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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3740 Introduced on January 27, 2021  
**Author:** McGarry  
**Subject:** Lancaster Commission for Higher Education  
**Requestor:** House of Representatives  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Miller  
**Impact Date:** February 1, 2021

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

RFA anticipates this bill will have no local expenditure impact because it is a shift in how funds are used and does not alter the amount of funds available.

RFA anticipates this bill will result in no local revenue impact, as there is no allowance for an increase in available funds.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 27, 2021**

**State Expenditure**

N/A

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

Section one of this bill requires all existing and future millage-derived funds received by the Lancaster Commission for Higher Education to be used exclusively for the benefit of University of South Carolina (UofSC) Lancaster. All other institutions must submit a request for distribution of these funds from the Lancaster County Council or another funding source. If any millage-derived funds, received after the effective date of this bill, are designated for use by any institution other than UofSC Lancaster, the commission must segregate and administer these funds accordingly. This may result in a shift in how funds are used but does not alter the overall expenditures. Therefore, this section will have no impact on local expenditures.

Section two of this bill also requires that the Dean of UofSC Lancaster Campus be an ex officio member of the commission. Currently, the Dean is not an ex officio member of the commission. Pursuant to Proviso 117.19 of FY 2019-20, No full-time officer or employee of the State may draw any per diem allowance for service on boards, commissions, or committees, unless an exception applies. As there is no applicable exception, the Dean, as a full-time employee will not be allowed per diem for serving on this commission. However, pursuant to Proviso 117.20 of FY 2019-20, the Dean may receive reimbursement for mileage and expenses incurred.

Current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.56 per mile. We assume any mileage or expenses paid to the Dean can be managed within the existing funds of the commission. Therefore, this bill will have no local expenditure impact.

Sections three and four of this bill stipulate that the purpose of the commission is to help establish facilities for post-secondary courses in Lancaster County and nearby areas. Currently, the purpose of the commission is to help establish facilities for post-secondary courses in Lancaster County and adjacent areas. This bill broadens the applicable areas for which that the commission may help establish facilities. However, despite this expansion, there is no mention of an increase in the availability of funds. The establishment of such facilities is still at the discretion of the commission, so there may be a shift in how the funds are used. Therefore, we anticipate this section of the bill will result in no local expenditure impact, as there is no allowance for the increase of funds available.

### **Local Revenue**

Sections three and four of this bill stipulate that the purpose of the commission is to help establish facilities for post-secondary courses in Lancaster County and nearby areas. Currently, the purpose of the commission is to help establish facilities for post-secondary courses in Lancaster County and adjacent areas. This bill broadens the applicable areas for which that the commission may help establish facilities. However, despite this expansion, there is no mention of an increase in the availability of funds. The establishment of such facilities is still at the discretion of the commission, so there may be a shift in how the funds are used. Therefore, we anticipate this section of the bill will result in no local revenue impact, as there is no allowance for the increase of funds available.



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