

Concurrent Resolution

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TO EXPRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO MAKE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION CONCERNING SUCH MASTER PLAN.

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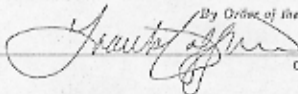
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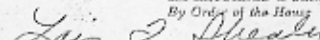
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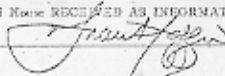
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House Amendments agreed to and a message sent accordingly

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Whereas, Act 410 of 1978 directed the Commission on Higher Education to prepare a master plan for higher education to be presented to the General Assembly for approval; and

Whereas, Act 410 of 1978 provides that no public institution of higher education shall expand its curricula, administrative staff or faculty, nor shall there be further construction of physical facilities, with certain exceptions, until the plan is approved; and

Whereas, the Commission on Higher Education has undertaken a comprehensive study of higher education and has presented its conclusions in the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education; and

Whereas, the Master Plan provides appropriate guidance for higher education in South Carolina and the basis for continuous review and modification; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has certain recommendations to make to the Commission on Higher Education concerning its future operations and higher education in South Carolina. Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring That the General Assembly hereby approves the principles embodied in the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education presented to the members of the General Assembly by the Commission on Higher Education in accordance with Act 410 of 1978; provided, however, the approval of the principles embodied in the Master Plan does not in this resolution embrace the specific legislative recommendations contained therein.

Be it further resolved that the General Assembly hereby makes the following recommendations to the Commission in connection with such Master Plan:

(A) That the Commission vigorously pursue the objectives of the Master Plan and Act 410 of 1978, but nevertheless recognize the high priority that was placed on upgrading teacher training programs and colleges by the General Assembly in Act 187 of 1979.

(B) In reviewing existing academic programs and in approving new programs, strict adherence to the three-tier concept should be required of all public institutions of higher education.

(C) In furtherance of the sentiment expressed in paragraph (B) above, immediate consideration should be given to eliminating unnecessary duplication of courses and associate degree programs by technical colleges and other colleges and universities and to preventing such unnecessary duplication from developing in the future. The governing concept should be that of maintaining a

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high quality of course and program offerings, but simultaneously weighing the economic advantages of conducting such courses and programs at the least expensive institution so that costs to the State and to the students will be as small as possible.

(D) In reviewing and approving nursing programs, careful consideration should be given to long-term needs so that an oversupply of nurses will not exist in the future.

(E) That the Commission conduct a thorough review of the status and future of medical education in this State. Specific attention should be directed toward the roles and costs of The Medical University of South Carolina and The Medical School of the University of South Carolina, the future medical needs of South Carolina, and the most cost-effective way in which the State can meet its identified medical needs.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commission on Higher Education.