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AMEND (EFA Formula/Base Student Cost Inflation Factor) States the General Assembly's intent to fully implement the EFA including an inflation factor to match the inflation wages of public school employees in the southeast; states that for FY 15-16, the base student cost has been determined to be \$2,220; that the per pupil count is projected to be 714,394, and projects the average per pupil funding. Provides for the distribution of funds to the SC Public Charter School District. Requires the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office post each school district's projections on their website and for each school district to also post their numbers. Requires the department and the EOC provide links to this information on their websites. Provides pupil classification weightings.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the projections for FY 16-17 as follows: base student cost \$2,350; total pupil count, 723,953; average per pupil funding: \$5,827 state, \$1,245 federal, and \$5,542 local, for an average total funding level of \$14,210, excluding local bond issues. Add Dual Credit Enrollment of 0.15 to the pupil classification weightings. Require students enrolled for dual credit to be identified in PowerSchool as taking a course that leads to both high school and post-secondary credits. Require districts assist students in accessing applicable Lottery Tuition Assistance. Delete the requirement that students in poverty continue to be defined as students eligible for free/reduced lunch and/or Medicaid and instead direct that they be identified using the USDA community eligibility criteria and also include students eligible for Medicaid, children classified as transient and/or homeless. Direct the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to also use this definition. Delete the requirement that the department continue to use 2013-14 school year counts to determine poverty funding for the add on weighting. Delete the reporting requirement on the effects of USDA community certification. Fiscal Impact: EFA increase; EFA fringe increase; projected base student cost out to districts. Requested by Department of Education.

- DELETE (School Building Aid) Directs that \$500,000 of School Building Aid funds be allocated on a K-12 per pupil basis to Multi-District Area Vocational Schools.
 WMC: DELETE proviso. The line no longer exists. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- 1.25 DELETE (School Facilities Management System) Authorizes school districts to use capital improvement bonds, lapsed funds, or other unexpended appropriated funds or revenues to access the department's School Facilities Management System database.
 WMC: DELETE proviso. After additional evaluation of cost considerations, the database was not implemented. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1.28 AMEND** (School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility) Grants maximum transferability and expenditure of appropriated State funds for operations of school districts and special schools within certain guidelines; prohibits school districts from transferring specific funds allocated for certain purposes; and suspends specific requirements and assessments.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to "noninstruction pupil services" in the requirement that at least 75% be used for specific purposes and specify that no portion of the 75% may be used for "operations." *Note: Companion EIA proviso is 1A.14.*

- **1.39 AMEND** (Lost & Damaged Textbook <u>Instructional Materials</u> Fees) Provides a timeframe for lost and damaged textbooks fees to be remitted to the department and allows the department to withhold textbook funding from schools if the fees have not been paid by the deadline.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to change "textbook" reference to "instructional materials." Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1.42 AMEND** (Residential Treatment Facilities Student Enrollment and Funding) Establishes guidelines for educational, financial and accountability of students between responsible licensed residential treatment facilities, school districts, parents, and the department.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change reference to RTFs "as defined under" to "identified on the State Qualified Providers list and meets the requirements of" Section 44-7-130.

- **1.49 DELETE** (Governor's Schools Capacity) Directs the Governor's Schools for Arts and Humanities and Science and Math to use their funds to bring their respective schools up to full capacity, to the extent possible, and to report electronically by December 1st on how the funds have been used and how many additional students have been served.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *The school has been at or near full capacity since 2013 and plans to remain so in the future.* Requested by Governor's School for the Arts and the Humanities and Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.
- **1.50 AMEND** (Student Health and Fitness) Provides for the allocation of Student Health and Fitness funds to school districts by ADM for Physical Education teachers and through a grant program for school nurses.

WMC: AMEND proviso to allow funds for school nurses to be distributed to school districts directly rather than through a grant process. *To simplify the process funds will be sent directly on a per pupil basis, not through a grant process.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

- **1.53 AMEND** (Health Education) Requires school districts to ensure compliance with Chapter 32 of Title 59 [COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM]; outlines a complaint process for concerns; and requires the district have its base student cost reduced by 1% if corrective action is not taken on any founded complaint.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to require each school district to publish on its website the title and publisher of all health education materials it used in the classroom. Delete the requirement that a district's base student cost be reduced by 1% if a complaint is determined to be founded and corrective action is not taken and instead establish a 30 day process for investigation, determination, and corrective action to be taken. Direct that if the department determines the district did not take appropriate immediate action to correct a violation, 1% of the district's Student Health and Fitness Act funds shall be withheld until the district is in compliance. *Combines proviso 1.83 into this proviso since both direct district compliance with Chapter 32 of Title 59.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **DELETE** (Felton Lab Allocation) Requires that the Felton Laboratory at SC State receive 70% of the EFA funds it would have received under the EFA and under aid to school districts fringe benefits as if it were a special school district. Directs the department to calculate the funds Felton Lab is entitled to receive each year.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Felton Lab is going to be run through the Public Charter School District.

1.62 AMEND (Full-Day 4K) Provides guidelines for participation in and funding for the CDEPP program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that eligible students that reside in a school district that met the poverty level for participation in the prior school year may participate in the current school year. Amend the public and private providers reimbursement rate from "\$4,218" to "\$4,323" and the private providers transportation reimbursement from "\$550" to "\$562." First Steps states that statute requires an annual increase in the tuition amount based on an inflation factor, but this amount has not been increased since the inception of the program in 2006. In addition, the transportation amount per student has also not been increased. Fiscal Impact: First Steps states an increase in tuition rate per child of \$105 to support the RFA inflation factor. This would mean an additional cost of \$271,530 per year, which the current budget levels would support without additional funds. The increase in cost of the transportation would be \$4,046 which the current budget levels would support without additional funding. Requested by First Steps to School Readiness. Note: Companion EIA proviso is 1A.30.

1.63 AMEND (Summer Reading Camps) Provides for the allocation of funds provided for summer reading camps.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that the \$700,000 allocated to the department for grants instead be used to provide funding to the S.C. Afterschool Alliance to support community partnerships. Require all volunteers, mentors and tutors that participate in these after school programs or summer reading camps to have passed a SLED criminal background check. Limit the amount of funds the Alliance may to retain for administration, including technical assistance and training, to not more than 10% of their allocation. Require the Alliance submit planning documents as prescribed by the department by September 15th, and direct the department to allocate the funds within 15 days of the approval of the plans.

AMEND (Governor's Schools Informational Access to Students) Requires school districts to permit both Governor's Schools to work with individual schools and their staff in order to share information with students and families about educational opportunities offered at the Governor's Schools. Requires the Governor's Schools to report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2015, on results of these efforts. Directs the Governor's Schools to work with districts, the department, and School Report Card administrators to ensure the SAT scores of the school's students are included in the students' resident district School Report Card.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update report due date to June 30, 2016.

1.66 AMEND (Reading *Literacy* Coaches) Provides for the allocation of funds appropriated for Reading Coaches to school districts.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "reading coaches" to "literacy coaches" and change "Not Met" to "below proficient." Clarify the duties associated with literacy coaches. Direct that unspent or unallocated literacy coach funds be used to fund Summer Reading Camps and require the department report the amount of funds used for this purpose. *Note: Companion EIA proviso is 1A.66.*

- 1.67 AMEND (Charter School Transition Funds) Provides for the distribution of transitions funds to charter schools sponsored by a local school districtWMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."
- **1.73 DELETE** (Transition Funds to Districts) Provides for the distribution of EFA Transition Payments funds to eligible school districts.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *No funds are being requested for FY 2016-17 as the changes were implemented in FY 2014-15.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

Fiscal Impact: First Steps states no fiscal impact since the monies are from carry forward funds.

- 1.74 AMEND (First Steps 4K Technology) Authorizes First Steps to spend up to \$75,000 of 4K carry forward funds to purchase electronic devices, with certain restrictions, for administering early literacy and language development assessments to children enrolled in the full-day 4K program in private centers. Requires First Steps to provide a report on these expenditures to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and Ways and Means Committees by January 15, 2016.
 WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to "early literacy and language development" and instead reference "required school readiness" assessments. Update calendar year report due date to 2017. Broadens the definition of assessments to be consistent with upcoming planned changes.
- **1.75 AMEND** (Teacher Salary Schedule Structure) Directs the department to convene certain stakeholders to examine and make recommendations on changes to the statewide minimum state teacher salary schedule and include extending steps, the beginning teacher salary and each district's salary schedule structure in the examination. Directs recommendations be provided to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by November 15, 2015.

