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**H 3170 General Bill, By Thayer, G.R. Smith, Forrester, Bannister, Whitmire, Gagnon, V.S. Moss, Henderson, Putnam, Long, Erickson and Hill**

**Summary:** State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE CERTAIN POST-SECONDARY VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THESE PROGRAMS TO THE BOARD AND TO EXPAND ITS JURISDICTION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND CERTAIN APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET STUDENT OCCUPATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS AND ARE ALIGNED WITH WORKFORCE NEEDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-103-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS AND MISSIONS, AND SECTION 59-103-35, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT UNDERTAKE A NEW PROGRAM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-101-150 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A CONDITION TO UNDERTAKING A NEW PROGRAM.

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