

HOUSE
AMENDMENT

THIS AMENDMENT
ADOPTED

HRAY/MORGAN
FEBRUARY 2, 2011

CLERK OF THE HOUSE

THE REVENUE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSES THE
FOLLOWING AMENDMENT No. TO H. 3002
(COUNCIL\AGM\18469BH11):

**AMEND THE AMENDMENT BEARING DOCUMENT
NUMBER AGM/18296BH11, BY DELETING IN ITS
ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-20(2)-(3), AS
CONTAINED ON PAGE 9, AND INSERTING:**

**/ (2) BASE STUDENT COST MEANS THE FUNDING
LEVEL NECESSARY FOR PROVIDING A BASIC
EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES THE
FUNDING LEVEL NECESSARY FOR SUPPORTING
THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM, EXCLUDING
SUBITEMS (3)(A)(I)-(VII) OF THIS SECTION.
MONIES GENERATED BY WEIGHTINGS ABOVE 1.00**

MAY NOT BE USED FOR REVISIONS OF THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-30(3), AS CONTAINED ON PAGES 16- 17, AND INSERTING:

/ (3)~~TO~~ ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF A SPECIFIED PORTION OF THE STATE EDUCATION FUNDS ~~SO AS~~ TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS ARE PROVIDED ON THE BASIS OF NEED TO THE EXTENT SET FORTH BY THIS CHAPTER IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE ~~A MINIMUM~~ THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR EACH WEIGHTED PUPIL UNIT IN THE STATE THROUGH THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM; /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-40(1)(C), AS CONTAINED ON PAGES 18-22, AND INSERTING:

/ (C) WEIGHTINGS, USED TO PROVIDE FOR RELATIVE COST DIFFERENCES, ~~BETWEEN~~ AMONG PROGRAMS FOR DIFFERENT STUDENTS ARE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER THAT FUNDS MAY BE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED ON THE BASIS OF PUPIL NEEDS. THE CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCORDING TO DEFINITIONS ESTABLISHED IN THIS ~~ARTICLE~~ CHAPTER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 59-21-510, 59-35-10, 59-53-1860, AND 59-53-1900. COST FACTORS ENUMERATED IN THIS SECTION MUST BE USED TO FUND PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. PUPIL DATA RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE DEPARTMENT. COST FACTORS OR WEIGHTINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

~~PUPIL CLASSIFICATION~~

~~WEIGHTINGS~~

~~(1) KINDERGARTEN PUPILS
1.30~~

~~(2) PRIMARY PUPILS (GRADES 1 THROUGH 3)
1.24~~

~~(3) ELEMENTARY PUPILS (GRADES 4 THROUGH 8)
BASE STUDENTS 1.00~~

~~(4) HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS (GRADES 9 THROUGH 12) 1.25
SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS
WEIGHTINGS~~

~~(5) HANDICAPPED 1.74~~

~~A. EDUCABLE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~B. LEARNING DISABILITIES PUPILS~~

~~(6) HANDICAPPED 2.04~~

~~A. TRAINABLE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~B. EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~C. ORTHOPEDICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~(7) HANDICAPPED 2.57~~

~~A. VISUALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~B. HEARING HANDICAPPED PUPILS~~

~~C. PUPILS WITH AUTISM~~

~~(8) SPEECH HANDICAPPED PUPILS 1.90~~

~~(9) HOMEBOUND PUPILS 2.10~~

~~A. PUPILS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND~~

~~B. PUPILS WHO RESIDE IN EMERGENCY SHELTERS~~

~~CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
WEIGHTINGS~~

~~(10) PRE-CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY 1.20~~

~~(11) CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY 1.29~~

~~ADD-ON WEIGHTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD WEIGHTINGS
DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE~~

- ~~(12) EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE 0.26~~
- ~~(13) GRADES 4-12 ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE 0.114~~

~~ADULT EDUCATION~~

- ~~(14) ADULT EDUCATION 0.15~~

PUPIL CLASSIFICATION

WEIGHTINGS

- (1) K-12 PUPILS (BASE STUDENTS) 1.00

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

WEIGHTINGS

- (2) ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES AND WEIGHTINGS FOR DISABILITIES

- A. EDUCABLE MENTALLY DISABLED PUPILS 1.75
- B. LEARNING DISABLED PUPILS 1.75
- C. TRAINABLE MENTALLY IMPAIRED PUPILS 2.04
- D. EMOTIONALLY IMPAIRED PUPILS 2.04
- E. ORTHOPEDICALLY IMPAIRED PUPILS 2.04
- F. VISUALLY IMPAIRED PUPILS 2.57
- G. HEARING IMPAIRED PUPILS 2.57
- H. PUPILS WITH AUTISM 2.57
- I. SPEECH IMPAIRED PUPILS 1.90

- (3) ADDITIONAL WEIGHTINGS FOR DIFFERENTIATED ASSISTANCE

- A. HOMEBOUND OR EMERGENCY SHELTER PUPILS 1.00
- B. PRE-VOCATIONAL AND CAREER TECHNOLOGY 1.29

NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THE ITEMS BELOW, AND THE NUMBER OF WEIGHTED PUPIL UNITS FUNDED DEPENDS ON FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1984 FUND.