Requested by First Steps to School Readiness.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct the department include salary needs information from each of the districts that are or were in the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit. Delete the due by date for recommendations. *Allows work to continue*. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

- **1.78 DELETE** (Transition Funds to Districts) Requires the department transfer unexpended EFA Transition funds to the EFA for disbursement to districts per the formula.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *No funds are being requested for FY 16-17 as the changes were implemented in FY 2014-15.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1.79 AMEND** (CDEPP Unexpended Funds) Provides for the retention and expenditure of prior year CDEPP funds by First Steps and requires a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on how the funds were spent.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal and calendar year references to "2016-17" and "2017;" permit rather than direct First Steps to retain the first \$2,000,000 of unexpended prior year CDEPP funds; direct that if by August 15th eligible school districts opt to not to participate in the program, the department is authorized to use those unexpended funds to increase participation on a per pupil basis for eligible districts with a documented waiting list; and require the per pupil allocation conform with the amounts appropriated. Delete the requirement that First Steps allocate \$4,250,000 for full-day 4K to SDE and \$2,000,000 for Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program to the EOC from any unexpended prior year CDEPP funds transferred

to the restricted account for those purposes; and that remaining funds be transferred to SDE for full day 4K. Allows First Steps to use up to \$2,000,000 of any carry forward during the fiscal year for the same purpose and allow carry forward funds to remain in the program for that purpose. The specified allocations have been distributed and that portion of the proviso is no longer needed. Fiscal Impact: No impact on the general fund since these are carry forward funds only. Requested by First Steps to School Readiness. Note: Companion EIA proviso is 1A.71.

- **DELETE** (Literacy Initiatives) Directs the department to evaluate the state literacy initiatives to ensure they are working together to ensure students are best served. Directs that the evaluation include early childhood through high school and professional development initiatives. **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *Completed.*
- 1.82 AMEND (First Steps Accountability) Requires First Steps to meet federal compliance for Part C of the IDEA and to report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and the Governor on the specific steps, timeline, and progress made in improving meeting compliance standards for indicators the office was scored as being low performing and on whether the additional employees authorized by this act are sufficient for compliance. Requires the report be submitted by 12/31/15. Authorizes funds appropriated for BabyNet to be used by First Steps to meet these requirements.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update report due date to December 31, "2016."

- 1.83 DELETE (Health Education Materials) Requires each school districts to publish on its website the title and publisher of all health education materials it used in the classroom. Requires the department withhold 1% of the district's Student Health and Fitness Act funds if the district is found to be noncompliant with mandated health education until the district is in compliance.

 WMC: DELETE proviso. Combine this proviso into proviso 1.53 since both direct district compliance with Chapter 32 of Title 59. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1.86 AMEND** (Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children) Provides for scholarship funding organizations and individual tax credits for the amount a person contributes for an exceptional needs child within specific parameters.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references to 2016-17. Amend "eligible school" definition in (A)(1)(d) to direct that a school's curriculum must include courses for "graduation certificate requirements (for special needs children)." Add (A)(1)(g) to amend the "eligible school" definition to include a school that provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provided needed accommodations or provides onsite educational services or supports based on the needs of the student, or is a school that specifically exists to meet only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities. Amend "exceptional needs child" definition in (A)(2)(b) to delete "the child's parents or legal guardian believes that the services provided by the school district of legal residence do not sufficiently meet the needs of the child." Amend (G)(1) to allow schools that participated in the program in the prior fiscal year to have until December 30 to reapply and allow a school that did not participate in the prior fiscal year to apply at any time during the fiscal year. Direct the EOC to maintain on its website a list of schools that are approved to participate in the program and to update the list when additional schools are approved for eligibility.

- **ADD** (Moving Cost Study) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to submit a report on the costs associated with moving the department out of the Rutledge building to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and to the Department of Administration by September 1, 2016.
- **ADD** (Technology Technical Assistance) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require the department to use Technology Technical Assistance funds to increase the capacity of the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit. Direct that the funds be used to assist school districts to procure appropriate technology devices and infrastructure in accordance with technology review team recommendations in order to begin to build the capacity to offer online testing and increased access.
- **ADD** (College Readiness Assessment) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to procure a college readiness assessment and that the assessment or alternate college readiness measure, approved by the department according to the student's Individualized Education Program, be administered in the 11th grade. Require the department collect the percentage of students taking the college readiness assessment from the districts.
- **ADD** (Highly Qualified Teachers) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to suspend the requirement that teachers must be highly qualified in core academic subjects.
- **ADD** (Teacher Salaries Increase) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to increase the statewide salary schedule by 2% and require a local school district board of trustees provide all certified teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule the 2% increase. Direct that if a school district's salary schedule does not go beyond 22 years, the trustees must increase the salary of all eligible certified teachers entering the 23rd year by an amount equal to a step on the salary schedule. Allow for a waiver from the requirements of this provision under certain conditions. *Note: Companion EIA proviso is 1A.79.*

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- **1A.2 AMEND** (African-American History) Authorizes African-American History curricula funds to be carried forward and directs the expenditure of these funds.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to direct that funds that are currently a salary line item be reallocated for development of instructional materials and programs and implementation of professional learning opportunities that promote African-American history and culture. Amend the directive that the department expend 70% of the funds through a "competitive bids" process and instead direct that the funds be expended through a "grant" process. Delete the priority requirement. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1A.4 AMEND** (Teacher Salaries/State Agencies) Provides for the distribution of Alloc. EIA Teacher/Other Pay to adjust teacher pay based on the local school district where the agency is located for instructional personnel employed by a state agency not containing a school district. Directs that the salary adjustment will be distributed by the Executive Budget Office.
 - WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that affected agencies receive an appropriation as recommended by the EOC rather than an allocation from the specific line item. Delete the requirement that the EBO distribute the line item funds and instead direct that teacher salary

increases recommended by the EOC and funded in this Act be incorporated into each agency's EIA appropriations contained in Section 1, VIII.E.

1A.9 AMEND (Teacher Supplies) Provides guidelines for distributing teacher supply reimbursement of up to \$275 each school year to offset the expenses they have incurred for teaching supplies and materials. Allows any classroom teacher, including those at a S.C. private schools that are not eligible for this reimbursement to claim a refundable income tax credit on their 2015 tax return

WMC: AMEND proviso to add "non-certified" public school teachers and "career specialist" to those individuals eligible to receive the reimbursement and to also allow those eligible individuals employed by a "publically funded full day 4K classroom." Update tax return reference to "2016." Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.12 AMEND (Technical Assistance) Provides guidelines for the distribution of funds appropriated for technical assistance to schools with an absolute rating of below average or at-risk on the most recent annual school report card.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that the funds be used to provide "intensive support" to those schools and districts as well as those with the lowest percentages of students meeting state standards on state assessments on the most recent state assessments or with the lowest high school graduation rates. Direct the department to create a system of tiers of technical assistance for low-performing schools and districts and require schools and districts to be placed within the tiered framework by December 15. Provide for low-performing schools to receive diagnostic reviews. Require the department to monitor progress on implementation of amended plans and report their findings to the local legislative delegation and the Governor. Direct that technical assistance funds must be used for implementation and delivery of technical assistance to schools identified as low-performing and to support priority schools under the tiered system. Authorize the State Superintendent of Education to declare a state of emergency in a school district or school under specific criteria and provide for the management of the school or district. Delete prior funding methodology for schools with approved school renewal plans.

1A.14 AMEND (School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility) Grants maximum transferability and expenditure of appropriated State funds for operations of school districts and special schools within certain guidelines; prohibits school districts from transferring specific funds allocated for certain purposes; and suspends specific requirements and assessments.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to "noninstruction pupil services" in the requirement that at least 75% be used for specific purposes and specify that no portion of the 75% may be used for "operations." *Note: Companion General Education proviso is 1.28.*

1A.17 AMEND (Assessment) Authorizes assessment funds to be carried forward to pay for state assessment activities and directs that PSAT reimbursements shall resume in the current fiscal year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to specify reimbursements shall also resume for 10th grade Aspire

1A.20 AMEND (Certified Staff Technology Proficiency) Requires the department to approve district technology plans to ensure the incorporation of certified staff technology competency standards requiring the demonstration of proficiency in these standards each certified staff's professional

development plan. Direct that evidence of compliance is a prerequisite for expenditure of district technology funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the specified preferred method for demonstrating technology proficiency and instead direct that "District adopted technology proficiency standards and plan should be, at a minimum," aligned to ISTE teacher standards. *The company that developed and supported the system referenced has been dissolved.*

1A.21 AMEND (Accountability Program Implementation) Authorizes the EOC to carry forward unexpended EAA funds specifically authorized for administration of the committee.

WMC: AMEND proviso to allow the EOC to carry forward unawarded EIA S.C. Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program funds and to use these funds for an independent common evaluation of each awarded grant.

