

**HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2024-25
TO THE PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE**

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- 11.3 DELETE** (CHE: GEAR-UP) Directs that funds shall be used for state grant programs to improve college preparation for disadvantaged middle school students.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~11.3. (CHE: GEAR-UP) Funds appropriated for GEAR-UP shall be used for state grants programs to reach disadvantaged middle school students to improve their preparation for college. Eligible South Carolina public schools and public institutions of higher education shall cooperate with the Commission on Higher Education in the provision of services under the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP) grant.~~

- 11.7 DELETE** (CHE: Troop-to-Teachers) Directs that members of the Armed Forces either active-duty, retired, or separated who are admitted to and enrolled in the S.C Troop-to-Teachers Alternative Route to Certification program are entitled to pay in-state rates at participating state institutions for required program work. Requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

~~11.17. (CHE: Longitudinal Data Reports) By December first each year, the Commission on Higher Education is directed to provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on tuition and required fee trends submitted to the commission by the state's public colleges and universities. The baseline of the report must be the most recent fall semester compared to the previous five fall semesters. The commission shall also provide comparable data and trends for and among SREB states for the same period of time. For the same time periods noted above, the commission shall also calculate in the report the level of recurring base state operating funding received by each college and university as measured on an in state student basis as well as the average of such funding provided in each SREB state. In addition, for the same time periods noted above, the commission shall also provide in the report a calculation of the level of recurring and/or non-recurring funding provided by the state to each college and university for capital related needs, including facilities and/or equipment related capital funding, as measured on an in-state student basis as well as the average of such funding provided in each SREB state.~~

- 11.22 DELETE** (CHE: Educator Report Card) Directs CHE to collaborate with EOC and SDE to create the online educator report card and to utilize \$350,000 of EOC's carried forward funds for this purpose.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~11.22. (CHE: Educator Report Card) To maximize the effectiveness and to minimize cost, the Commission on Higher Education shall collaborate with the Education Oversight Committee and the Department of Education to develop and build out the online educator report card by expending up to \$350,000 in funds carried forward from Fiscal Year 2022-23 into Fiscal Year 2023-24 by the Education Oversight Committee for implementing the Education Data Dashboard.~~

SECTION 15 – H150 - UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

- 15.hcp ADD** (UOC: Housing Capital Projects) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the Board of Trustees to allocate up to 10% of the collected capital improvement fees for campus housing capital projects when the average increase for campus

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housing is below the CPI-U increase for multifamily housing. Requested by the University of Charleston.

15.hcp. (UOC: Housing Capital Projects) The College of Charleston Board of Trustees is permitted to allocate up to ten percent of the capital improvement fee collected as part of tuition and fees for support of campus housing capital projects when the average increase for campus housing is below the CPI-U increase for multifamily housing in South Carolina.

15.ce **ADD** (UOC: Campus Expansion) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the college to seek Phase I and Phase II approval for the acquisition and development of the parcels at 106 Coming St. and 99 St Philip St. Requested by the University of Charleston.

15.ce. (UOC: Campus Expansion) From the funds appropriated herein and from other institutional sources, for the acquisition and/or development of the parcels at 106 Coming Street and 99 St Philip Street in Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is permitted to seek Phase I and Phase II approval concurrently from the Commission for Higher Education, Joint Bond Review Committee, and State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

20.heh **ADD** (USC: Harper/Elliott Honors College) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow the use of funds appropriated in Act 285 of 2016, Section 1(11) to be redirected towards renovations and repairs of E&G space in the Harper/Elliott Honors College. Requested by the University of South Carolina.

20.heh. (USC: Harper/Elliott Honors College) Capital Reserve Fund appropriations to the University of South Carolina in Section 1(11) of Act 285 of 2016 for construction of Education and General (E&G) space in the addition to the Honors College dormitory may instead be redirected by the university towards necessary renovations and repairs of E&G space in the Harper/Elliott Honors College located on the historic Horseshoe of campus.

20.hsc **ADD** (USC: Health Science Campus) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to authorize USC to undertake permanent improvements necessary for the construction of the Health Science Campus. Allows funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. Requires the funds to be accounted for separately and for a report to be submitted semiannually to the Chairman of JBRC on the funding carried forward, amounts remaining to be expended, project status, and any other information requested by the committee.

