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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**S.C. HOUSE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES AN  
ONLINE SURVEY SEEKING CITIZENS' INPUT ON FOUR AGENCIES UNDER STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE**  
*Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; State Election Commission; Human Affairs Commission; John de la Howe School*

**Columbia, SC** - Speaker Jay Lucas and the South Carolina House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Committee are pleased to announce an online survey seeking citizens' input on the next four agencies under study by the Committee. The next four agencies under study by this House Committee are the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; State Election Commission; Human Affairs Commission; and John de la Howe School. Citizens are encouraged to take the survey, which provides an opportunity to share with the Committee any comments, concerns, or suggestions citizens may have about these four agencies. To take the survey, go to [www.statehouse.gov](http://www.statehouse.gov), click on the "Citizens' Interest" tab on the top row, then click on the "Agency Oversight by House Legislative Oversight Committee" link. While the survey will only be open until March 13, 2017, citizens may contact the Committee anytime to share comments, concerns, or suggestions about state agencies. There have been over 1,000 responses to each of the previous surveys conducted.

Input and observations from those citizens who choose to provide responses are important to the Members of the House Legislative Oversight Committee because they may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement with these agencies. The Committee's vision is for South Carolina agencies to become, and continuously remain, the most effective state agencies in the country through processes which eliminate waste and efficiently deploy resources thereby creating greater confidence in state government.

The specific task of the House Legislative Oversight Committee is to conduct legislative oversight studies on agencies at least once every seven years. The purpose of a legislative oversight study is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed or even eliminated. Also, the Committee recognizes that a legislative oversight study of an agency serves the purpose of informing the public about an agency. Any legislator may file legislation, which will go through the normal legislative process, to implement recommendations this Committee may have relating to the agencies being studied.

**What:** Online survey seeking citizen's input  
**When:** February 9, 2017 until March 13, 2017  
**Where:** Online; from home, school or public library  
The link to take the survey is <https://www.research.net/r/February2017LOCPublicSurvey>  
**Who:** Entire public and agency personnel are encouraged to take the survey

Suggestions for additional ways to inform the public about this survey and the House Legislative Oversight Committee's process are welcomed.

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