1A.24 AMEND (Students at Risk of School Failure) Directs the expenditure of funding allocated for students at risk of school failure.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the poverty index measure from "student eligibility for free or reduced lunch program and Medicaid" to "students identified using the USDA Community Eligibility guidelines, students on Medicaid, students identified as Migrant and students identified as Homeless." *To reflect the updated calculation to identify students in poverty. USDA Community Eligibility guidelines includes TANF, SNAP and Foster Children.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.25 AMEND (Professional Development) Allows up to \$500,000 of professional development funds to be used for gifted and talented teacher endorsement and certification activities. Directs that school district allocations must be based on WPUs and be expended on professional development for certified instructional personnel teaching in grades K through 12 across all content areas. Authorizes the department to retain up to 25% for administration and for providing professional development services. Requires the department to post professional development standards on their website and provide training through telecommunication methods.

WMC: AMEND proviso to require the department to target the use of the 25% to districts who are or were the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit to increase the capacity of educators and leaders in those districts. Authorize unexpended professional development funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.26 AMEND (Assessments-Gifted & Talented, Advanced Placement, & International Baccalaureate Exams) Directs that up to \$4,600,000 of assessment funds be used for assessments to determine gifted and talented programs eligibility and for the cost of AP and IB exams.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "\$4,600,000" to "\$5,400,000. *Use of additional funds will be required due to increased participation in AP testing and in order to have funds for the IB exams. Reflects actual cost.* Fiscal Impact: The department anticipates an additional \$700,000 will be needed for FY 16-17. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.27 AMEND (Adult Education) Provides for the allocation of adult education funds to school districts. Requires districts to collect and report certain information to the department and for the department to provide summary information to certain legislative committees.

WMC: AMEND proviso to allow up to \$300,000 to be used to establish an initiative for qualifying adult education students to qualify for a free high school equivalency test and direct the department to establish guidelines for this initiative. Fiscal Impact: The department is requesting \$1.5 million for Adult Education. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.28 AMEND (Clemson Agriculture Education Teachers) Provides for funds to be transferred to Clemson University PSA to fund summer employment of agricultural teachers and to cover statemandated salary increases on that portion of agricultural teachers' salaries.

WMC: AMEND proviso to authorize the funds to be used for a Regional Coordinator if there are sufficient funds. Requested by Clemson University PSA.

1A.30 AMEND (Full-Day 4K) Provides guidelines for participation in and funding for the CDEPP program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that eligible students that reside in a school district that met the poverty level for participation in the prior school year may participate in the current school year. Amend the public and private providers reimbursement rate from "\$4,218" to "\$4,323" and the private providers transportation reimbursement from "\$550" to "\$562." First Steps states that statute requires an annual increase in the tuition amount based on an inflation factor, but this amount has not been increased since the inception of the program in 2006. In addition, the transportation amount per student has also not been increased. Fiscal Impact: First Steps states an increase in tuition rate per child of \$105 to support the RFA inflation factor. This would mean an additional cost of \$271,530 per year, which the current budget levels would support without additional funds. The increase in cost of the transportation would be \$4,046 which the current budget levels would support without additional funding. Requested by First Steps to School Readiness. Note: Companion General Education proviso is 1.62.

1A.33 AMEND (IDEA Maintenance of Effort) Directs that Aid to Districts funds be used to meet the estimated maintenance of effort for IDEA. Directs that funds provided for IDEA maintenance of effort may not be transferred for any other purpose and are not subject to flexibility. Requires the department submit an estimate of the IDEA MOE requirement to the General Assembly and the Governor by December, 2015.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the report due date to 2016.

1A.34 AMEND (Career Cluster Industry Partnerships) Direct the department to provide \$800,000 in direct grants to private sector industry partners that apply for a grant and who meet the guidelines. Requires the organization to submit reports that detail the work and outcomes and to also submit semi-annual programmatic and financial reports.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the requirement that organizations must apply for the grant by July "first" to July "31st."

1A.37 DELETE (Career and Technology Education Consumables) Allows the department to use a maximum of 25% of Modernize Vocational Equipment, Career and Technology Education funds to purchase textbooks, instructional materials, and other consumables used in classroom instruction. Authorizes Modernize Vocational Equipment and Tech Prep funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

WMC: DELETE proviso. The department states this proviso will be consolidated in proviso 1A.ctef directing the use of funds for vocational equipment. Districts will continue to be able to

use such funds for consumable replacement under the new proviso. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.38 AMEND (Teacher Salaries/SE Average) States the projected Southeastern average teacher salary for FY 2015-16 is \$49,796. Requires a local district board of trustees to provide a step increase for all eligible certified teachers. Directs the department to continue to use the FY 2012-13 statewide minimum teacher salary schedule in FY 2015-16.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the projected SE average teacher salary from "\$49,796" to "\$51,495" and update fiscal year to "2016-17."

1A.41 DELETE (Assessment Preparation) Directs the department institute a plan to review the strengths and weaknesses of students on national assessments and to use the results to provide guidance to local school districts.

WMC: DELETE proviso. The department states the program has not been implemented. The department will develop guidelines for technical assistance and professional development for educator teams to evaluate student performance on assessments and to provide guidance on how results should inform instruction. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.52 AMEND (Surplus) Requires EIA funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year that are not appropriated or authorized to be carried forward and spent for specified purposes and directs that any additional funds carried forward and not otherwise appropriated or authorized to be used for Instructional Materials.. Allows the funding items to be reduced pro rata if there are not sufficient monies to fund the items.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year to 2016-17. Amend list of items to increase EOC Partnerships for Innovation from "\$900,000" to "\$2,800,000;" delete Assessment/Testing - \$7,300,000; and Digital Music Materials - \$625,000." Add "Industry Certification - \$3,000,000; Adult Education - \$1,500,000; Power Schools/Data Collection - \$1,952,000; IT Academy - \$750,000; and Instructional Development and Digital Content Curation - \$493,443."

1A.54 AMEND (South Carolina Public Charter School District Funding) Provides for the allocation of S.C. Public Charter School District funds per weighted pupil: \$1,900 for virtual charter schools and \$3,600 for brick and mortar charter schools. Limits the amount which must be carried forward to not more than 10% of the prior year appropriation and directs that any excess funds be transferred to the Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to extend the timelines for ruling on charter school applications in FY 2016-17 by 60 days if the Public Charter School District determines an applicant should be allowed to amend its application to meet the requirements of Sections 59-40-60 [CHARTER APPLICATION; REVISION; FORMATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL; CHARTER COMMITTEE; APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS] and 59-40-70 [APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; HEARING; APPEAL] based on their proposal to address an existing achievement gap in an underserved area of the state including, but not limited to, school district plaintiffs in the Abbeville law suit. Direct the EOC to report to the Ways and Means Committee at the end of the application cycle on the outcome of extending the hearing time.

1A.55 DELETE (Low Achieving Schools) Directs the EOC to use \$500,000 of the Partnerships for Innovation funds to support up to 3 low-achieving schools to design and plan for implementing innovative, research-based strategies that are focused on recruiting and retaining highly effective

teachers and on increasing time-on task. Directs the EOC to assist schools to determine the evidence to be collected to measure initiative effectiveness and to identify resources to support the initiative and to collaborate with TransformSC.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

- **1A.56 DELETE** (Public Charter School District Hold Harmless) Requires the Public Charter School District use up to \$3 million of their carry forward funds to hold its schools harmless from any reduction in funds that result from EFA weightings changes in the current fiscal year. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **1A.58 DELETE** (Palmetto Priority School) Requires up to \$2,200,000 of EAA-Technical Assistance funds be spent to provide \$200,000 to each school designated as a Palmetto Priority School in the prior year that meet certain criteria and allows the funds to be reduced on a pro-rata basis if there is not sufficient funds to provide the \$200,000.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Proviso is no longer needed. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.60 AMEND (BabyNet Early Intervention Autism Therapy) Requires the \$814,348 appropriated to First Steps for BabyNet Autism Therapy be used only to increase the BabyNet autism therapy provider hourly rate to \$13.58 and the individual hourly pay of line therapists to a minimum of \$10.00. Requires First Steps to consult with DDSN on implementation of these increases and ensure that the line therapists meet all current state requirements. Requires First Steps send a quarterly compliance report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and directs that the report include information on the expenditure of state funds as well as receipt and expenditure of Federal Medicaid funds associated with the program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that the provider rate is \$13.58 per hour "or the current Medicaid rate, whichever is higher." *The amount currently in the proviso was the Medicaid rate when the proviso was originally drafted. The change would require the payment to be adjusted up if the current Medicaid rate is higher. Fiscal Impact: No impact at this time. Requested by First Steps to School Readiness.*

- 1A.63 DELETE (Technology/Device Pilot Project) Authorizes the department to use up to \$4,500,000 of available carry forward funds to purchase electronic devices and digital content and to select up to six schools to participate in the pilot project. Provides guidelines for implementation of the pilot project and requires the department provide a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Education, House Ways and Means, and House Education and Public Works Committees by December 15, 2015, that outlines implementation and use in the selected districts.

