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Subject: Scholarships Awarded During Summer Sessions Task Force

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As you know utilizing lottery scholarships during summer session is critical to USC's year-round On You Time proposal. Both attempts at proviso language were rebuffed. The House WM staff shot down the proviso granting students ability to use them. Senate then put the task force idea forward, with date certain delivery of report on how to enact in next FY. House Conference Committee members balked, so it's gone.

It dawned on me today, the governor could simply ask Finan and CHE to do exactly what the proviso below seeks to accomplish, maybe thru Executive Order. If it worked, then we would lose no time for FY 14-15 budget deliberations and have a major obstacle removed.

What do you think, it's this even remotely possible for her consideration??

**11.20 ADD** (Scholarships Awarded During Summer Sessions Task Force) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct CHE to convene a special task force to explore the merits and feasibility of awarding Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships and other financial aid during summer sessions in order to increase student flexibility and facilitate an expedited time to graduations. Direct the commission include campus officials from various institutions representing financial aid, business affairs, academic affairs, and commission staff. Direct findings and recommendations be reported to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Education, House Ways and Means, and House Education and Public Works Committees by **December 1, 2013**. Direct the report include any necessary statutory changes; an analysis of any state budget implications; anticipated state budget costs on a cash flow basis over multiple fiscal years to determine net cost or savings associated with providing awards during the summer terms.

**SEN:** ADOPT new proviso.

**11.20.** (CHE: Scholarships Awarded During Summer Session Task Force) *The Commission on Higher Education shall convene a special task force comprised of institutional representatives from the various sectors of higher education to explore the merits and feasibility of awarding Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarships and other state-supported financial aid during summer sessions for the purpose of increasing student flexibility and to facilitate an expedited time to graduation as compared to the traditional academic calendar. The task force assembled by the commission shall include campus officials representing financial aid, business affairs, and academic affairs as well as commission staff. A report of the task force shall be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, and the Governor no later than December 1, 2013. The report submitted shall include as part of any findings and recommendations advanced, an outline of necessary changes, if any, to current statutory provisions governing scholarships and/or state-supported financial aid as well as an analysis of state budget implications, if any, including, as appropriate, an accounting for anticipated state budget costs on a cash flow basis over multiple fiscal years to determine the net cost (or savings as the case may be) to the state for providing awards during the summer terms.*

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