

Introduced by SENATOR W. BRUCE WILLIAMS

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A BILL

To Create the Lancaster County Commission for Higher Education and to
Make Provision for its Powers and Duties

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Lancaster County Commission
2 for Higher Education. This body, hereinafter called the Commission, shall
3 be composed of seven members who shall be appointed by the Governor on
4 the recommendation of a majority of the Lancaster County Legislative Dele-
5 gation, including the Senator. The commissioners shall be appointed for terms
6 of four years each and shall serve until their successors shall have been ap-
7 pointed and qualify; *provided*, that three of the seven commissioners initially
8 appointed shall be appointed for a term of two years, with their successors
9 to be appointed thereafter for full four-year terms.

10 The Superintendent of Education for Lancaster County shall, by virtue.
11 of his office, be an ex officio member of the Commission.

12 At their first meeting the commissioners shall elect a chairman, vice
13 chairman, secretary, and treasurer from among their members and proceed
14 to organize and adopt such rules and procedures as may seem desirable to
15 carry out their duties.

16 To facilitate its work the Commission is hereby authorized to appoint
17 from Lancaster County, and from such adjacent areas as deemed appropriate,
18 an Educational Advisory Committee consisting of not less than fifteen members
19 which shall meet and consult with the Commission from time to time, as may
20 be required. All members of the Commission and or the Educational Advisory
21 Committee shall serve without compensation or fees.

SEC. 2. The Commission may meet at such times and in such places
2 as to the majority of the members seems most desirable. Meetings shall be
3 called by the chairman of the Commission; *provided*, that in the event the
4 chairman is unable or unwilling to call a meeting, the Commission can be
5 called into session on the written request and signatures of three members.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall have as its purpose the encouragement
2 of higher education in, Lancaster County and adjacent areas and, more specific-
3 ally, the establishment in Lancaster County of facilities to offer standard fresh-
4 man and sophomore college courses, and such other courses as deemed de-
5 sirable. The Commission shall establish standards for the admission of persons
6 to such courses.

SEC. 4. To carry out this purpose and objective the Commission, with
2 the approval of a majority of its members, shall be empowered to enter into
3 contracts, make binding agreements, negotiate with educators and educational
4 institutions and, generally, to take such actions in its name as are necessary
5 to secure for Lancaster County and adjacent areas the educational facilities
6 above described; *provided* that the County of Lancaster shall not be bound
7 nor held liable for any acts of omission or commission of the Commission,
8 nor by any provision of any contract or agreement, expressed or implied,
9 except upon the written approval and consent of a majority of the Lancaster
10 County Legislative Delegation, including the Senator.

11 The Commission may solicit funds and accept donations from various
12 sources which it may expend in carrying out its objective.

SEC. 5. The Commission shall keep accurate and detailed records of
2 its meetings and actions and shall, as soon after June thirtieth of each year
3 as is feasible, submit a written report to the Lancaster County Legislative
4 Delegation which shall include an accounting of all funds the Commission
5 may have received and disbursed in the twelve months preceding that date.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

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