 WMC: DELETE proviso.
- **1A.64 AMEND** (Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive) Creates a program within CERRA to recruit and retain classroom educators in rural and underserved districts that annually experience excessive teacher turnover. Requires CERRA report by 1/15/16 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House on the incentives that have been developed. Authorize Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "Fiscal Year 2015-16" to "the current fiscal year." Direct CERRA to "publish" rather than "develop" eligibility requirements. Direct CERRA to include incentives (1) for S.C. Teachers Loan forgiveness at a rate of 1 year for every 2 years of service

in an eligible district unless the teacher is eligible for a greater forgiveness rate under S.C. Teachers Loan Program guidelines; (2) development of a forgiveness program for other student loans, not to exceed \$7,500 per year, administered by the S.C. Student Loan Corporation, with teachers receiving loan forgiveness at a rate of 1 year for each year of service as a teacher; (3) development of a forgivable loan program for individuals pursuing graduate coursework in furtherance of a career in teaching; (4) support for establishment and maintenance of a teaching mentorship program; and (5) other technical support and recruiting incentives. Direct CERRA to also develop a process for recovering an amount equal to the incentive given to a participant who does not meet the obligations associated with the incentive.

1A.66 AMEND (Reading *Literacy* Coaches) Provides for the allocation of funds appropriated for Reading Coaches to school districts.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "reading coaches" to "literacy coaches" and change "Not Met" to "below proficient." Clarify the duties associated with literacy coaches. Direct that unspent or unallocated literacy coach funds be used to fund Summer Reading Camps and require the department report the amount of funds used for this purpose. *Note: Companion General Education proviso is 1.66.*

1A.68 AMEND (4K Early Literacy Competencies Assessments) Provides for the use of full-day 4K program carry forward funds to procure and administer pre-kindergarten and kindergarten readiness assessments.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the directive that the department, in consultation with First Steps, select up to 3 formative assessments and instead direct the department to manage the administration of the assessments as done in the prior fiscal year. Direct that accommodations that do not invalidate assessment results must be provided in the manner set forth by the student's Individualized Education Program or 504 Accommodations Plan. Delete the requirement that school districts and private providers be allocated \$15 per child to cover the cost of the formative assessment and for them to report electronically to the department on the results of each individual assessment. The department wants to use the same assessments as were used in the prior year until the KEA work on the numeracy readiness assessment which is being piloted in North Carolina is completed. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.70 DELETE (Statewide Assessment Procurement) Directs the department, in consultation with the State Board of Education and the EOC to use assessment funds to issue a procurement for a statewide assessment to students in grades 3-8 in English/language arts and math the meet EAA requirements. Requires the assessment be a rigorous achievement assessment that measures student mastery of the SC College and Career-Ready Standards.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The procurement has been completed.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.

1A.71 AMEND (CDEPP Unexpended Funds) Provides for the retention and expenditure of prior year CDEPP funds by First Steps and requires a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on how the funds were spent.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal and calendar year references to "2016-17" and "2017;" permit rather than direct First Steps to retain the first \$2,000,000 of unexpended prior year CDEPP funds; direct that if by August 15th eligible school districts opt to not to participate in the program, the department is authorized to use those unexpended funds to increase participation

on a per pupil basis for eligible districts with a documented waiting list; and require the per pupil allocation conform with the amounts appropriated. Delete the requirement that First Steps allocate \$4,250,000 for full-day 4K to SDE and \$2,000,000 for Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program to the EOC from any unexpended prior year CDEPP funds transferred to the restricted account for those purposes; and that remaining funds be transferred to SDE for full day 4K. Allows First Steps to use up to \$2,000,000 of any carry forward during the fiscal year for the same purpose and allow carry forward funds to remain in the program for that purpose. The specified allocations have been distributed and that portion of the proviso is no longer needed. Fiscal Impact: No impact on the general fund since these are carry forward funds only. Requested by First Steps to School Readiness. Note: Companion General Education proviso is 1.79.

- **1A.72 ADD** (College and Career Readiness) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require the department to use District College and Career Readiness Assistance funds to increase the capacity of the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit. Direct that the funds be used to provide assistance using educators with demonstrated effectiveness in instructional leadership and direct that support include specific resources to ensure that educators are equipped with tools to provide students with high quality, personalized learning that supports the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.
- **1A.73 ADD** (Industry Certifications/Credentials) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that Industry Certification/Credentials funds be allocated to school districts based on the number of national industry exams administered in the prior school year. Direct the department to work with the Departments of Commerce and Employment and Workforce, state and local chambers of commerce and economic development offices, and the Tech board to ensure students are aware of industry required credentials for current job availability. *Currently the state does not provide funding to assist with the cost for current industry certificates and credentials for students.* Fiscal Impact: \$5,000,000 EIA funds requested for this purpose. Requested by Department of Education.
- ADD (Career and Technical Equipment Funding) WMC: ADD new proviso to allow Modernize Career and Technical Equipment funds to be distributed to school districts and multidistrict career centers, at not less than \$50,000 each, to purchase career and technical equipment, to up-fit facilities, and to purchase consumables. Require the district plan submitted to the Office of Career and Technology Education contain information on other available career and technical equipment, including equipment located at the career center and the technical college; and include information on the alignment of equipment to current industry jobs and needs. Require district plans include charter schools offering at least one career and technical education completer program. Authorize school districts and career centers to carry forward these funds for the same purpose. To align current vocational equipment needs with industry needs and employment trends and to further delineate what expenditures are permitted. Replaces proviso 1A.37. Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by Department of Education.
- **1A.75 ADD** (Digital Learning) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the EOC to use \$1,900,000 of Partnerships for Innovation funds to enter into one-year MOAs with public and private entities to pilot computer science initiatives in schools and school districts. Direct that at least \$1,500,000

be authorized for schools or school districts that have a poverty indices of 80% or greater or are an Abbeville equity lawsuit trial or plaintiff district.

- **1A.76 ADD** (South Carolina IT Academy) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to procure an IT Academy for public schools statewide and direct that the academy offer certification opportunities for educators to receive Teacher Certification Exams and for middle school students to receive certification in an office suite of products and for high school students to receive programming credentials.
- **1A.77 ADD** (Family Connection South Carolina) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds appropriated for Family Connection South Carolina be transferred to the entity in quarterly installments and be used to provide support to families of children with disabilities. Direct the department to establish guidelines for the entity to provide planning documents to the department by July 15th, and for reporting expenditures quarterly, along with an annual performance report.
- **1A.78 ADD** (Low Achieving Schools) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that \$500,000 of the Partnerships for Innovation funds appropriated to the EOC be allocated to parent support initiatives and afterschool programs in historically underachieving communities.
- **1A.79 ADD** (Teacher Salaries Increase) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to increase the statewide salary schedule by 2% and require a local school district board of trustees provide all certified teachers paid on the teacher salary schedule the 2% increase. Direct that if a school district's salary schedule does not go beyond 22 years, the trustees must increase the salary of all eligible certified teachers entering the 23rd year by an amount equal to a step on the salary schedule. Allow for a waiver from the requirements of this provision under certain conditions. *Note: Companion General Education proviso is 1.91.*

SECTION 3 - H660 - LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

- **3.1 AMEND** (Audit) Directs each state agency that receives lottery funds to develop and implement procedures to monitor lottery expenditures to ensure that lottery funds are expended in accordance with applicable state laws, rules, and regulations. Directs the State Auditor to ensure that these state agencies have effective monitoring procedures in place.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year references to "2016" and "2017."
- **DELETE** (FY 2015-16 Lottery Funding) Directs expenditure of lottery funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **3.5 DELETE** (Transfer for Veteran Differential Reimbursement Fund) Directs CHE to transfer \$3,000,000 of National Guard Tuition Repayment Program funds that were carried forward from the prior fiscal to the State Treasurer for the Out-of-State Veteran Tuition Differential Reimbursement Fund.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Funds have been transferred.* Requested by Commission on Higher Education.