20.hsc. (USC: Health Science Campus) With the funds appropriated for this purpose, the University of South Carolina is authorized to undertake permanent improvements necessary for the construction of the Health Science Campus, including the Brain Health Center. Further, the funds appropriated in Part 1A and 1B of this act for the Health Science Campus may be carried forward and expended for the necessary permanent improvements. The funds must be accounted for separately, and the university shall report semiannually to the Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee on the amount of funding carried forward, the amount remaining to be expended, the overall status of the project, and any other information requested by the committee.

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SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

23.1 AMEND (MUSC: Rural Dentist Program) Establishes the Rural Dentist Program in coordination with DHEC’s Public Health Dentistry program; provides for administration of the program; authorizes funds to be carried forward; and creates a board to manage and allocate the funds.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to delete references to DHEC and update to the Department of Public Health.

23.1. (MUSC: Rural Dentist Program) The Rural Dentist Program, in coordination with the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control’s~~ Public Health *Health’s* Dentistry Program, is established at the Medical University of South Carolina. The funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina for the Rural Dentist Program shall be administered by the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium physician recruitment office. The costs associated with administering this program are to be paid from the funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist Program and shall not exceed four percent of the appropriation. The Medical University of South Carolina is responsible for the fiscal management of funds to ensure that state policies and guidelines are adhered to. MUSC shall be permitted to carry forward unspent general funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist program provided that these funds be expended for the program for which they were originally designated. A board is created to manage and allocate these funds to insure the location of licensed dentists in rural areas of South Carolina and on the faculty of the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC. The board will be composed of the following: the Dean, or his designee, of the MUSC College of Dental Medicine; three members from the South Carolina Dental Education Foundation Board who represent rural areas; and the President, or his designee, of the South Carolina Dental Association. The Director of ~~DHEC’s~~ *the Department of Public Health’s* Office of Primary Care; the Director or his designee of the Department of Health and Human Services; and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Dental Association shall serve as ex officio members without vote. This board shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.133 AMEND (GP: Transfer Student Credits) Directs CHE to continue to work in consultation with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and public institutions of higher learning, to develop policies and implement recommendations of the South Carolina Transfer Task Force’s Transfer and Articulation Action Plan by 4/30/24. Requires the commission to provide a report of the policies to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and House Education and Public Works Committee by April 30, 2024.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year.

117.133. (GP: Transfer Student Credits) The Commission on Higher Education shall continue to work with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the public institutions of higher learning to develop policies, to implement the recommendations of the South Carolina Transfer Task Force’s Transfer and Articulation Action Plan. Implementation of the provisions shall be effective no later than April 30, ~~2024~~ 2025. The Commission shall report on the implementation of these policies to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and House Education and Public Works Committee by April 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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117.134 AMEND (GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) Exempts permanent improvement projects from the requirements of Section 2-47-50 where the project cost is at least \$1,000,000 but not greater than \$5,000,000 at public research universities and not greater than \$2,000,000 at all other public institutions of higher learning. Directs that a project is not considered approved unless the institution's governing board has voted for approval in a public session. Requires institutions provide a report of approved projects to the CHE Chairman, to JBRC, and to SFAA by November 15th.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to delete "five" and insert "ten" and delete "two" and insert "five."

117.134. (GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) For the current fiscal year, permanent improvement projects, as defined in Title 2, Chapter 47 of the 1976 Code, where the cost is at least one million dollars but not greater than ~~five~~ *ten* million dollars for public research universities and not greater than ~~two~~ *five* million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50, except that a project shall not be considered approved without an institution's governing board having first voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this provision to the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by November 15th of the current fiscal year.

117.svp ADD (GP: Collaboration on Sexual Violence Prevention) **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the SC Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses to produce an annual report on education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs provided by institutions of higher education. Directs that the report be provided to CHE and posted on their website by June 15 of each year.

117.svp. (GP: Collaboration on Sexual Violence Preventions) (A) The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses shall produce an annual report that captures information provided by each institution of higher education regarding education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs related to sexual violence. The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses is directed to provide an annual comprehensive report of this information to the Commission on Higher Education that will be posted to the Commission's website. This information shall be available by June 15 of each year.

(B) The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses shall regularly collaborate with, and foster collaboration among, the State's institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and other community partners, regarding education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs related to sexual violence.