- (4) ADULT EDUCATION 0.15
- (5) ACADEMICALLY AND ARTISTICALLY TALENTED 0.15
- (6) PUPILS IN POVERTY 0.20
- (7) ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 0.20
- (8) ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE 0.17

(9) SUPERVISION, REVIEW HOME INSTRUCTED STUDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-65-40 0.25

~~NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND THE NUMBER OF WEIGHTED PUPIL UNITS FUNDED DEPENDS ON FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1984 FUND.~~

EACH STUDENT IN THE STATE MUST BE COUNTED IN ONLY ONE OF THE FIRST ELEVEN THREE PUPIL CLASSIFICATIONS. STUDENTS SHALL GENERATE FUNDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE AND GRADES ~~4-12~~ FOUR THROUGH TWELVE ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 59-139-20. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST SHALL DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 59-21-510, 59-35-10, 59-53-1860, 59-53-1900, AND CHAPTER 30 OF THIS TITLE. THE PROGRAM FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION MUST MEET SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

~~SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY COUNT EACH STUDENT WHO IS INSTRUCTED AT HOME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59-65-40 IN THE DISTRICT'S WEIGHTED PUPIL UNITS AT A WEIGHTING OF .25 FOR SUPERVISING, OVERSEEING, OR REVIEWING THE STUDENT'S PROGRAM OF HOME INSTRUCTION. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS INSTRUCTED AT HOME UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59-65-40. /~~

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-40(2), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 23, AND INSERTING:

/ **(2) RESERVED THE COMPUTATION FOR THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE OPERATION OF THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE SECTION 59-20-20(3)(A)(I)-(VII). THESE ALLOCATIONS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE ON A PER-PUPIL BASIS AND NOT ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. /**

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE LAST UNDESIGNATED PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 59-20-40(5), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 26, AND INSERTING:

/ ~~IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT~~ PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO FOR GRADES ~~1~~ ONE THROUGH ~~3~~ THREE STIPULATED IN THE CHAPTER MUST BE IMPLEMENTED TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS BASIS AND ~~THAT~~ THE PUPIL ENROLLMENT IN THESE GRADES SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWENTY-EIGHT PUPILS IN EACH CLASS. /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-40(8), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 26.

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE FIRST UNDESIGNATED PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 59-20-50(1), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 27, AND INSERTING:

/ ~~PROVIDED, NO~~ A DISTRICT ~~SHALL~~ MAY NOT RECEIVE ANNUALLY AN INCREASE IN STATE FUNDS LESS THAN THE FULL RATE OF THE INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT IN THE BASE STUDENT COST SPECIFIED IN SECTION 59-20-40(1)(B), SUBJECT TO FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT . ~~THIS INCREASE SHALL BE COMPUTED ANNUALLY OVER AND ABOVE THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY RECEIVED FROM THE STATE FOR THE FOUNDATION BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. /~~

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-50(4)(B), AS CONTAINED ON PAGES 28-30, AND INSERTING:

~~/ (B) THE STATE MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE MUST BE BASED ON THE STATE MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE INDEX IN EFFECT AS OF JULY 1, 1984 2011. IN FISCAL YEAR ~~1985~~ 2011, THE 1.000 FIGURE IN THE INDEX IS \$14,172 \$28,943. (THIS FIGURE IS BASED ON A 10.27% INCREASE PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1984.) BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 1986, THE 1.000 FIGURE IN THE INDEX MUST BE ADJUSTED ON A SCHEDULE TO STAY AT THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE AS PROJECTED BY THE DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL SERVICES AND PROVIDED TO THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING THEIR DELIBERATIONS ON THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL. THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY IS THE AVERAGE OF THE AVERAGE TEACHERS' SALARIES OF THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES. IN PROJECTING THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE, THE DIVISION SHALL INCLUDE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BASE TEACHER SALARY ALL LOCAL TEACHER SUPPLEMENTS AND ALL INCENTIVE PAY. UNDER THIS SCHEDULE, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN LOCAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS PER TEACHER NO LESS THAN THEIR PRIOR FISCAL LEVEL. IN FISCAL YEAR 1986 AND THEREAFTER THE STATE MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE MUST INCLUDE THE BASE TEACHER SALARY. WHEN A DISTRICT IMPLEMENTS A FURLOUGH, TEACHER SALARIES IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS MUST BE BASED ON THE TEACHER SALARY IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR PRIOR TO ANY REDUCTION DUE TO FURLOUGH. A DISTRICT IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN LOCAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS PER TEACHER OF THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR LEVEL. TEACHER PAY RAISES THROUGH ADJUSTMENTS IN THE STATE'S MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE MAY BE PROVIDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DISTRICT AND ONLY TO TEACHERS WHO DEMONSTRATE MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE PROFICIENCY BY MEETING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:~~

~~(1) HOLDING A VALID PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE;~~

~~(2) HAVING A SCORE OF 425 OR GREATER ON THE COMMONS EXAMINATION OF THE NATIONAL TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS;~~