3.6 **ADD** (FY 2016-17 Lottery Funding) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct expenditure of lottery funds for FY 16-17. Suspend, for the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 2-75-30 regarding the aggregate amount of funding provided for the Centers of Excellence Matching Endowment. Direct that net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings are appropriated and must be used to ensure that LIFE, Palmetto Fellows, and HOPE scholarships are fully funded for FY 16-17. Provide for lottery appropriations to be reduced on a pro rata basis, excluding LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships, if lottery revenue is less than the amounts appropriated. Authorize CHE to use up to \$250,000 of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows scholarship funds to support the awarding process and to fund a Scholarship Compliance Auditor. Authorize Higher Ed Tuition Grants to use up to \$70,000 of Tuition Grants funds to support the award process. Provide for the distribution of K-12 Technology Initiative funds. Provide for the allocation of Reading Partner funds to increase the number of reading interventions for students in low performing schools in grades K-5. Provide for the disbursement of Mobile Device Access and Management funds to school districts for high-speed mobile internet service for students who do not have internet access at home and who are participating in a course of study that requires such access. Direct that Workforce Scholarships and Grants funds are to be used to provide grants for tuition, fees, transportation, or textbook expenses to S.C. residents enrolled in a career education program that meets eligibility requirements. Provide for a pro rata reduction if revenue received is less than these appropriations.

SECTION 5 - H710 - WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

DELETE (Capacity) Directs that FY 2015-16 funds be used to bring the school up to full capacity, to the extent possible and to report by December 1st on how the funds have been used and how many additional students have been served. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.

SECTION 6 - H750 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

- **DELETE** (Capacity) Directs that FY 2015-16 funds be used to bring the school up to full capacity, to the extent possible and to report by December 1st on how the funds have been used and how many additional students have been served.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **6.17 ADD** (Early Childhood Center) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the school to transfer \$500,000 appropriated for the Thackston Hall Roof Replacement project in the prior appropriation act to the Early Childhood Center Construction project. The school states that because the Thackston facility is in constant need of repair and will eventually need to be demolished, a new roof is not the best use of state dollars. The school would rather put the funds to use for Capital Project No. 9547, Early Childhood Center Construction to house the Deaf Elementary School. Fiscal Impact: No impact on the General Fund. Requested by School for the Deaf and the Blind.

SECTION 7 - L120 - JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL

- **AMEND** (Capacity) Directs that FY 15-16 funds be used to bring the school up to full capacity, to the extent possible. Prohibits new employees from being hired deferred maintenance has been completed on a cottage and until required by a projected increase in students. Requires staff increases be reported to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees 30 days before they are hired. Requires a report be submitted by December 1st on how the funds have been used and how many additional students have been served. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **7.5 DELETE** (Educational, Therapeutic Progress, and Other Financial Information) Directs the school to provided quarterly information and data on student performance measures to the EOC, Inspector General and the Department of Education and for those entities to provide a report to the Governor and the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 15, 2016 on recommendations for improving services to students.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Report has been completed.* Fiscal Impact: None. Requested by John De La Howe School.

7.6 **ADD** (Transition) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct John de la Howe School to enter into a management agreement with Clemson University for Clemson to provide all financial and programmatic management and operations of the school. Direct that all funds appropriated to or received by the school shall be received by Clemson as the fiscal agent and authorize Clemson to deduct its costs, including personnel costs, for the services they provide under the management agreement. Specify that Clemson University is not responsible for any past, present, or future liabilities, obligations, or debts of the school or its board of trustees. Direct DOA and EBO to assist in the transition as needed. Direct the university to evaluate campus physical assets, the capacity of existing staff to serve at risk students in accordance with the purposes of Dr. John de la Howe's will, and their ability to provide such programs and services. Direct the evaluation to consider what educational services the school can provide, including such options as becoming a charter school under Chapter 40 of Title 59 [CHARTER SCHOOLS] or a program under Section 59-19-350 [SCHOOLS OF CHOICE EXEMPT FROM STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS]; what career opportunities, especially in agribusiness, can be provided; and the costs of and timeframe for these changes. Direct the university to report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 1st.

SECTION 8 - H67-EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

8.2 AMEND (Spectrum Auction) Authorizes ETV to enter the FCC TV Spectrum Auction and to receive and retain any proceeds for the development of a capital reserve declining balance fund. Directs that up to \$40,000,000 of the proceeds be used to fund ETV critical capital needs and requires that proceeds received above \$40,000,000 be placed into a segregated account that will require General Assembly approval prior to expenditure. Authorize unexpended funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Direct ETV to report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on their intent to enter the auction; auction dates; estimated potential revenue; and actual revenue received from the auction.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "opt in" language and direct that the report on the auction is subject to the FCC requirements for a specified quiet period.

- **8.3 ADD** (Antenna and Tower Placement) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that antenna and tower leases on a higher education institution's property must conform to the institution's master plan. *Note: Moved from DOA section, proviso 93.21*
- **8.4 ADD** (Wireless Communications Tower) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct ETV to coordinate tower and antenna operations, approve all leases regarding antenna placement on state-owned property, coordinate new tower construction on state owned property, market excess capacity, generate revenue by leasing or selling excess capacity, and construct new facilities pm state owned property related to communications. Direct the revenue from the leases to be retained and expended for agency operation and to carry forward unexpended funds. Direct ETV to report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees annually by October 1st on revenue collections and disbursements. *Note: Moved from DOA section, proviso* 93.16.

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

DELETE (Transferability) Directs CHE's Council of Presidents or its designees, in consultation with the State Board for Tec and Comp Ed, or its designees, to make recommendations by May 2, 2016, to the Chairmen of the Senate Education and House Education and Public Works Committees on policy options concerning the development of a smoother transition for students with Associate Degrees from public 2-year institutions who wish to transfer to public research institutions and 4-year institutions.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

11.18 DELETE (Technical College Study) Directs CHE to examine whether a program that allows a student who graduated from a South Carolina high school or who attained the equivalency of a high school diploma to attend a state technical college without paying tuition and fees for a specified time is viable. Directs certain parameters for CHE to identify and consider; requires CHE propose program criteria; and directs that a report be submitted to the General Assembly by January 31, 2016 summarizing the findings and permits recommendations to be included in the report.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Report has been completed and submitted.* Requested by Commission on Higher Education.

DELETE (College and University Out of State Veteran Tuition Differential Reimbursement Fund) Directs the State Treasurer to establish a separate and distinct College and University Out of State Veteran Tuition Differential Reimbursement Fund from funds appropriated or authorized to CHE for that purpose and directs that those monies be deposited into the fund and that accrued interest remain in the fund. Directs that the purpose of the fund is to reimburse higher education institutions for revenue lost as a result of the provisions of Section 59-112-50(C) [TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS]. Provides guidelines for the reimbursement process.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

SECTION 14 - H120 - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - EDUCATIONAL & GENERAL

DELETE (Electrical Infrastructure) Directs Clemson to enter into negotiations with an appropriate entity or electric cooperative to determine the feasibility to purchase and operate the main campus electrical infrastructure and associated infrastructure maintenance, and to report the results of the negotiations to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 1, 2015.

WMC: DELETE proviso. After extensive analysis and negotiations with Duke Energy it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive to enter into a contractual agreement with Duke Energy under the current regulatory framework.

SECTION 15 - H150 - UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

ADD (Science Center Renovation) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the University of Charleston to use funds appropriated in FY 2005-06 for the School of Science and Mathematics' Grice Marine Biology Laboratory for the renovation of the Rita L. Hollings Science Center. \$4,000,000 was appropriated for the project, but the project did not occur. Fiscal Impact: Redirects \$4,000,000 that has sat unused for 10 years.

SECTION 19 - H240 - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

- **AMEND** (Loan Funds) Provides for any loan funds not disbursed pursuant to proviso 19.2 to be carried forward. Directs the State Treasurer, upon EBO certification to disburse up to \$8,500,000 to the university pursuant to this provision and directs that the loan funds consists of the carry forward funds and the \$4,000,000 approved for FY 15-16 by the JBRC. Allows undisbursed funds to be carried forward. Provides for conditions which must be met for disbursement of funds. Directs that if the conditions are not met, scheduled installment payments must be suspended until EBO certifies the university has taken corrective actions.
 - WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references. Change the amount the State Treasurer is to disburse in FY 2016-17 from "\$8,500,000" to "\$2,000,000;" Change "\$4,000,000" to "\$2,000,000." Amend what EBO must certify in order to compel disbursements by deleting reference to the initial quarterly scheduled installment of disbursements and "for each remaining quarterly installment." Authorize the State Auditor to review and audit the University's financial structure and activities to ensure that there are sufficient financial and internal controls in place and direct that findings and recommendations be submitted by 12/30/16. Provide for loan funds disbursed pursuant to Proviso 19.2 of Act 286 of 2014 to be forgiven if certain benchmarks are met and require CHE certify by November 1st that the university has met and maintained the required benchmarks. Direct the State Fiscal Accountability Authority to establish a consolidated repayment schedule if the benchmarks are not met.
- ADD (University President) WMC: ADD new proviso to state the intent of the General Assembly for the S.C. State University Interim Board of Trustees to conduct a national search to hire a permanent president by December 31, 2016 and require the interim board to submit progress reports on the status of the search to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on August 2, October 1, and December 1, 2016. Direct that if the interim board fails to meet the hiring deadline, they must provide an explanation to the chairmen by January 2, 2017 as to why they are non-compliant.

