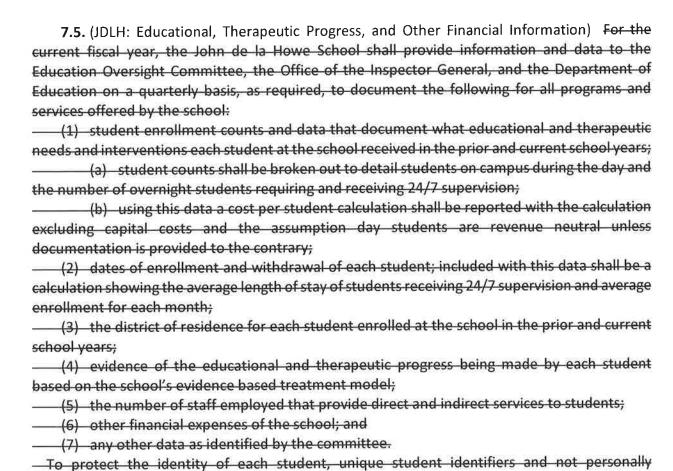
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improving services to students.

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identifiable information must be provided. The Education Oversight Committee, the Office of the Inspector General, and the Department of Education shall prescribe the reporting measures to be followed by the school and shall report to the Governor, to the Senate Finance Committee, and to the House Ways and Means Committee by January 15, 2016, on recommendations for

John De La Howe

NEW

7.__ (JDLHS: Transition)

Effective July 1 of the current fiscal year, all financial and programmatic management and operations of John de la Howe will be transferred from the John de la Howe Board of Trustees to Clemson University. The Department of Administration and Executive Budget Office will assist Clemson University as needed in the transition. With the funds appropriated, Clemson University will evaluate the physical assets of the campus and capacity of existing staff to serve at risk students in accordance with the purposes of the will of Dr. John de la Howe and provide such programs and services in the current year as determined by Clemson University. The General Assembly asks that Clemson University consider the following in its evaluation:

(1) what educational services can John de la Howe provide considering such options as becoming a charter school under Chapter 40 of Title 59 or a program under Section 59-19-350;

(2) what career opportunities especially in agribusiness can be provided at John de la Howe to prepare students for careers; and (3) what would be the costs of and timeframe for these changes. Clemson University will report to the Senate Finance Committee and to the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1 of the current fiscal year on its findings and recommendations.

Department of Education

Amend

1.62. and 1A.30 (SDE: Full-Day 4K) For the current school year, eligible students residing in a school district with a poverty index of seventy percent or greater may participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program. Eligible students residing in a school district that met the poverty level for participation in the prior school year are eligible to participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program in the current school year. Public and private providers will be reimbursed for instructional costs at a rate of \$4,218 \$4,323 per student enrolled. Eligible students enrolling during the school year or withdrawing during the school year shall be funded on a pro rata basis determined by the length of their enrollment. Private providers transporting eligible children to and from school shall also be eligible for a reimbursement of \$550 \$564 per eligible child transported. All providers who are reimbursed are required to retain records as required by their fiscal agent. New providers participating for the first time in the current fiscal year and enrolling between one and six eligible children shall be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per child in materials and equipment funding, with providers enrolling seven or more such children eligible for funding not to exceed \$10,000. Providers receiving equipment funding are expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years will require the provider to return a portion of the equipment allocation at a level determined by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. Funding to providers is contingent upon receipt of data as requested by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps.

Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina Child Development Education Pilot Program and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by January fifteenth of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine the data necessary and both public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the program. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a private provider. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades.

Department of Education-EIA

NEW

1A.DL (SDE-EIA: Digital Learning) Of the funds appropriated to the Education Oversight
Committee for Partnerships for Innovation, \$1,900,000 will be authorized to enter into oneyear memoranda of agreements with public and private entities to pilot computer science
initiatives in schools and school districts. The initiatives must focus on improving the digital
literacy skills of students and teachers, expanding opportunities for students to learn coding,
or providing computer science curriculum. To this end, at least \$1,500,000 must be authorized
for school districts that have poverty indices of eighty percent or greater or are a trial or
plaintiff district in the Abbeville equity lawsuit. In these districts, the EOC will pilot a program
that provides school districts with digital learning tools, digital resources, the curriculum
foundry, technical support, and professional development.

Department of Education

Amend

(SDE: Summer Reading Camps) For the current fiscal year, funds appropriated for 1.63. summer reading camps must be allocated as follows: (1) up to twenty percent to the Department of Education to provide bus transportation for students attending the camps; (2) \$700,000 allocated to the department to provide grants funding to the South Carolina Afterschool Alliance to support community partnerships whereby community organizations shall would collaborate partner with local school districts to provide enrichment activities as part of after school programs or summer reading camps that utilize volunteers, mentors or tutors to provide instructional support to struggling readers in elementary schools that have a poverty index of fifty forty percent or greater. All volunteers, mentors and tutors that are apart of these after school programs or summer reading camps must have passed a SLED criminal background check. Participant to volunteer or teacher ratio must conform to that of the school district in which the program is located. Of the funds allocated, not more than ten percent may be retained by the South Carolina After School Alliance for administration to include technical assistance and training. The South Carolina Afterschool Alliance must submit planning documents as prescribed by the department by September 15 of the current fiscal year. Upon approval of the plans, the department shall allocate the funding within 15 days. The Education Oversight Committee will document and evaluate the partnerships and the impact of the partnerships on student academic success and make recommendations on the characteristics of effective partnerships and on methods of duplicating effective partnerships throughout the state; and (3) the remainder on a per pupil allocation to each school district based on the number of students who substantially failed to demonstrate third-grade reading proficiency as indicated on the prior year's state assessment as defined by Section 59-155-120 (10) of the 1976 Code. Summer reading camps must be at least six weeks in duration with a minimum of four days of instruction per week and four hours of instruction per day, or the equivalent minimum hours of instruction in the summer. School transportation shall be provided. The camps must be taught by compensated teachers who have at least an add-on literacy endorsement or who have documented and demonstrated substantial success in helping students comprehend grade-level texts. The Department of Education shall assist districts that cannot find qualified teachers to work in the summer camps. Districts may also choose to contract for the services of qualified instructors or collaborate with one or more districts to provide a summer reading camp. Schools and school districts are encouraged to partner with county or school libraries, institutions of higher learning, community organizations, faith-based institutions, businesses, pediatric and family practice medical personnel, and other groups to provide volunteers, mentors, tutors, space, or other support to assist with the provision of the summer reading camps. In the current school year, any student in third grade who substantially fails to demonstrate third-grade reading proficiency by the end of the school year must be offered the opportunity to attend a summer reading camp at no cost to the parent or guardian. The purpose of the reading camp is to provide students who are significantly below third-grade reading proficiency with the opportunity to receive quality, intensive instructional services and support. A district may also include in the summer reading camps students who are not exhibiting reading proficiency at any grade and may charge fees for these students to attend the summer reading camps based on a sliding scale pursuant to Section 59-19-90, except where a child is found to be reading below grade level in the first, second or third grade. A parent or guardian of a student who does not substantially demonstrate proficiency in comprehending texts appropriate for his grade level must make the final decision regarding the student's participation in the summer reading camp.

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REPRESENTATIVE MERRILL PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

Section 11-Commission on Higher Education

Delete

11.17. (CHE: Transferability) No later than May 2, 2016, the Commission on Higher Education's Council of Presidents, or the council's designees, in consultation with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, or its designees, shall make a recommendation(s) to the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee concerning policy options for the state to consider with regards to the development of a more seamless transition for students with Associate Degrees from public two-year institutions of higher learning wishing to transfer to public research institutions and four-year colleges and universities. Recommendations must consider both the costs and opportunities of the option(s) presented including, but not limited to, impacts on institutional core requirements and accreditation standards. Nothing herein shall be construed as superseding any agreements, memorandums of understanding, or letters of intent that are in effect in the current fiscal year between or on behalf of one or more public institutions of higher learning in this state with another public institution or institutions as described herein.

REPRESENTATIVE G.M. SMITH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

MUSC - Medical University of South Carolina

Amend:

23.2. (MUSC: Telemedicine) From the funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina for the MUSC Hospital Authority, the Authority is directed to continue the development of its the South Carolina Statewide Telemedicine network. The South Carolina Telehealth Alliance shall submit a proposal to the MUSC Hospital Authority shall to determine which hospitals are best suited for a Telemedicine partnership. The MUSC Hospital Authority shall provide bi-annual reports to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means detailing the distribution of funds.

REPRESENTATIVE G.M. SMITH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

General Proviso - Section 117

New:

- **117.fpf.** (GP: Family Planning Funds) (A) Notwithstanding any other law, federal family planning funds and state family planning funds shall be awarded to eligible individuals, organizations, or entities applying to be family planning contractors in the following order of descending priority:
- (1) public entities that provide family planning services, including state, county, and local community health clinics and federally qualified health centers;
- (2) nonpublic entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health services, as described in 42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(1)(A), in addition to family planning services; and
- (3) nonpublic entities that provide family planning services but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventive health services.
- (B) Family planning funds must be distributed in compliance with federal law to ensure distribution in a manner that does not severely limit or eliminate access to family planning services in any region of the State.
- (C) Any department, agency, board, commission, office, or other instrumentality of the State that distributes family planning funds shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly listing any family planning contractors that fall under item (A)(3), and the amount of federal or state family planning funds they received. The report shall provide a detailed explanation of how it was determined that there were an insufficient number of eligible individuals, organizations, or entities in items (A)(1) and (A)(2) to prevent a significant reduction in family planning services in each region of the State where (A)(3) contractors are located.

REPRESENTATIVE G.M. SMITH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

DHEC - Department of Health and Environmental Control

New:

34.dcm. (DHEC: Data Center Migration) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for Data Center Migration, the department must utilize the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations for shared services, including but not limited to mainframe services, application hosting, servers, managed servers, storage, network services and disaster recovery services.

REPRESENTATIVE G.M. SMITH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

DHHS - Department of Health and Human Services

Amend:

- **33.21** (DHHS: Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department is authorized to implement the following accountability and quality improvement initiatives:
- (A) Healthy Outcomes Initiative The Department of Health and Human Services may tie Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments to participation in the Healthy Outcomes Initiative and may expand the program as DSH funding is available.
- (B) To improve community health, the department may explore various health outreach, education, patient wellness and incentive programs. The department may pilot health interventions targeting diabetes, smoking cessation, weight management, heart disease, and other health conditions. These programs may be expanded as their potential to improve health and lower costs are identified by the department.
- (C) Rural Hospital DSH Payment Medicaid-designated rural hospitals in South Carolina may be eligible to receive up to one hundred percent of costs associated with uncompensated care as part of the DSH program. Funds shall be allocated from the existing DSH program and shall not exceed \$25,000,000 total funds. To be eligible, rural hospitals must participate in reporting and quality guidelines published by the department and outlined in the Healthy Outcomes Initiative. In addition to the requirements placed upon them by the department, rural hospitals must actively participate with the department and any other stakeholder identified by the department, in efforts to design an alternative health care delivery system in these regions.
- (D) Primary Care Safety Net The department shall implement a methodology to reimburse safety net providers participating in a hospital Healthy Outcomes Initiative program to provide primary care, behavioral health services, and pharmacy services for chronically ill individuals that do not have access to affordable insurance. Qualifying safety net providers are approved, licensed, and duly organized Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs, entities receiving funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Services Act, and FQHC Look A-Likes), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), local alcohol and drug abuse authorities established by Act 301 of 1973, Free Clinics, other clinics serving the uninsured, and Welvista. The department shall formulate a methodology and allocate at least \$5,000,000 \$4,000,000 for innovative care strategies for qualifying safety net providers. The department shall formulate a separate methodology and allocate \$8,000,000 \$6,400,000 of funding to FQHCs at least \$4,000,000 for documented capital needs for FQHCs, at least \$2,000,000 \$1,600,000 for of

funding for Free Clinics, and at least \$2,000,000 \$1,600,000 of funding for local alcohol and drug abuse authorities created under Act 301 of 1973. The department shall develop a process for obtaining encounter-level data that may be used to access assess the cost and impact of services provided through this proviso. The department shall also explore a transition to a prospective payment system for FQHCs, to provide greater predictability and stability for FQHC budgets.

- (E) Rural and Underserved Area Provider Capacity The department shall incentivize the development of primary care access in rural and underserved areas through the following mechanisms:
- (1) the department shall leverage Medicaid spending on Graduate Medical Education (GME) by implementing methodologies that support recommendations contained in the January 2014 report of the South Carolina GME Advisory Group;
- (2) the department shall develop <u>or continue</u> a program to leverage the use of teaching hospitals to provide rural physician coverage, expand the use of Telemedicine, and ensure targeted placement and support of OB/GYN services in at least four counties with a demonstrated lack of adequate OB/GYN resources by June 30, <u>2016</u> <u>2017</u>; and
- contract with the MUSC Hospital Authority in the amount of \$10,000,000 to lead the development and operation of an open access South Carolina Telemedicine Network. Working with the department, the MUSC Hospital Authority shall collaborate with Palmetto Care Connections to pursue this goal. No less than \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be allocated toward support of Palmetto Care Connections and other hospitals in South Carolina. MUSC Hospital Authority must provide the department with quarterly reports regarding the funds allocation and progress of telemedicine transformation efforts and networks. MUSC Hospital Authority shall publish a summary report to the General Assembly indicating the overall progress of the state's telemedicine transformation by March 1, 2015 2016. In addition, the department shall also contract with the MUSC Hospital Authority in the amount of \$1,000,000, and the USC School of Medicine in the amount of \$2,000,000 to further develop statewide teaching partnerships.
- (4) the department shall partner with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine to develop a statewide Rural Health Initiative to identify strategies for significantly improving health care access, supporting physicians, and reducing health inequities in rural communities. <u>Any funding supplied by the department in support of the Rural Health Initiative may be deducted from the allocation made to the USC School of Medicine in section (E)(3) of this proviso.</u>
- (F) The department shall allocate funds to be used for obesity education for patients, reimbursement payments for providers, and continuing education for all providers through partnerships with the Department.
- (G) To be eligible for funds in this proviso, providers must provide the department with patient, service and financial data to assist in the operation and ongoing evaluation of both the initiatives resulting from this proviso, and other price, quality, transparency and DSH accountability efforts currently underway or initiated by the department. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall provide the department with any information

required by the department in order to implement this proviso in accordance with state law and regulations.

- (H) The department shall <u>may</u> pilot an all-inclusive health intervention program for wrap-around care to vulnerable mental health patients who frequent the emergency room in hotspots and underserved areas within the state. The pilot program must provide reports detailing progress on the target population and health outcomes achieved. These programs may be expanded as their potential to improve health and lower costs are identified by the department.
- (I) The department shall publish quarterly reports on the agency's website regarding the department's progress in meeting the goals established by this provision.

- Allows for budgetary realignments within the agency.
- Removes \$25 M limit of DSH funds for uncompensated care cost reimbursements to Rural Hospitals
- Proposed changes account for roughly 1/3 of the spending reductions in the agency's budget request.
- Most programs in this proviso are currently 100% state-funded and responsible for roughly \$50 M in annual budgeting gaps between revenues and expenditures.
- Proviso changes reflect an estimated 20% reduction on non-critical allocations or an estimated \$7.4 M in savings.

REPRESENTATIVE G.M. SMITH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

PEBA - Public Employee Benefit Authority

Delete:

108.1. (PEBA: Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance) South Carolina Lottery Commissioners and South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. If a county is participating in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, magistrates and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon the magistrate paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

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REPRESENTATIVE PITTS PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

Conservation Bank, Department of Natural Resources/Section 117 General Provisions

New

117.ecb. (GP: Excess Conservation Bank Funds) Of the funds collected by the South Carolina Conservation Bank that are in excess of the amount authorized in this act, \$3,000,000 shall be transferred by the Conservation Bank to the Department of Natural Resources for operation and management of the Wildlife Management Areas; \$210,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources for heavy equipment for dike repair and road maintenance; and \$1,600,000 shall be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources for Samworth, Santee Coastal and Santee Delta Wildlife Management Areas dike repair and replacement. The Department of Natural Resources shall carry forward these funds to be used for the same purpose.

REPRESENTATIVE HERBKERSMAN

General Provisions, Section 117

Amend

ABLE Saving Expense Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer to allow for tax-exempt-savings accounts for disability-related expenses for 'eligible individuals', as defined in Section 529A(e)(1) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. individuals defined as being entitled to benefits based on blindness or disability under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, or individuals with a disability certification, which must state that "the individual has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment, which results in marked and severe functional limitations, and which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months," or is blind. The certification must include the diagnosis and be signed by a physician.

