The Clemson University Enterprise Act

- The Clemson University Enterprise Act is an innovative, mutually beneficial state/university partnership that would give Clemson the tools to be more nimble and responsive to students and industry and create process efficiencies while maintaining full accountability back to the General Assembly.

- The Clemson University Enterprise Act would create an “Enterprise Division” as an operational unit within Clemson University that allows the Board of Trustees fiscal and directional control of its auxiliary and economic development programs (examples include CU-ICAR, housing and athletics), while maintaining state control and accountability. The Enterprise Division and its structure are modeled after MUSC’s successful Hospital Authority that was approved by the General Assembly over 10 years ago.

- Specifically, the legislation:
  - Defines ‘Enterprise Activities’ as those programs primarily related to:
    - Research
    - Economic Development
    - Auxiliaries, to include athletics and housing
    - Support and public service functions
    - Professional schools
  - Allows for the creation of an alternate comprehensive personnel system to allow for the development of a relevant and market based employee classification and compensation system. Employees of the Enterprise Division remain in the State Health Plan and State Retirement System.
  - Allows for an alternate procurement code to be developed to allow for final contract authority to be given to the Enterprise Division of Clemson University. The alternate code would mirror the SC Procurement Code to ensure competitive procurement procedures.
  - Requires an annual report to be developed for all capital construction within the Enterprise and be submitted to the Governor, the Chairman of Senate Finance, and the Chairman of House Ways and Means. Exempts the Enterprise Division from the current permanent improvement process and the real property transaction process.
  - Requires the Board of Trustees to conduct an annual independent audit of the Enterprise Division and report the findings to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.