

EXHIBIT A

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REGARDING HOUSE BILL 3169 AS AMENDED WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION HELD AT THE CITADEL, SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 6, 1972:

A RESOLUTION

The Higher Education Commission has already given its approval and support to the bill to create the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education prior to the addition of the two amendments.

The Commission is of the opinion that under Section II, second paragraph, further changes are desirable so that this should read as follows:

"It is provided further that such university branches and centers are hereby specifically authorized to offer programs and courses in the junior level where such branch or center has an enrollment of 700 full-time equivalent students and to offer senior level programs and courses when such branch or center has 1,000 full-time equivalent students, both of these are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees or the university concerned and the Higher Education Commission and provided that such courses and programs are adequately funded. "

The Commission feels that in the final legislation, it is important that the Commission on Higher Education retain its authority as provided by existing legislation to approve new program offerings at all state-supported institutions and the House version of the bill should so be amended to accomplish that purpose. We reiterate that no third or fourth year programs should be created at any two-year institution without the Commission's approval.

The Higher Education Commission favors the delivery of and encourages the vigorous promotion of broad educational opportunities to all of the citizens of this state, wherever they may reside. The Commission further stresses the need for viewing education as a whole and warns against placing undue emphasis on any single component part. It is wise for this state to continue to make its major efforts towards the proper undergirding of higher education by the establishment and adequate funding of a strong primary and secondary educational system to include kindergartens. It is not wise to continue to increase the numbers and the size of institutions of higher education without first being assured that the products of primary and secondary education are properly prepared to attain the goals of higher education.

The Higher Education Commission is further constrained to give sober consideration to the present and future problems of the private and church-related institutions of higher education in our

state. Already we have had to take over and provide funds for the College of Charleston, and now Lander College has made a bid for the state to take over its operation. If the state continues to siphon off students from these institutions, it will only be a short time before other schools will be applying to the state for funds or actually take over their full operation.