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- **DELETE** (School Improvement Council) Stipulates that \$100,000 of the funds appropriated to the USC Columbia Campus be used for the School Improvement Council. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **20.4 AMEND** (Palmetto College Operating) Directs USC to allocate \$373,010 additional, recurring state appropriations to the USC campuses at Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union to reduce the per-student funding disparity that exists between each of these campuses. Directs USC to determine the appropriate enrollment measure to guide the distribution of these funds and to report the allocation to CHE and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "additional, recurring state appropriations totaling."

SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

23.2 AMEND (Telemedicine) Directs the MUSC Hospital Authority to continue to develop the Telemedicine network and to determine which hospitals are best suited for a Telemedicine partnership.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct the S.C. Telehealth Alliance to submit a proposal to the MUSC Hospital Authority to determine which hospitals are best suited for a Telemedicine partnership. Direct the authority to provide bi-annual reports on the distributions of funds to the chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

SECTION 27 - H870 - STATE LIBRARY

ADD (Content Licensing) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct the State Library, from funds not allocated for Distribution to Subdivisions, to license content with unlimited simultaneous access rights and allow broad classroom use for K-12 and academic institutions; to only license content that can be accessed by 1 or 2 clicks without a library card of SC state ID card; to only license content on platforms optimized for use on mobile phones; to license collections to support underserved populations, focusing on early literacy, reluctant readers, health and wellness, job skills, personal finance, and aging; and to only license full text collections, not indexes or tools to recommend texts that can't be freely accessed. Prohibit the State Library from using appropriated funds to license reference products that be easily found in free online products such as Wikipedia or from licensing databases of articles from mainstream newspapers and magazines that can be accessed free online or discovered through internet search engines such as Google.

SECTION 28 - H910 - ARTS COMMISSION

AMEND (Distribution to Subdivisions) Directs the Arts Commission to use appropriated and or authorized funds to distribute Distribution to Subdivision funds for specific purposes in the same manner they were distributed in the prior fiscal year, subject to requests received and availability of funds and designates funding.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update all allocation amounts. *Reflects actual expenditures in FY 14-15*. Fiscal Impact: Amended amounts reflect increase of \$925,000 over amounts listed in prior fiscal year act. Requested by Arts Commission.

SECTION 33 - J020 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **33.15 AMEND** (SCHIP CHIP Enrollment and Recertification) Requires the department to enroll and recertify eligible children in the State Children's Health Insurance Program using available state agency program data housed in the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, the DSS Food Stamp program, and the Department of Education's Free and Reduced Meal eligibility data.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to change "SCHIP" to "CHIP" and "Food Stamp program" to "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)." Allow rather than require the department to use certain available program data. *Reflects new program names*. Requested by Department of Health and Human Services.
- **33.19 DELETE** (Disproportionate Share DMH) Directs the department to transfer funds to DMH to make up any shortfall in disproportionate share funding due to rule changes from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

WMC: DELETE proviso. CMS issued a Final Rule dated 12/3/14 that amended the definition of uninsured. Now that the definition of uninsured is determined on a service-specific basis the department is no longer harmed by the original definition of uninsured. Requested by Department of Health and Human Services.

- **AMEND** (Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative) Directs the department to implement accountability and quality improvements initiatives for: (A) Healthy Outcomes Initiative; (B) Improve Community Health; (C) Rural Hospital DSH Payment; (D) Primary Care Safety Net; (E) Rural and Underserved Area Provider Capacity; (F) Obesity Education; (G) Provider Eligibility Data; (H) Pilot of All-Inclusive Health Intervention for Vulnerable Mental Health Patients; and (I) Publish Quarterly Progress Reports.
 - WMC: AMEND proviso subsection (C) to delete the requirement that funds allocated from the existing DSH program not exceed \$25,000,000 total funds. Amend subsection (D) to add "other entities" to FQHCs qualifying safety net providers and delete reference to "FQHC Look-A-Likes;" change the following allocations: innovative care strategies from "at least \$5,000,000" to "\$4,000,000;" FQHCs from "\$8,000,000" to "\$6,400,000;" delete "at least \$4,000,000 for documented capital needs for FQHCs;" change Free Clinics from "\$2,000,000" to "\$1,600,000;" and local alcohol and drug abuse authorities from "at least \$2,000,000" to "\$1,600,000." Direct the department to explore a transition to a prospective payment system for FQHCs. Amend subsection (E) to update calendar year references. Amend subsection (E)(4) to allow funding the department provides to support the Rural Health Initiative to be deducted from the allocation made to the USC School of Medicine in subsection (E)(3). Amend subsection (H) to permit rather than require the department to pilot the all-inclusive health intervention program.
- **DELETE** (Hospital Transformation Plans) Directs the department to continue a program to help qualifying hospitals transition to more sustainable models of service delivery that meet the needs of the community and reduces reliance on inpatient admissions, surgery or high-tech diagnostics. Directs the department to develop the methodology for funding and distributing award amounts and limits total state funds available for this purpose to \$15,000,000. Requires progress reports be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 1st and June 1st, 2016.

WMC: DELETE proviso. The department announced in FY 14-15 that it did not intend to continue this program after FY 15-16 since they believe any meritorious proposals that meet the

program's criteria will have been funded by the end of FY 15-16. Requested by Department of Health and Human Services.

- **33.25 DELETE** (Healthcare Workforce Analysis) Directs the department to transfer \$200,000 to AHEC for the Office of Healthcare Workforce Analysis.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso. The department states they transferred these funds from reserves and does not have a recurring source of funds to continue to transfer funds. AHEC has made a separate budget request. Requested by Department of Health and Human Services.
- **33.26 DELETE** (Healthy Connections Prime Participation) Directs that Healthy Connections Prime is limited to individuals who affirmatively elect to participate until April 1, 2016, after which the department may begin passively enrolling participants.

WMC: DELETE proviso. After 4/1/16 the department may begin passively enrolling participants so the proviso will no longer be needed after FY 15-16.

ADD (Rural Health Initiative) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct the department to use Rural Health Initiative funds to partner with the USC School of Medicine to develop a strategic plan to address medically underserved communities and authorize the department to leverage federal funds to implement the initiative. Direct the plan address rural healthcare and education and rural residency training enhancement grants. Direct the department, in cooperation with the State Fiscal Accountability Authority to develop one or more competitive procurements for a facility that is capable of providing Emergency Care Services in a medically underserved geographic area 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and that is designed to incorporate the use of telemedicine.

SECTION 34 - J040 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- **34.11 AMEND** (DHEC: Sickle Cell Programs) Specifies funding of \$761,233 for sickle cell prevention and education programs, testing, counseling and newborn screening services provided by the four existing Community Based Sickle Cell Programs and for funding the sickle cell medical services provided by the Community Based Sickle Cell Program at DHEC. Prohibits the department from reducing Sickle Cell program funds below the current funding level. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to direct existing Community Based Sickle Cell Programs to provide
 - wmC: AMEND provise to direct existing Community Based Sickle Cell Programs to provide counseling for families of newborns who test positive for sickle cell trait or other similar blood traits upon referral from DHEC. Enable DHEC to share results of positive newborn screenings directly with the Community Based Sickle Cell Programs. Requested by Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- **34.25 AMEND** (Health Facility Facilities Licensing Monetary Penalties) Authorizes the department to retain the first \$100,000 of civil monetary penalties collected from penalties assessed by the Division of Construction/Fire & Life Safety. Directs the funds only be used to carry out and enforce the regulations that apply to the division. Requires regulations for nursing home staffing to provide a minimum of 1.63 hours of direct care per resident per day from non-licensed nursing staff; maintain at least one licensed nurse per shift for each staff work area; and to enforce all other staffing and non-staffing standards.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "Division of Construction/Fire & Life Safety (DCFLS)" to "Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing (BHFL) and change fiscal year reference to "the current

fiscal year." Reflect the proper reference for retained monetary penalties since DHFC can only initiate enforcement through BHFL. Requested by Department of Health and Environmental Control.

34.43 AMEND (Residential Treatment Facilities Swing Beds) Allows residential treatment facilities to swing/convert up to 18 beds to acute psychiatric beds. Includes stipulation the conversion would have to comply with federal CMS rules and regulations.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

34.49 AMEND (Abortion Clinic Certification) Requires non-hospital facilities licensed and certified by DHEC to perform abortions to provide a report to DHEC before January 31, 2015, on the number of physicians that performed an abortion at the facility between July 1 and December 31, 2014 who did not have admitting and staff privileges at a local certified hospital; and to provide certain summary information on the level of aftercare resulting from the abortion. Requires a \$25 filing fee be remitted by the facility to the department along with the report.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references to "2017" and "2016." Requested by Department of Health and Environmental Control.

