**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑111‑80 SO AS TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN WRITTEN NOTICE TO STUDENTS BEFORE TERMINATING OR REDUCING SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 111, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑111‑80. An institution of higher learning may not terminate or reduce a student’s scholarship without first providing the student with written notice of the cancellation or reduction at least ninety calendar days before the date on which tuition and fee payments for the upcoming semester are due. This notice must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the permanent address of the student.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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