

## Legislative Updates of Interest for Higher Education: Week of Apr. 25-29, 2016

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### In the House

- Introduced in the House:
  - o [H.5262](#), referred to as the Disciplinary Hearing Due Process Act, to add new sections (59-101-810 - 59-101-830) to provide for procedures and requirements relating to college and university students' due process with respect to disciplinary hearings. (Sponsors: Reps. Loftis, Burns, Kennedy, *et al*; Referred to House Education and Public Works)
  - o [H.5277](#) to amend §59-111-20 by adding provisions providing free tuition for undergraduate and also graduate education for certain wartime veterans. (Sponsors: Reps. Horne, Ott, and J.E. Smith; Referred to House Education and Public Works)
- [H.4776](#), which relates to provisions for facilities and bond funding of SC K-12 schools, was passed by the House and sent to the Senate where it was introduced and referred to Senate Finance.

### In the Senate

- 2016-17 Budget Update ([Appropriations Act Bill, H.5001, and Capital Reserve Fund Bill, H.5002](#)): Senate Finance Committee recommendations were received by the Senate during the week. On Thursday (4/28) reports on the budget were given by Senator Leatherman, Senate Finance Chairman, and the budget subcommittee chairs. A video of Thursday's Session is available [Here](#), see approximately **1:49:10** for remarks on the budget. The Senate will begin its deliberations when it returns to Session on Tuesday, May 2, at 10:00 AM. For details relating to the Senate Finance Committee recommendations, [Click Here](#). For the earlier CHE summary report on the recommendations for higher education, see [Weekly Update, April 18-22](#).
- Introduced in the Senate:
  - o [S.1281](#), referred to as the Disciplinary Hearing Due Process Act, to add new sections (59-101-810 - 59-101-830) to provide for procedures and requirements relating to college and university students' due process with respect to disciplinary hearings. (Sponsors: Senators Hutto, Lourie, and Fair; Referred to Senate Education)
- The following bills were passed by the Senate and sent to the House: [S.685](#), relating to the regulation of engineers and surveyors, and [S.1177](#), relating to professional licensure and training requirements of architects and references to internship programs.
- Senate Education Higher Education Subcommittee met on Wednesday (4/27) and considered the following legislation:
  - o [H.4521](#), referred to as the Tucker Hipps Transparency Act, was passed out favorably for consideration of the full Senate Education Committee.
  - o [H.3151](#), which relates to the study of the U.S. Constitution and teaching of other founding documents by SC public colleges and universities, was passed out favorably by the subcommittee with an amendment to be drafted by full committee relating to the timeframe of instruction and exemptions with respect to dual enrollment and AP credits.
  - o [H.4145](#), which provides for a Coordinating Council for SC Workforce Development and its responsibilities, was discussed with the subcommittee hearing from several entities including the Department of Employment and Workforce, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Revenue, and the SC Chamber of Commerce. The subcommittee is expected to continue its deliberations at subsequent hearings.

### Other

- On Wednesday, the Senate and House adjourned in a Joint Session for the purpose of elections of College and University Board of Trustees. For details, see either the [House Journal of 4/27](#) or [Senate Journal of 4/27](#).
- Crossover date reached on May 1: Legislation not passed from one body to the other as of the May 1 crossover date now requires a two-thirds vote of the body for consideration.

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