- **34.50 DELETE** (Seawall Reconstruction Repair) Authorizes DHEC to issue a special permit for reconstruction or repair of an existing erosion control device within specific parameters. Requires the permit only be issued if the reconstruction or repair of the seawall will be made with like material and if the replacement footprint is no more than two feet from the original. Authorizes DHEC to charge a permit fee equal to the actual cost of issuing the permit. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **34.51 AMEND** (Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee) Directs the department to establish a Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee to review maternal deaths and develop prevention strategies, to review severe maternal morbidity, and authorizes the department to contract with an external organization to assist in the review. Directs that information and data collected are not admissible as evidence in any action of any kind and are considered confidential. Requires reports of aggregated non-individually identifiable data for the previous calendar year be compiled and distributed by January 31st of the following year to the General Assembly, the Director of DHEC, health care providers and facilities, and key governmental agencies.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to 2016-17.

- **34.52 ADD** (Data Center Migration) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use Data Center Migration funds for a variety of shared technology services offered by the DOA, Division of Technology Operations.
- **ADD** (AIDS Service Provision and Hemophilia Assistance Programs) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that clinical services, medical case management, and the Hemophilia Assistance Program funds be used to establish a pilot program by contracting for the expansion of direct services to clients who are HIV positive. Direct the department facilitate 340b pricing for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and require the foundation provide proof of the contractual relationship between the department and the foundation to the Office of Pharmacy Affairs at HRSA [HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND

HUMAN SERVICES]. Direct the department develop and provide for an appeal process for individuals to opt out of services provided by the department's Hemophilia Pharmacy and to develop and enter a contract with an alternate specialty pharmacy providing Hemophilia pharmacy services for those individuals.

34.54 ADD (Home Health License Transfer) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use the first \$750,000 of the funds made available through transfer of licenses for Home Health Services from DHEC to Capital Care Resources of South Carolina, LLC for the final close out of Home Health including contractual obligations, to transition records to a format to meet record retention requirements, and to cover non-recurring expenses as follows: \$3,600,000 for Data Center Infrastructure; \$5,200,000 for Pinewood Custodial Site Capital Improvements and Repairs; \$5,781,600 for Electronic Medical Records; and \$2,500,000 for Flood Recovery Operations.

SECTION 36 - J160 - DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

36.16 DELETE (LAC Audit Recommendations Report) Requires the department provide a status report containing particular information on the implementation of recommendations contained in a specific LAC report on the department to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and be prominently posted on the department's website by December 31, 2015.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Report has been completed.

SECTION 37 - J200 - DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

37.4 **DELETE** (Health Information Technology) Directs the department to work with DHHS and each county's designated alcohol and drug abuse authorities to seek funding to help purchase the appropriate Certification Commission for Health Information Technology behavioral health Electronic Health Records system for the authorities. Require the departments work together to determine if there is additional funding available through Medicare, the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program or other grant programs to help offset the costs associated with implementing the new system.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Task has been accomplished.* Requested by Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

SECTION 38 - L040 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- **38.14 AMEND** (Family Foster Care Payments) Establishes the amount of monthly foster care payments for children under the department's sponsorship.
 - **WMC:** AMEND proviso to specify that the payments are also for foster children "under kinship care" and change the foster care per month payments as follows: \$404 for ages 0-5; \$469 for ages 6-12; and \$535 for ages 13+.
- **38.18 AMEND** (Child Care Voucher) Requires state funds allocated to DSS and used for child care vouchers to be used to enroll eligible recipients within the provider settings that exceed the state's minimum child care licensing standards. Allows the department to waive the requirement on a case by case basis.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the authority for the department to waive the requirement. Requested by Department of Social Services.

AMEND (Local Child Fatality Review Committees) Directs the DSS director to create and fund Local Child Fatality Review Committees pursuant to the authority granted in Sections 43-1-60(3) [STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES], 43-1-80 [POWERS, DUTIES AND PURPOSE OF STATE DEPARTMENT], and 63-7-910(E) [DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT] to allow for prompt review of reported child fatalities that come within the department's investigative authority. Provides for local committees to have access to certain information and records. Directs that meetings, information obtained, reports prepared, and testimony before the local committees are confidential and protected from FOIA, criminal and civil proceedings and subpoenas to the same extent as the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to 2016-17.

SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ADD (Predator Control Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to develop and implement a coyote tagging and bounty program in which at least 3 coyotes in each of the four game zones are tagged and released. Direct that a bounty for each tagged coyote must be at least \$1,000, but allow the DNR board the discretion to increase the bounty.

SECTION 49 - P280 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

49.3 AMEND (Advertising Funds Use and Carry Forward) Authorizes PRT to carry forward funds appropriated for Advertising and expend those funds for the same purpose to include the Tourism Partnership Fund, Destination Specific Marketing Grants, and the agency advertising fund. Directs the department to provide \$250,000 of Advertising funds from within the Tourism Sales and Marketing Program to the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for special event promotion.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement that \$250,000 be provided to the Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Requested by Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

49.13 DELETE (Football Exhibition Funding) Directs that the funds appropriated to PRT for Football Exhibition Games that were carried forward be made available to the Medal of Honor Bowl by September 1, 2015.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The funds have been expended.* Requested by Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.

49.14 ADD (State Funded Grant Programs) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize unexpended Grants, Undiscovered SC, and Sports Marketing Grant Programs funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. *Timeframes for projects in these grant programs are currently two to three years and funds are disbursed on a reimbursable basis. Fiscal Impact: The impact would be on the grant recipient if the funds are not carried forward to be available to reimburse the grantees upon completion of the project. Requested by Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism.*

SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

50.13 AMEND (Regional Economic Development Organizations) Directs the department to use the \$5,000,000 appropriated for Regional Economic Development Organizations to provide funds to the designated organizations and counties and provides a mechanism by which the funds should be distributed. Requires a 1:1 private fund match and requires the receiving organization to certify that the private funds match are new dollars specifically designated for this purpose. Directs the organizations provide an annual expenditure report and outcome measures to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and the Secretary of Commerce by November 1st. Directs that unexpended, unallocated, or undistributed prior year funds must first be made available to the organizations and any remainder be transferred to the Rural Infrastructure Fund. Directs that the funds be distributed pro rata if more than one alliance applies for the same funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to 2016-17. Change the funding allocation for I-77 Alliance from "\$600,000" to "\$660,000" and delete "Lancaster County \$60,000."

ADD (Grant Funds Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to carry forward Innovation, Research/Applied Research Centers, SCOPE, and LocateSC grant funds and to use those funds for the same purpose. *Carry Forward authority is needed because grants typically can cross fiscal years.* Requested by Department of Commerce.

SECTION 57 - B040 - JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

57.8 AMEND (Supreme Court Bar Admissions) Directs that bar admissions revenue in excess of the amount required to be remitted to the General Fund be deposited in a special account and authorizes the department to retain, expend, and carry forward the funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "in excess of the amount required to be remitted to the general fund." *The department would like to keep all Bar Admissions funds to offset the cost of the Bar Admissions Office.* Fiscal Impact: The department states it currently remits to the general fund ¹/₄ of all funds collected by the bar admissions office. RFAO states this amendment would reduce general fund by \$67,368. Requested by Judicial Department.

57.10 AMEND (Interpreters) Directs that funds appropriated for interpreters be used to cover costs of interpreters in certain judicial proceedings (criminal proceedings, deaf, non-English speaking) in accordance with guidelines established by the Chief Justice. Directs that interpreters for deaf persons be obtained through the School for the Deaf and Blind unless the Chief Justice finds those services to be inadequate.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement that interpreters be obtained through the School for the Deaf and Blind. The department states that it has not been feasible to contract with the school for various funding and logistical reasons. Court Administration maintains a centralized list of ASL/Sign Language Interpreters. This list is provided to the Clerks of Court to assist them in obtaining certified or otherwise qualified interpreters for court proceedings statewide. Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this amendment would have no impact on the General Fund. Requested by Judicial Department.

- **ADD** (Appellate Court Fee) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to retain the funds collected as required by the SC Appellate Court Rules and to authorize these funds to be received, retained, expended, and carried forward. *The department requests to retain 100% of the filing/motions fees received for the Appellate Courts to offset operational expenses.* Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this proviso would reduce General Fund revenue by \$150,000. Requested by Judicial Department.
- **ADD** (Interpreter Training and Certification) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to collect and retain funds received from interpreter training and certification tests applications; to use these funds to offset Court Interpreter Certification Program expenses; and to carry forward these funds. *Allows the department to receive the registration fees directly to cover the costs associated with the orientation and written exams.* Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this provision would have no impact on the General Fund. Agency other fund revenue would be increased approximately \$20,000. Requested by Judicial Department.

