

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S\*0125 (Rat #0178, Act #0156 of 2024) General Bill, By Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer**

**Summary:** Scholarship Stipend

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ACT TEST AS AN OPTION FOR ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DETERMINE THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING ACT SCORE, TO PROVIDE THIS MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORE MUST BE THE EQUIVALENT OF THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SAT SCORE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION PERIODICALLY SHALL ADJUST THESE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORES COMMENSURATE WITH SCORING SCALE ADJUSTMENTS MADE BY THE TESTING PROVIDER, AND TO PROVIDE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES MUST CONSIDER THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME A TEST IS TAKEN WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL SATISFIES THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO USE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND ELIGIBLE TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS AND MAY CONTINUE TO USE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION, SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTERS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. - RATIFIED TITLE

11/30/22	Senate	Prefiled
11/30/22	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education
01/10/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 69)
01/10/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 69)
02/08/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/22/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 8)
02/27/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/28/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 19)
03/01/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 8)
03/01/23	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 8)
03/01/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 8)
03/07/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 14)
03/07/23	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 14)
05/01/24	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works
05/07/24	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Erickson, Hixon, Carter, O'Neal, Sessions, MM Smith, BL Cox, Guffey, West, Robbins, Calhoon, Bustos, Long (House Journal-page 131)
05/08/24	House	Amended (House Journal-page 264)
05/08/24	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 264)
05/08/24	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 268)
05/09/24	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 86)
05/09/24		Scrivener's error corrected
05/09/24	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 11)
05/15/24		Ratified R 178
05/20/24		Signed By Governor
05/29/24		Effective date 07/01/24

05/29/24

Act No. 156