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House Bills Relating to Higher Education

H. 3273 (Word version) -- Rep. Townsend: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REGULATION NOT APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF BEING SUBMITTED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW MUST BE REFILED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY AS A NEW REGULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3279 (Word version) -- Reps. Scott, Cato, Clyburn, Hosey, J. Brown, Townsend and J. E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR, THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE STATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS GUIDANCE COUNSELOR WORKSHOP WHICH MUST BE ATTENDED BY MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP OTHER INFORMATION FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS IN REGARD TO FUNDING SOURCES FOR COLLEGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN REGARD TO THIS WORKSHOP.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3305 (Word version) -- Reps. Easterday, Harrell and Tripp: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-125 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS

FUNDS FOR RECURRING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES, TO
DEFINE "RECURRING EXPENSES", AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3319 (Word version) -- Reps. Merrill, Altman, Hinson and Scarborough: A
BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY
ADDING SECTION 59-53-425 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TRIDENT
TECHNICAL COLLEGE IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH A FOUR-YEAR
CULINARY CURRICULUM PROGRAM AND AWARD BACCALAUREATE
DEGREES IN CULINARY ARTS FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THIS
PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3328 (Word version) -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-
111-110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976,
RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CHILDREN OF FIREMEN, LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
TOTALLY DISABLED OR KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE
THE SPOUSE OF FIREMEN, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TOTALLY DISABLED OR KILLED IN THE LINE
OF DUTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3334 (Word version) -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-
730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976,
RELATING TO PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE
INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WITH
AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' STATE-COVERED ENTITY SERVICE WHO RETIRE
WITH A WORK RELATED DISABILITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WITH LESS THAN FIVE YEARS' STATE-COVERED ENTITY SERVICE WHO ARE PERMANENTLY DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF THE DISABILITY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS AT STATE PAID PREMIUMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3335 (Word version) -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-1-10 AND 9-11-10, BOTH AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "EARNABLE COMPENSATION" AND "COMPENSATION" MUST BE ADJUSTED TO ADD BACK ANY AMOUNT NOT RECEIVED BY A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS A RESULT OF A MANDATORY FURLOUGH IMPOSED ON THE MEMBER DURING THE APPLICABLE PERIOD AS A RESULT OF REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYER, TO REQUIRE THE MEMBER'S EMPLOYING AGENCY TO CERTIFY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM THE AMOUNT TO BE ADDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF EARNABLE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION AND TO WAIVE THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON ANY AMOUNT ADDED TO EARNABLE COMPENSATION OR COMPENSATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3348 (Word version) -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, G. Brown, Coates, Allen, Altman, Anthony, Bailey, Bales, Barfield, Battle, Bingham, Bowers, Branham,

Breeland, J. Brown, R. Brown, Cato, Ceips, Chellis, Clark, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Coleman, Cooper, Cotty, Dantzler, Davenport, Delleney, Duncan, Easterday, Edge, Emory, Freeman, Frye, Gilham, Gourdine, Govan, Hagood, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Harvin, Haskins, Hayes, Herbkersman, J. Hines, M. Hines, Hinson, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jennings, Keegan, Kennedy, Kirsh, Koon, Leach, Lee, Limehouse, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Loftis, Lourie, Lucas, Mack, Mahaffey, Martin, McCraw, McGee, McLeod, Merrill, Miller, Moody-Lawrence, J. H. Neal, J. M. Neal, Neilson, Ott, Owens, Parks, Perry, Phillips, Pinson, E. H. Pitts, M. A. Pitts, Quinn, Rhoad, Rice, Richardson, Rivers, Rutherford, Sandifer, Scarborough, Scott, Sheheen, Simrill, Sinclair, Skelton, D. C. Smith, F. N. Smith, J. E. Smith, J. R. Smith, W. D. Smith, Snow, Stewart, Stille, Talley, Taylor, Thompson, Toole, Townsend, Tripp, Trotter, Umphlett, Vaughn, Viers, Walker, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Wilkins, Witherspoon and Young: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND DOCTOR CHARLES ROBERT PROPST OF SUMTER ON RECEIVING SOUTH CAROLINA'S HIGHEST HONOR IN THE PEDIATRIC FIELD, THE WILLIAM WESTON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Introduced and adopted

Senate Bills Relating to Higher Education

S. 127 (Word version) -- Senator Knotts: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-111-110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TUITION FREE EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN FIREMEN, LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO EXTEND THIS BENEFIT TO THE SPOUSES OF THESE PERSONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. 130 (Word version) -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ANY STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER, MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF A STATE DEPARTMENT APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS AND TERMINATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOBBYIST'S REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST IS REGISTERED AND THAT PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF THIS CHAPTER APPLY FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST REMAINS REGISTERED; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-25, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL AND TERMINATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL'S

REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL IS REGISTERED AND THAT PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF THIS CHAPTER APPLY FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REMAINS REGISTERED; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LOBBYIST'S REPORTING OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-35, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING THE REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS, ACTS PROHIBITED OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, EXCEPTIONS, AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE INVITATIONS TO BE EXTENDED AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO EXCLUDE CABINET OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO DELETE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE" REFERENCES TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND DELETE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION", A BALLOT MEASURE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR A PERSON TO PETITION THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ALLEGING THE VIOLATIONS COMPLAINED OF AND PRAYING FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF DURING THE FIFTY-DAY PERIOD BEFORE AN ELECTION AND TO REQUIRE A NOTICE

OF WAIVER BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AFTER A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN DISMISSED WHEN IT DOES NOT ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-365 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ELECTRONIC FILING, REQUIRE DISCLOSURES AND FILINGS TO BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY, AND RECEIPTS OR EXPENDITURES TO BE REPORTED ELECTRONICALLY AND TO PROVIDE DATES FOR FILING AND REPORTING; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR A PERSON TO PETITION THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ALLEGING THE VIOLATION COMPLAINED OF PRAYING FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF DURING THE FIFTY-DAY PERIOD BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CANDIDATE" TO INCLUDE A PERSON EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF CANDIDACY AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "COMMITTEE" TO INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE, MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AGGREGATING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION" TO DELETE BALLOT MEASURE WITHIN ITS DEFINITION, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE" TO MEAN THAT EXPENDITURE, WHEN TAKEN AS A WHOLE WAS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE OR BALLOT MEASURE INSTEAD TO URGE A PARTICULAR RESULT IN AN ELECTION AND TO INCLUDE AN EXPENDITURE MADE UPON CONSULTATION WITH A COMMITTEE OR AGENT OF A COMMITTEE OR A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE OR AN

AGENT OF A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE, BY DEFINING "BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE", "INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE", AND "COORDINATED WITH"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE AND REQUIRE THE OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER BE MAINTAINED BY THE CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE, OR BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1304, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT COMMITTEES RECEIVING AND SPENDING FUNDS SHALL FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES OR EXPENDS MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF A BALLOT MEASURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY A COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES OR EXPENDS MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND REQUIRE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE, EXCEPT AN OUT-OF-STATE BALLOT COMMITTEE, WHICH RECEIVES MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE CONTRIBUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FILING A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FOR AN OUT-OF-STATE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1306, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WHERE APPLICABLE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FILING OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS BY CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE MAKING OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION, TO AUTHORIZE A CANDIDATE TO FILE ELECTRONICALLY, TO REQUIRE ALL CONTRIBUTIONS, INSTEAD OF ONLY THOSE OF ONE

HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE, BE INCLUDED IN A CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORT, ADD EXPENDITURES TO THIS REQUIREMENT, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES IN OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION, AND REQUIRE A CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORT TO BE FILED UPON THE RECEIPT OF ANYTHING OF VALUE TOTALING, IN AN ACCUMULATED AGGREGATE, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1309 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE REQUIRED TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION TO FILE AN INITIAL CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORT WHEN IT RECEIVES OR EXPENDS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING CERTAIN SPECIFIED AMOUNTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN REPORTS AND COPIES OF THEM AND THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT TO SEND CAMPAIGN REPORTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN LIMITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS THE AMOUNT A CANDIDATE MAY SOLICIT WITHIN AN ELECTION CYCLE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1316, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL PARTIES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A POLITICAL PARTY FROM RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH ITS PARTY COMMITTEES OR LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES WHICH TOTAL CERTAIN AGGREGATE AMOUNTS AND PROVIDE THAT A CONTRIBUTION GIVEN IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE KEPT BY THE RECIPIENT, BUT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS REMIT IT TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1324, RELATING TO ANONYMOUS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1332, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO INCLUDE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS A

