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Subject: In-state Tuition Rates for Military Personnel Bill, S.391 – Ceremonial Bill Signing

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Updated brief below.

We have a call into Robert Murphy.

I'm still working on details i.e - the run of show, signing pens, attendees etc.

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EVENT: In-state Tuition Rates for Military Personnel Bill, S.391 – Ceremonial Bill Signing
**Bill was signed on June 7, 2015*

DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

TIME: 1:30PM

LOCATION: University of South Carolina-Aiken Campus, Gregg-Graniteville Library, 152 Scholar Loop, Aiken, S.C.

The only university in the state to be rated in the top 150 universities in the Nation for being a Best for Vets institution of higher education.

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PRESS: Yes

PUBLIC: Yes

ATTENDEES:

INTRODUCED BY:

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

1. Governor Nikki Haley
2. Senator Tom Young

SPONSORS:

Senate: (S.391) Young, Massey, Turner, Thurmond, Johnson, McElveen, Shealy, Hembree, Cromer, Setzler, Alexander, Davis, Scott

House: (H.3037) Daning, GM Smith, GR Smith, Cobb-Hunter, MS MCLeod, Felder, HUgguns, Pitts, Taylor, Mitchell, Bales, Jefferson, Gambrell

FLOOR FIGHTERS:

Senators:

Representatives:

BILL BACKGROUND:

- In 2014, federal legislation entitled the Choice Act expanded the use of certain tuition assistance benefits to military dependents.
- This legislation requires states to allow beneficiaries of veteran-related education benefits to receive in-state tuition rates and allows for penalties on other federal education benefits should states not comply with this provision.
- This bill allows for in-state tuition for military personnel and their dependents while they are beneficiaries of military-related education benefits, bringing the state into compliance with federal provisions.
- Universities and colleges indicate this could result in an other funds fiscal impact of \$14.7 million by lowering tuition rates for individuals currently paying out-of-state tuition.
- CHE estimates the fiscal impact of not complying with this provision could result in losses to state colleges and universities upwards of \$50 million.
- The senate budget provides for a \$10 million non-recurring offset for this fiscal impact.
- Passed Senate (44-0), House (98-0).

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**INVITES:****LOCATION SETUP: *(All being provided by USC Aiken)***

Podium
State Seal
Microphone
Signing table
Executive Chair
Flags (4)
Pens ()

OTHER PIECES:

Prepare bill for signature/ signing pens

SIGNING PENS:

1. Senator Tom Young

OTHER ATTENDEES: