

2017 BILLS OF INTEREST TO SCICU

The 2017 Session (1st regular session) of the 122nd South Carolina General Assembly will convene on January 10, 2017 and is scheduled to end sine die on May 11, 2017.

The report below includes selected bills of interest to the independent higher education community. The listing is not exhaustive. Bills are hyperlinked to full text. For additional information on legislation go to www.scstatehouse.gov.

House bills (denoted by H.) / Senate bills (denoted by S.)

Legislation is listed in numeric order. House (H.) bills are listed first and followed by Senate (S.) bills and Regulations. Numbering of Senate bills begins at 1 and numbering of House bills begins at 3000. Enacted legislation is shaded in yellow and assigned Act numbers are provided preceding the bill number.

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Bill #	Companion Legislation	Brief Descriptive Title	Bill Title or Brief Description	Primary Sponsor & up to three additional listed. ("and others" signifies other sponsors not listed)	Date Introduced	Committee (Indicates Committee currently considering)	Status of Legislation
HOUSE BILLS							
3006		Metal detectors	SO AS TO REQUIRE MOTION PICTURE THEATERS, SPORTING ARENAS, AND CONCERT VENUES TO INSTALL AND OPERATE METAL DETECTORS.	Rep. Gilliard	12/15/2016	Judiciary	Committee
3035		In-state tuition for veterans	REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE VETERANS WHO EVIDENCE THEIR INTENT TO ESTABLISH DOMICILE IN THIS STATE AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION RATES WITHOUT HAVING ESTABLISHED A PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THIS STATE	Reps. Danning, Long, Simrill, Bales, Bradley, G.M. Smith and others	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee report favorable with amendments to House on 1/25/17; House read the 3rd time and sent to Senate on 2/9/17; Referred to Education Committee
3042		Written scholar-ship cancellation notice	TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN WRITTEN NOTICE TO STUDENTS BEFORE TERMINATING OR REDUCING SCHOLARSHIPS.	Reps. King, Robinson-Simpson	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3048		College Financial Aid Education Act of 2017	TO INCLUDE FINANCING SECONDARY EDUCATION AMONG THE TOPICS IN HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS,	Reps. King, Robinson-Simpson	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3053		In-state tuition	TO PROVIDE THAT TUITION RATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT INCREASE FOR A FOUR-YEAR OR EIGHT-SEMESTER TIME PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR	Reps. Putnam, Robinson-Simpson	12/15/2016	Ways and Means	Committee
3056		SC Leadership Scholarships	TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS TO COVER THE COST OF ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL; INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS.	Reps. Robinson-Simpson and Clyburn	1/10/2017	Ways and Means	Committee; Subcom. Adj Debate-3/9
3063		Out-of-state tuition exemption	TO PROVIDE A STUDENT MUST BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING OUT-OF-STATE TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE IF HE ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS AND MEET OTHER REQUIREMENTS	Reps. Rutherford, Robinson-Simpson	12/15.2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3066		S.C. College and University Board of Regents	TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS TRANSFER DUTIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD TO THE REGENTS	Reps. G.M. Smith and G.R. Smith	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3068	29	Uniform Athlete Agents Act of 2017	TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR REGISTRATION OF STUDENT ATHLETE AGENTS	Rep. J.E. Smith	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3143		Municipalities Contracting Law Enforcement Services	PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY ALSO MAY CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES.	Reps. Burns, Dillard,Chumley, Long, and Clyburn	12/15/2016	Judiciary	Committee; Subcom. Adj. Debate-2/14/17