As the administrator of the ABLE Fund, the State Treasurer may develop, implement and administer the ABLE Fund in a manner consistent with Section 529A of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and the authorizing legislation. The Treasurer will establish the methods by which the funds held in accounts will be collected, invested and disbursed. The Treasurer may charge and collect administrative fees and service charges in connection with any agreement or transaction relating to the program, including an annual account maintenance fee. All expenses incurred by the State Treasurer in developing and administering the ABLE Savings Program must be payable from the South Carolina ABLE Savings Expense Fund. Additionally, the Treasurer may engage financial institutions or other qualified entities to serve as program manager for the ABLE Fund.

An ABLE account within the ABLE Fund must be opened by the eligible individual or an authorized agent, trustee or quardian for the beneficiary. Account opening will require the Treasurer to collect information about the eligible individual and may require the Treasurer to share information with the Social Security Administration in the future. Account opening details, such as maximum contributions annually and over time, will be established by the ABLE Fund and will be in compliance with Section 529A of the Internal Revenue Code.

Funds in an account will be exempt from attachment, garnishments and other creditor claims against the contributor and the beneficiary. These funds will also be disregarded for purposes of determining eliqibility for any State public assistance, including Medicaid. However, upon the death of a beneficiary, funds remaining in an account maybe be recovered by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in an amount equal to Medicaid benefits previously paid on behalf of the beneficiary.

None of the accounts established by and for an eliqible individual create an obligation by the State, the State Treasurer or any agency or instrumentality of South Carolina. There are no quarantees with regard to return of principal, a rate of return on investments or any payment of interest or other earnings.

Contributions to a trust account within the Fund by a South Carolina taxpayer will be entitled to a state income tax deduction, subject to any limits on contributions imposed by the Internal Revenue Code. Income earned on investments in a trust account will be deferred from federal and South Carolina taxation while they remain in the account, and will be exempt from federal and South Carolina taxation as long as the funds are used for Qualified Withdrawals. The earnings portion of withdrawals that are used for nonqualified purposes will be subject to federal and South Carolina taxation and any South Carolina income tax deductions taken previously will be recaptured.

REPRESENTATIVE HERBKERSMAN

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM, SECTION 49

Amend

49.3. (PRT: Advertising Funds Use and Carry Forward) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism may carry forward any unexpended funds appropriated on the Advertising line within Program II. A. Tourism Sales and Marketing from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purposes which include the Tourism Partnership Fund, Destination Specific Marketing Grants and the agency advertising fund. \$250,000 of the funds appropriated for the Advertising line within Program II.

REPRESENTATIVE HERBKERSMAN

GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 117

New

117.sit. (GP: Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Implementation) To ensure the uniform implementation of the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan developed pursuant to the Restructuring Act of 2014 and designed to improve the State's ability to provide reliable, secure, cost-efficient, and innovative information technology services and infrastructure.

state agencies are directed as follows:

(1) Agencies shall use the shared services from the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations as those services become available and in a sequence to be determined by the division. Agencies shall coordinate with the division to accomplish a strategic transition to the shared services environment. Shared services include, but are not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, storage, network services, desktop services, and disaster recovery services. The State Chief Information Officer may grant an exception, to be revisited on a periodic basis, if the division determines that it cannot immediately satisfy the technical or security capabilities required to support the agency in question;

(2) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall comply with the rules, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the

Division of Technology Operations;

(3) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall participate and comply with decisions determined by the information

technology governance advisory groups.

(4) With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget submission, agencies shall submit all information technology budget requests to the Executive Budget Office and the Division of Technology Operations. The Executive Budget Office and the Division of Technology Operations shall jointly review the budget requests and recommend for funding consideration only those proposals that fit into the overall Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan.

(5) With the consultation and approval of the Division of Technology Operations, agencies must create an information technology plan for purchases that exceed \$50,000 to ensure compliance with the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan and the standards defined

by the division.

(6) Agencies shall develop a three-year strategic plan for information technology, updated annually, for the Division of Technology Operations, that shall be approved by the Chief Information Officer, that sets forth: (a) operational and project priorities; (b) budget summaries; (c) planned projects and procurements; (d) staffing plans; (e) security initiatives; and (f) risks, issues, and concerns with the agency's information technology.

(7) Agencies shall enter information technology costs into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) as directed by the Division of Technology Operations and SCEIS.

The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee regarding agency compliance no later than December 31st of each calendar year.

The Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions and quasi-governmental bodies are specifically exempt from the requirements as provided in this provision.