

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.259**

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TO: The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Thurmond PRIMARY CODE CITE: 59-111-320
SUBJECT: Tuition for persons over age 60

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 259 amends Chapter 111, Title 59 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding a provision allowing persons over age sixty, that are employed full-time to attend classes at State supported colleges, universities and technical schools without payment of tuition.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education indicate this Bill would have a minimal impact on the Other Funds of institutions and technical colleges. Although the provision would be permissive and only allowed as space is available for eligible enrollees, there may be a greater administrative burden to institutions and technical colleges leading to increased costs, due to expansion of the number of eligible persons that may receive this benefit. If the expansion of this population is significant, it could result in increased administrative fee assessments for students.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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