

Summary of House Bill 3899

Sponsors: David Wilkins, Bobby Harrell and 53 other House Members

Status of Bill: - Introduced, and referred to Ways & Means Committee

- Approved by sub-committee

- Pending consideration by full committee on 4/8

Major provisions of the bill:

- Removes the research universities from all CHE authority
- Reduces CHE membership to 13
- Creates the S. C. Research Oversight Council
 - Membership: 3 at large appointments
(Governor, Senate President, House Speaker)
3 Chairmen of Board of Trustees
3 other Trustees
 - Defines Research Institution's missions
 - Council will develop short & long range plans
 - Council will collect necessary data from research institutions
 - Creates performance funding for research institutions
 - Defines Critical Success Factors for research institutions
 - Mission Focus
 - Quality of Faculty
 - Quality of Students
 - Research Funding
 - Economic Development, and
 - Standings as compared to peers and outside standards
 - Council will coordinate budget requests
 - Fiscal support for Council will be provided by research universities
 - Allows for 4% of student body to receive tuition waivers
 - Allows research universities to add grant-funded fte's
 - Allows research institutions to provide health insurance benefits to f-t graduate assistants
- Shifts staffing and support for Research Centers of Excellence Reviews Board from CHE to Council
- Allows institutions to lease land to private enterprises
- Shifts allocation of SC Higher Education Matching Gift Fund (for research institutions) from CHE to Council
- Provides for the issuance of state bonds for economic development infrastructure