

Amendment: D4

Representative BALLENTINE proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 117 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amend

117.152.(GP: In-State Tuition Mitigation) (A) The following recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher learning to mitigate tuition and fee increases for in-state undergraduate students:

(1) The Citadel	\$ 2,667,821 <u>3,081,444</u> ;
(2) Clemson University	\$ 12,692,729 <u>10,196,972</u> ;
(3) University of Charleston	\$ 3,984,195 <u>2,752,554</u> ;
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$ 3,057,122 <u>2,456,003</u> ;
(5) Francis Marion University	\$ 2,850,186 <u>2,289,757</u> ;
(6) Lander University	\$ 2,638,877 <u>2,119,998</u> ;
(7) South Carolina State University	\$ 2,293,851 <u>1,842,814</u> ;
(8) University of South Carolina-Columbia	\$ 15,480,000 <u>12,436,186</u> ;
(9) University of South Carolina-Aiken	\$ 2,940,000 <u>2,361,911</u> ;
(10) University of South Carolina-Upstate	\$ 3,300,000 <u>3,173,940</u> ;
(11) University of South Carolina-Beaufort	\$ 1,341,312 <u>1,077,571</u> ;
(12) University of South Carolina-Lancaster	\$ 756,180 <u>597,278</u> ;
(13) University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie	\$ 512,832 <u>411,995</u> ;
(14) University of South Carolina-Sumter	\$ 855,000 <u>686,882</u> ;
(15) University of South Carolina-Union	\$ 757,402 <u>608,475</u> ;
(16) Winthrop University	\$ 2,564,926 <u>2,330,588</u> ; and
(17) Medical University of South Carolina	\$ 9,500,000 <u>4,809,000</u> .

(B) In order to retain the above appropriations, each institution of higher learning listed above must certify to the Commission on Higher Education by August 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, there is no ~~in-state~~ undergraduate tuition or ~~in-state undergraduate~~ mandatory fee increase, ~~excluding increases in auxiliary fees, for the 2024-25 academic year~~ on in-state continuing students, excluding increases in student activity fees, health and wellness fees, and other auxiliary fees for the 2025-26 academic year. For purposes of this subsection, a continuing student is defined as a student currently enrolled who was also enrolled in the previous regular semester (fall or spring). Student activity fees includes both dedicated non-E&G fees as well as student activity fees supporting E&G activities.

(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall develop the process by which institutions provide the certification. Certification of any institution proposing an in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase must include analysis as to the necessity of the increase and all cost savings measures that have been undertaken to minimize them. Any institution unable to provide such certification to the commission shall remit their respective above recurring allocation to the General Fund by September 15, ~~2024~~ 2025.

(D) By November 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Executive Budget Office the institutions that failed to certify that the in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase met the guidelines outlined in this provision. The Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.