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3220		S.C. Education and Economic Development Coordinating Council	TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS	Reps. Allison, West, Collins, Felder, B. Newton, Govan, Brown, Whipper and others	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee report favorable to House 1/25/2017; House read 3rd time and sent to Senate on 2/1/17; Senate Education Committee on 2/1/17
3248		Firearms on campus	ALLOW A HOLDER OF A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT TO CARRY A FIREARM ON PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED OR CONTROLLED BY A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION (PRIVATE PROPERTY EXEMPTION, 23-31-215 (M))	Reps. Fry and Crawford	12/15.2016	Judiciary	Committee
3262		Concealed weapons	ALLOW A HOLDER OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT TO CARE A FIREARM ON POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ATHLETIC EVENTS (PRIVATE PROPERTY EXEMPTION, 23-31-215 (M))	Reps. Long, Burns and Chumley	12/15/2016	Judiciary	Committee
3303		Disciplinary Procedure Due Process	TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES, TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF A STUDENT WHO IS SUBJECT TO A PROCEEDING, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL; TO REQUIRE THE LEGAL STANDARD TO BE THE PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE	Reps. Huggins and G.R. Smith	12/15/2016	Education and Public Works	Committee
3311		Pathways Initiative	TO ESTABLISH A PATHWAYS TO FIRST CAREERS PROGRAM AND TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT FUND FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PROGRAMS AT TECHNICAL COLLEGES; PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT FUND	Reps. White and G.R. Smith	12/15/2016	Senate Education	Committee; Subcom. Adj Debate-3/9; Fav w/ admen-3/22; 3rd reading House-3/30; Senate Ed Com-4/4
3399		Access to Debt Free Higher Education	TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION AND TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES HAVE ACCESS TO DEBT-FREE HIGHER EDUCATION AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE GROWING CRISIS OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT AND DEFAULT, PARTICULARLY AMONG LOW-INCOME STUDENTS AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS DISPROPORTIONATELY BURDENED BY THE CRISIS	Rep. Cobb-Hunter	1/11/2017	Invitations and Memorial Resolutions	Committee
3415		Teacher certification and Read To Succeed Act	RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND FOR LITERACY ENDORSEMENTS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRAINING IN IDENTIFYING AND ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA AMONG THE REQUIRED COURSEWORK, AND TO MAKE THESE REQUIREMENTS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.	Reps. Clary, Collins, Bannister, Thayer, King, Stringer, Elliott and Tallon	1/11/2017	Education and Public Works	Committee
3524		Child abuse	RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO ADD SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES , FIREFIGHTERS, CAMP COUNSELORS, SCOUT LEADERS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR SUPERVISE CHILDREN AS MANDATED REPORTERS,	Reps. McCoy, S. Rivers and Bennett	1/18/2017	Judiciary	Committee
3620	351	Income Tax Credits	TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.	Reps. G.M. Smith, Yow	1/31/2017	Ways and Means	Committee
3700	449	SC Constitutional Carry Act of 2017	TO AFFIRMATIVELY ASSERT THAT IT IS LEGAL TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN THIS STATE WITHOUT A PERMIT AND WITHOUT CONCEALING, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED, WITH LOCATION EXCEPTIONS WHERE FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED (Nothing contained in this article shall in any way be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise infringe upon the right of a private property owner or person in legal possession or control to allow or prohibit the carrying of a concealable weapon upon his premises).	Reps. Hill, Putnam, Magnuson, Bedingfield, Long, Burns, Chumley, and others	2/8/2017	Judiciary	Committee
3720		Appropriations Bill, 2017-2018	TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017	Ways and Means Committee	3/7/2017	Senate Finance	House Floor; to Senate Finance-3/15; Passed House-3/15; Assigned Sen Fin Com; 3rd Reading Senate-4/6

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3721		Capital Reserve Fund	TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017	Ways and Means Committee	3/7/2017	Senate Finance	House Floor; Passed House-3/15; Assigned Sen Fin Com; 3rd Reading Senate-4/6
3821		Mandatory Courses for Controlled Substance	REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER MANDATORY COURSES ON THE PRESCRIBING AND MONITORING OF SCHEDULE II, III, AND IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES	Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Henderson	2/22/2017	Senate Education	House Ed & PW-3/30; 3rd Reading House; Senate Ed-4/11
3930		Concealed weapons	TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM CARRYING A HANDGUN INTO CERTAIN PLACES WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OR A PERSON IN CONTROL OF THE PREMISES; RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS THAT PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON MAY LAWFULLY CARRY A HANDGUN. (It is unlawful for a person to knowingly possess a firearm of any kind on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, other post-secondary institution, or in any publicly owned building, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property).	Reps. Pitts, Delaney, Clemmons	3/7/2017	Judiciary	Committee; Favorable with Admendment-3/22/17; 3rd reading to House-4/6; to Senate Jud Committee-4/11
3931		Quarterly Reporting of Public Funds by Non-Profits	REQUIRE CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN PUBLIC FUNDS TO SUBMIT A QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE REPORT TO THE AWARDING JURISDICTION	Rep. Herbkersman	3/7/2017	Ways and Means	Committee
4032		Remove GPA and SAT as criteria for LIFE	RELATING TO CRITERIA FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA ONLY TO INCLUDE STUDENTS IN THE TOP THIRTY PERCENT OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASSES	Rep. McKnight	3/22/2017	Education and Public Works	Committee
4079		Report Title IX Violations on Student Transcripts	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING THAT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS SHALL INDICATE THE EXISTENCE OF AFFIRMATIVE FINDINGS OF STUDENT VIOLATIONS OF TITLE IX AND RELATED PUNISHMENTS RESULTING FROM DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED BY THE INSTITUTION ON STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER GRADUATION	Rep. Huggins	3/30/2017	Education and Public Works	Committee
SENATE BILLS							
29	3068	Athlete agents and student athletes	TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR REGISTRATION OF STUDENT ATHLETE AGENTS	Senator Goldfinch	12/13/2016	Education	Committee
40	3066	S.C. College and University Board of Regents	TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS TRANSFER DUTIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE BOARD TO THE REGENTS	Senator Malloy	12/13/2016	Education	Committee
49		Elizabeth Evelyn Wright Menafee	TO DIRECT THE STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO COMMISSION A PORTRAIT OF THE LATE ELIZABETH EVELYN WRIGHT MENAFEE, A NOTED HUMANITARIAN, EDUCATOR, AND FOUNDER OF VOORHEES COLLEGE TO BE PLACED IN THE STATE HOUSE.	Senator Scott	12/13/2016	Finance	Committee
88		Concealed weapons	PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EMPLOYER'S POSTING OF A SIGN PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON ON THE EMPLOYERS' PREMISES CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER WHO IS INJURED WHILE ON THE PREMISE; TO ALLOW INSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON IN SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, DAYCARES, CHURCHES, AND HOSPITALS	Senator Verdin	12/13/2016	Judiciary	Committee
131		Disturbing schools or colleges	RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DISTURBING SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES TO PROVIDE A DELINEATED LIST OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH INVOLVE DISTURBING SCHOOLS	Sen. McLeod	12/13/2016	House Judiciary	Committee; Subcom. Hutto, Timmons, Rice-2/7/17; 3rd Reading Senate-4/6; House Judiciary Com.

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222		SC Teacher Protection Act of 2017	TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER (INCLUDES FACULTY AND STAFF AT PRIVATE COLLEGES) MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT WHO COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST THE TEACHER IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT A SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT OR IF THE OFFENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO TEACHER HAS CIVIL LIABILITY TO A STUDENT OR TO A PARTY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE TEACHER THAT OCCURS WHILE THE TEACHER IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL.	Sen. Campsen	1/10/2017	Education	Committee;
339		SC Promise Scholarship Act	CREATE A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BASED ON CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE COST OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AND UP TO \$1500 FOR BOOKS AND EXPENSES	Sen. Hutto	2/1/2017	Education	Committee
351	3620	Income Tax Credits	TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.	Sen. Alexander	2/2/2017	House Ways and Means	Committee; Favorable with Admendment-2/22/17; Senate floor for 2nd reading; 3rd reading to House-3/8; to W&M Committee-3/9.
389		Teachers of Tomorrow Certification Act	TO ENACT THE "TEACHERS OF TOMORROW CERTIFICATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR PERSONS CERTIFIED BY TEACHERS OF TOMORROW	Sens J. Matthews, Rankin, Setzler and Hutto	2/8/2017	Education	Committee
391		Colleges and Universities Football	TO PROVIDE THAT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THIS STATE ARE PROHIBITED FROM SCHEDULING A HOME INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAME ON A FRIDAY.	Sens. Turner, Shealy, Peeler and others	2/8/2017	Education	Committee
431		Weapons on Campus	UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO THREATEN, SOLICIT ANOTHER TO THREATEN, OR CONSPIRE TO THREATEN TO CAUSE DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH OR TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO OR DESTROY A BUILDING OR OTHER REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY USE OF A FIREARM ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION	Sen. Senn	2/16/2017	Judiciary	Committee
432	88	Instituional Concealed Weapons Permit	RELATING TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EMPLOYER'S POSTING OF A SIGN PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON ON THE EMPLOYERS' PREMISES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER WHO IS INJURED WHILE ON THE PREMISES OF AN EMPLOYER WHO HAS PROHIBITED THE CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON	Sen. Verdin	2/16/2017	Judiciary	Committee
449	3700	SC Constitutional Carry Act of 2017	TO AFFIRMATIVELY ASSERT THAT IT IS LEGAL TO CARRY A HANDGUN IN THIS STATE WITHOUT A PERMIT AND WITHOUT CONCEALING, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED, WITH LOCATION EXCEPTIONS WHERE FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED (Nothing contained in this article shall in any way be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise infringe upon the right of a private property owner or person in legal possession or control to allow or prohibit the carrying of a concealable weapon upon his premises).	Sen. Martin, Corbin, Rice, Shealy, and Verdin	2/21/2017	Judiciary	Committee; Subcom: Malloy, Shealy, Fanning, Rice, Senn-4/3

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HOUSE AND SENATE LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 2017							
304		Pres. Beth Dinndorf	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH "BETH" DINNDORF ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT	Senators Scott, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bryant and others	1/24/2017		Adopted Senate 1/24/2017 Adopted House 1/25/2017
493		Dr. David Holmes Swinton	SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. DAVID SWINTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT	Sens. Jackson, Kimpsco, Scott	3/1/2017		Adopted Senate 3/1/17
3857		Independent College and University Day/Week	A CONCURRENT TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK," APRIL 3 - 7, 2017, AND "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY," APRIL 5, 2017, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS FOR OUR STATE AND NATION	Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Allison, and many others	2/28/2017		Adopted House 2/28/17 Adopted Senate 3/1/17
3888		Dr. David Holmes Swinton	HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. DAVID SWINTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT	Reps. Rutherford, Bales, Ballentine, and others	3/2/2017		Adopted House 3/2/17