~~(3) MEETING THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORE ON THE APPROPRIATE AREA TEACHING EXAMINATION; OR~~

~~(4) MEETING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS ON THE BASIC SKILLS EXAMINATIONS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDED IN SECTION 59-26-20. /~~

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-60(1)-(2), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 30, AND INSERTING:

/ (1) SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL GIVE FIRST SPENDING PRIORITY OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS CHAPTER TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ~~DEFINED MINIMUM~~ BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(2) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL AUDIT THE PROGRAMMATIC AND FISCAL ASPECTS OF THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING THE DEGREE TO WHICH A SCHOOL MEETS ALL PRESCRIBED STANDARDS OF THE ~~DEFINED MINIMUM~~ BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION. SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS 'DROPPED' BY THE ~~DEFINED MINIMUM~~ BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR UNTIL AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE DEFICIENCIES IS SUBMITTED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-60(6)(A)-(B), AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 37, AND INSERTING:

/ (A) THE COST OF THE ~~DEFINED-MINIMUM~~ BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM;

(B) PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE ~~DEFINED-MINIMUM~~ BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM; /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-20-90, AS CONTAINED ON PAGE 39, AND INSERTING:

/ SECTION 59-20-90. A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PUBLISH IN ITS ANNUAL AUDIT THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGE OF ITS PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES USED WITHIN THE IN\$ITE CATEGORIES OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT, NONINSTRUCTION PUPIL SERVICES, AND ON-SITE PRINCIPALS. A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL SPEND AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT OF ITS PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES WITHIN THESE IN\$ITE CATEGORIES. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, IN\$ITE MEANS THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS MODEL USED BY THE DEPARTMENT.” /

AMEND THE AMENDMENT FURTHER BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 59-139-300, AS CONTAINED ON PAGES 39-42, AND INSERTING:

/ SECTION 59-139-300. (A) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CAUSE THE DISTRICT AND EACH SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE FIVE-YEAR PLANS WITH ANNUAL UPDATES TO OUTLINE THE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS. DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PLANS MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WRITTEN ACCORDING TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED IN SECTION 59-139-10. THE DISTRICT PLAN MUST INTEGRATE THE NEEDS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND EVALUATION METHODS OUTLINED IN THE SCHOOL PLANS. MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS MUST INCLUDE OUTCOME AND PROCESS

INDICATORS OF IMPROVEMENT AND MUST PROVIDE DATA REGARDING WHAT DIFFERENCE THE STRATEGIES HAVE MADE. STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MUST BE A PRIORITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANS AND MUST BE BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS. LONG AND SHORT-RANGE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, AND TIME LINES MUST BE INCLUDED.

(B) EACH PLAN MUST PROVIDE FOR AN INNOVATION INITIATIVE, DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACHES BASED ON STRATEGIES IDENTIFIED IN THE RESEARCH LITERATURE TO BE EFFECTIVE. THE INNOVATION INITIATIVE MUST BE UTILIZED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE APPROACHES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING AND ACCELERATE THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS. FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED ON STRATEGIES IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR CATEGORIES:

(1) NEW APPROACHES TO WHAT AND HOW STUDENTS LEARN BY CHANGING SCHOOLING IN WAYS THAT PROVIDE A CREATIVE, FLEXIBLE, AND CHALLENGING EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE AT RISK. PERFORMANCE-BASED OUTCOMES WHICH SUPPORT A PEDAGOGY OF THINKING AND ACTIVE APPROACHES FOR LEARNING MUST BE SUPPORTED;

(2) APPLYING DIFFERENT TEACHING METHODS PERMITTING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS AT EVERY LEVEL TO FOCUS ON EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND ON CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESSES ARE ENCOURAGED;

**(3) REDEFINING HOW SCHOOLS OPERATE RESULTING IN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SCHOOL SITE AND ALLOWING THOSE CLOSEST TO THE STUDENTS THE FLEXIBILITY TO DESIGN THE MOST APPROPRIATE EDUCATION LOCATION AND PRACTICE;
AND**

(4) CREATING APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES BY IMPROVING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES (HEALTH, SOCIAL, MENTAL HEALTH), PARENTS, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND BY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES THAT COOPERATIVELY FOCUS THE RESOURCES OF THE GREATER COMMUNITY UPON BARRIERS TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PARENTING PROGRAMS, AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND ADOLESCENT SERVICES.

(C) AN ANNUAL DISTRICT PROGRAMMATIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS AND CONSTITUENTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE DEVELOPED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD. EACH REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE STRATEGIES IMPLEMENTED TO MEET THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AND AN EVALUATION OF THE OUTCOMES. AN ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT TO THE PARENTS AND CONSTITUENTS OF THE SCHOOL MUST BE DEVELOPED BY THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL AND SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL'S PROGRESS ON MEETING THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. THESE REPORTS MUST BE PROVIDED BY NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH OF EACH YEAR.” /

**RENUMBER SECTIONS TO CONFORM.
AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM.**