommendations	Actions of Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee as of 3/24/2016
SECTION 3	SECTION 3	LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (H660)		
3.1	3.1	Audit	Adopted and Amended Fiscal Year for Continued Applicability	Adopted House
3.3	3.2	Election Day Sales	No change from prior year.	
3.6	3.3	FY 2015-16 Lottery Funding	Deleted. See below reinserted for FY17.	Deleted. See below, to be reinserted for FY17.
3.7	3.4	Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program Additions	No change from prior year.	Deleted given that H.3543 was signed into law 3/14, effective 7/1, and the proviso is in effect in permanent legislation.
3.8	3.5	Transfer for Veteran Differential Reimbursement Fund	Delete	Adopted House
	3.6	FY 2016-17 Lottery Funding	Includes Lottery Expenditures and information for FY17	To conform to funding.
SECTION 11	SECTION 11	COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (H030)		
11.1	11.1	Contract for Services Program Fees	No Change from prior year	
11.3	11.2	African-American Loan Program	No Change from prior year	
11.4	11.3	GEAR-UP	No Change from prior year	
11.5	11.4	EPSCoR Committee Representation	No Change from prior year	
11.6	11.5	SREB Funds Exempt From Budget Cut	No Change from prior year	
11.7	11.6	Performance Improvement Pool Allocation	No Change from prior year	
11.8	11.7	Troop-to-Teachers	No Change from prior year	
11.9	11.8	Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth	No Change from prior year	
11.10	11.9	Tuition Age	No Change from prior year	
11.11	11.10	LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Enhancement Stipends	No Change from prior year	
11.12	11.11	SmartState	No Change from prior year	
11.15	11.12	College Transition Need-Based Grants	Conformed to Funding.	To conform to funding.
11.19	11.13	Scholarship Awards	No Change from prior year	
11.25	11.14	Other Funded FTE Revenue	No Change from prior year	Amended
11.29	11.15	Abatements	No Change from prior year	
11.30	11.16	Outstanding Institutional Debt	No Change from prior year	
11.35	11.17	Transferability	Delete	Adopted House (Delete)
11.41	11.18	Technical College Study	Delete	Adopted House (Delete)
11.42	11.19	College & University Out of State Veteran Tuition Differential Reimbursement Fun	Delete	Reinserted and amend
SECTION 14	SECTION 14	CLEMSON UNIVERSITY (H120)		
14.2	14.1	Electrical Infrastructure	Delete	Adopted House (Delete)
Section 15	Section 15	UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON (H15)		
	15.1	ADD NEW (Science Center Renovation)	Adopted new proviso to enable funds made available in past for the School of Science and Math Grice Marine Biology Lab to be used for renovation for the School of Science and Math Rita L. Hollings Science Center.	carried over
SECTION 19	SECTION 19	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY (H240)		
19.4	19.1	Loan Funds	AMENDED - Delete and Adopt new proviso to provide for loan repayment schedule and forgiveness	Adopted House and Amended further.
	19.2	ADD NEW (University President	Adopted new proviso relating to presidential search	Adopted House and Amended further.
	19.##	ADD NEW (SFAA Loan Funds)	N/A	Added New Proviso relating to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and SC State Loan Funds
SECTION 20	SECTION 20	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (H450)		
20.1	20.1	Palmetto Poison Center	No Change from prior year	
20.2	20.2	School Improvement Council	Delete	Adopt House (Delete)
20.3	20.3	Child Abuse Medical Response Program	No Change from prior year	
20.5	20.4	Palmetto College - Operating	Amended for continued applicability in upcoming FY.	Delete
SECTION 23	SECTION 23	MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (H510)		
23.1	23.1	Rural Dentist Program	No Change from prior year	
23.2	23.2	Telemedicine	Amended (rec from Healthcare Sub)	
23.3	23.3	Rural Access Plan	No Change from prior year	
SECTION 25	SECTION 25	STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION (H590)		
25.1	25.1	Training of New & Expanding Industry	No Change from prior year	
25.2	25.2	Training of New & Expanding Industry Carry Forward	No Change from prior year	
25.3	25.3	Training of New & Expanded Industry - Payments of Prior Year Expenditures	No Change from prior year	
25.4	25.4	MSSC	No Change from prior year	
25.5	25.5	Critical Statewide Workforce Needs	No Change from prior year	
25.6	25.6	Aeronautics Training Center	No Change from prior year	
SECTION 117	SECTION 117	GENERAL PROVISIONS (X900)		
117.8	117.8	State Institutions - Revenues & Income	No Change from prior year	
117.11	117.11	Fixed Student Fees	No Change from prior year	
117.12	117.12	Tech Educ. Colleges Student Activity Fees	No Change from prior year	
117.15	117.15	Allowance for Residences & Compensation Restrictions	No Change from prior year	
117.16	117.16	Universities & Colleges - Allowance for Presidents	No Change from prior year	
117.28	117.28	State Operated Day Care Facilities Fees	No Change from prior year	
117.42	117.42	Life and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships Waiver Exemption	No Change from prior year	
117.73	117.72	Printed Report Requirements	Conform dates for continued applicability - No other changes.	
117.98	117.97	USC Greenville Medical School	Conform dates for continued applicability - No other changes.	Adopt House and Amend further
117.127	117.120	Comprehensive Workforce Development Coordination Initiative	Delete	Adopt House (Delete)
117.131	117.122	Energy Efficiency Repair and Related Maintenance	Delete	Adopt House (Delete)
117.133	117.124	Capital Bond Study Committee	Delete	Adopt House (Delete)