COMMITTEE AND DELETE FROM THE PROHIBITION AN ORGANIZATION OR COMMITTEE OF AN ORGANIZATION TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FROM A PERSON OTHER THAN ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1333 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AND COMMITTEES FORMED BY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF USING CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WITHIN THIS PROHIBITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1366, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AS A LOCATION OF THESE REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1368, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FILING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1370, RELATING TO THE USE OF UNEXPENDED CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CANDIDATE AFTER AN ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1372, RELATING TO TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS OF RULES ON CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS ON CAMPAIGN REPORTS; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1373 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, USING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO IT, TO DEFEND AN ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST THE STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND REFUSES TO DEFEND THE ACTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1510, RELATING TO THE PENALTY FOR LATE FILING OF OR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT OR STATEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR MAXIMUM FINE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1520, RELATING TO A VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 8, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 13, CHAPTER 8, TITLE 8, A MISDEMEANOR AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 131 (Word version) -- Senator Giese: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES STATIONED IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEIR DEPENDENTS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD AND THEIR DEPENDENTS STATIONED IN THIS STATE ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION RATES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. 133 (Word version) -- Senator Giese: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 TO TITLE 41 SO AS TO ENACT THE BOILER REGISTRATION ACT OF 2003, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSELS INSTALLED IN THIS STATE BE DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED AND SEALED OR STAMPED UNDER A NATIONAL CODE AND REGISTERED WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL ON REGISTRATION FORMS PROVIDED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER A BOILER OR PRESSURE VESSEL OR INSTALL ONE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 194 (Word version) -- Senator McGill: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO DELETE FROM THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" THE EXCLUSION FROM COLLEGE WORK-STUDY STUDENTS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 197 (Word version) -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-149-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ALLOW STUDENTS COMPLETING THREE OF THE FINAL FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LIFE SCHOLARSHIP IF ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3385 SO AS TO ALLOW STUDENTS A REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT IF THEY COMPLETE THREE OF THE FINAL FOUR YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH CAROLINA IF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 203 (Word version) -- Senators Jackson, McConnell, Matthews, Courson, Anderson, Ford, Glover, Malloy, Patterson and Pinckney: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 77, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION EQUALIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE, HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO BE USED FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES INTENDED TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OF LOW-

INCOME, EDUCATIONALLY AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 214 (Word version) -- Senator Richardson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS AND TERMINATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOBBYIST'S REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST IS REGISTERED AND THAT PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF THIS CHAPTER APPLY FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST REMAINS REGISTERED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-25, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND TERMINATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE REGISTRATION OF A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL IS REGISTERED AND THAT PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF THIS CHAPTER APPLY FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REMAINS REGISTERED.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 215 (Word version) -- Senators McConnell, Moore and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LOBBYIST'S REPORTING OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-35, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO

CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR FILING THE REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS, ACTS PROHIBITED OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, EXCEPTIONS, AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CABINET OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO DELETE BALLOT MEASURE FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A NOTICE OF WAIVER BE FORWARDED TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AFTER A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN DISMISSED WHEN IT DOES NOT ALLEGE FACTS SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-365, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION MUST ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF ELECTRONIC FILING FOR DISCLOSURES AND REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "COMMITTEE" TO INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE, MAKES INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AGGREGATING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTION" TO DELETE BALLOT MEASURE WITHIN ITS DEFINITION, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "INDEPENDENT

EXPENDITURE" TO INCLUDE AN EXPENDITURE MADE UPON CONSULTATION WITH A COMMITTEE OR AGENT OF A COMMITTEE OR A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE OR AN AGENT OF A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE, BY DEFINING "BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE" AND "INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICE"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1304, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT COMMITTEES RECEIVING AND SPENDING FUNDS MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES OR EXPENDS MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE DURING AN ELECTION CYCLE TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF A BALLOT MEASURE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY A COMMITTEE WHICH RECEIVES OR EXPENDS MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1306, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WHERE APPLICABLE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FILING OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS BY CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE MAKING OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1309, SO AS TO REQUIRE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE REQUIRED TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION MUST FILE AN INITIAL CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORT WHEN IT RECEIVES OR EXPENDS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING CERTAIN SPECIFIED AMOUNTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN CAMPAIGN REPORTS AND COPIES OF THEM AND THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT TO SEND CAMPAIGN

REPORTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1316, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL PARTIES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A POLITICAL PARTY FROM RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH ITS PARTY COMMITTEES OR LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES WHICH TOTAL CERTAIN AGGREGATE AMOUNTS AND PROVIDE THAT A CONTRIBUTION GIVEN IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE KEPT BY THE RECIPIENT, BUT WITHIN TEN DAYS REMIT IT TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1324, RELATING TO ANONYMOUS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1332, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO INCLUDE A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS A COMMITTEE AND DELETE FROM THE PROHIBITION AN ORGANIZATION OR COMMITTEE OF AN ORGANIZATION TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FROM A PERSON OTHER THAN ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1333 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AND COMMITTEES FORMED BY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE MAY USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO DEFRAY PERSONAL EXPENSES WHICH ARE UNRELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1366, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AS A LOCATION OF THESE REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1368,

RELATING TO TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FILING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1370, RELATING TO THE USE OF UNEXPENDED CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CANDIDATE AFTER AN ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1372, RELATING TO TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS OF RULES ON CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS ON CAMPAIGN REPORTS; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1373, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, USING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO IT, MUST DEFEND ANY ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST THE STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 8, IN CASES WHERE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REFUSES TO DEFEND SUCH ACTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1510, RELATING TO THE PENALTY FOR LATE FILING OF OR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT OR STATEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR MAXIMUM FINE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1520, RELATING TO A VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 8, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 13 OF CHAPTER 8 A MISDEMEANOR AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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S. 217 (Word version) -- Senator McConnell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-13-360, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS REGULATING COSMETOLOGY AND COSMETOLOGISTS, SO AS TO ALSO EXEMPT PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS FROM

SUCH REGULATION.

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