SECTION 59 - E200 - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- **DELETE** (Securities Fee Revenue) Directs that after \$20,500,000 of Securities Fee revenues have been deposited to the General Fund the Attorney General may retain \$400,000 to use for operations associated with the increase in licensed securities agents. Authorizes the Attorney General to carry forward the revenue to use for the same purpose. Requires any remaining Securities Fee revenues be remitted to the General Fund. **WMC:** DELETE proviso. See new proviso 59.10.
- 59.10 ADD (Securities Fee and Litigation Recovery Revenue) WMC: ADD new proviso to authorize the Attorney General to retain the first \$12,000,000 in Securities Fee revenue for litigation and other operating expenses as determined by the Attorney General. Direct that the next \$200,000 be transferred to SLED for the State Grand Jury and for other purposes as determined by the director of SLED. Direct that all additional Securities Fee revenue be remitted to the General Fund. Require all monies received from litigation recovery be deposited into the Litigation Recovery Account at the Office of State Treasurer and prohibit the Attorney General's Office from retaining any portion of these funds beyond reasonable costs incurred as defined in Section 1-7-85. Authorize these funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this provision would reduce general fund departmental securities fee revenue by approximately \$10,100,000 in FY 2016-17.

SECTION 60 - E210 - PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION

ADD (Caseload Equalization Funding) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that the first \$3,450,000 of caseload equalization funds be distributed \$75,000 per county and the remaining \$4,376,872 be distributed based on the average incoming caseload for each county as reported by the Judicial Department for the prior three fiscal years. Fiscal Impact: Agency requested an increase of \$7,826,872 for Caseload Equalization funding. Requested by Prosecution Coordination Commission.

SECTION 61 - E230-COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

61.1 AMEND (Defense of Indigents Formula) Provides for the distribution of "Defense of Indigents" funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to authorize the commission to also use the \$3,000,000 (Death Penalty Trial Fund) set aside "for juveniles facing the possibility of a sentence of life without parole." *The commission anticipates expenditures for juvenile cases such as the Aiken v. Byars decision based on a recent South Carolina Supreme Court ruling.* Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this amendment would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. Requested by Commission on Indigent Defense.

61.13 **DELETE** (Indigent Verification) Directs the Commission on Indigent Defense to review all Affidavits for Indigency and Application for Council and make recommendations to the General Assembly by January 5, 2016 on additional requirements and supporting documentation that would be required of all applicants in order to verify their financial status and the standards by which an application should be approved and counsel appointed. Requires the commission report to the General Assembly by August 1, 2015, on the number of applications accepted and rejected during Fiscal Year 2014-15.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Report has been submitted.*

SECTION 63 - K050 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

63.8 ADD (Body Cameras Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize DPS to retain and carry forward unexpended funds associated with body cameras and to use those funds for the same purpose. *To ensure that body camera funds are not swept under the generic 10% carry forward proviso, but remain dedicated to their original purpose.* Requested by Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 65 - N040 - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

65.18 AMEND (Special Assignment Pay Level 2 & 3 Facilities) Directs that funds appropriated for special assignment pay are to address turnover by providing pay differential for certain correctional officers, nursing staff, and food service staff at Level II and III facilities.

WMC: AMEND proviso to specify that the special assignment pay is to be paid so as not to exceed the percentages specified in this provision and as determined the director.

SECTION 73 - R060 - OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

ADD (SSEB Annual Dues) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that Southern States Energy Board annual dues shall be paid from the Radioactive Waste Operating Fund.

SECTION 81 - R360 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

81.13 DELETE (Wind and Structural Engineering Research Lab) Directs the department to use \$40,000 to contract with the Citadel to establish a research project to determine whether the wind and seismic residential building requirements for the state as prescribed in the 2015 International

Residential Code are valid and to submit a preliminary report to the SC Building Council by June 30, 2016.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

SECTION 82 - R400 - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

82.10 DELETE (Study of Motorcycle Usage and Safety) Directs that a committee be established to study available data related to motorcycle usage, safety, applicable laws, and regulations. Provides for the composition of the study committee and directs that findings and recommendations be issued to the Governor and the General Assembly before December 15, 2015.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The agency states this duplicates state agency efforts as Motorcycle Safety Task Force already exists in DPS.* Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles.

SECTION 83 - R600 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

DELETE (SCOICC User Fee Carry Forward) Authorizes user fees collected by the S.C. Occupational Information Coordinating Committee through DEW to be retained and carried forward and used for operation of the SC Occupational Information System.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The program has been transferred to the Department of Education.* Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.

AMEND (SUTA Contingency Assessment Funds) Requires 30% revenue collected through taxable wage base contingency assessments be spent (1) to enforce eligibility requirements by means of eligibility reviews, random verification of job contacts, and wage cross matches; (2) to ensure seated meetings are held with claimants; and (3) to require that SC Works Online System is used each week for one of the claimants job search contacts. Require the department notify claimants in advance that eligibility review and random verification of job contacts will be used for verification purposes.

WMC: AMEND proviso to require all four weekly job search contacts be conducted through the SC Works Online System so that the searches can be verified electronically rather than only requiring one search use the system. *DEW indicates that claimant failure to document/submit the required number of weekly work searches is the number one cause of improper benefit payments for DEW.* Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.

AMEND (Negotiation of Interest) Requires DEW to develop and implement a plan by October 1, 2015 to seek a waiver of interest on the FUA Loan debt. Directs that upon final repayment of all Title XII advances from the Federal Unemployment Account, any funds remaining in the DEW Interest Assessment Fund are to be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement that a plan be developed and implemented to seek the waiver. Specify that "interest assessment" funds received by the Interest Assessment Fund are to be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund. DEW indicates that all Title XII advances and all accrued interest have been paid so the need to request an interest waiver no longer exists. Allows DEW to transfer any interest received from pre Q1 2015 employer tax liabilities to the UC Fund. Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.

83.8 **ADD** (Employment Training Outcomes Data Sharing) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to state that the Department of Employment and Workforce, in developing required Workforce and Labor Market Information System improvements, will require integration of training and employment data to improve longitudinal assessments of employment outcomes for various training providers eligible to receive funding appropriated or authorized by this Act. Direct DEW to establish a Governance Policy for management, development, security, partner collaboration, and sharing responsibilities by July 1, 2016. Direct DEW to develop a model data-sharing agreement with eligible training providers by July 22, 2016 and provide for specific data to be included in the agreement in order for DEW to assess the effectiveness and return on investment of training programs offered by the providers. Direct DEW, by January 1, 2017, to develop a model datasharing agreement with the Department of Education, the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement, the EOC, the Vocational Rehabilitation Department, CHE, and the Department of Commerce to capture and match data. Direct DEW and the SC Student Loan Corporation, by January 1, 2017, to enter into a data-sharing agreement to determine the average debt load carried by individuals who participate in the training programs. Direct DEW, by June 30, 2017, to develop a model data-sharing agreement with DSS to capture data related to New Hire status and social services data. Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.

SECTION 84 - U120 - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **B4.10 DELETE** (Hanahan Permit Application) Directs DOT to coordinate and facilitate negotiations between the City of Hanahan, the US Army Corps of Engineers, CSX Railroad, and other entities for the necessary permit required to complete the Railroad Avenue Extension Project. Requires DOT to submit the necessary applications on behalf of the entities by June 30, 2016.
 - **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *DOT anticipates submitting the permits by June 30, 2016.* Requested by Department of Transportation.
- **B4.13 DELETE** (Sunset Suspended) Suspends the provisions of Section 6 of Act 114 of 2007 [TERMINATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION] for the current fiscal year.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *DOT recommends replacing this proviso with permanent legislation governing the appointment of the Secretary of Transportation.* Requested by Department of Transportation.

PELETE (CTC Road Program) Directs that \$70,499,995 appropriated to DOT for the County Transportation Committee Road Program be distributed pursuant to Section 12-28-2740 [DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE USER FEE AMONG COUNTIES; REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES]. Directs CTCs to use the funds only on the state-owned secondary road system for paving, rehabilitation, resurfacing, and/or reconstruction and bridge repair, replacement or reconstruction. Prohibits these funds from being used for any road, bridge, or highway that is not part of the state-owned system. Authorizes unexpended funds to be carried forward to succeeding years for the same purpose.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Non-recurring funds have been distributed.* Requested by Department of Transportation.

SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

88.1 AMEND (Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) Directs the State Ports Authority to pay the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank \$1,000,000 before June 30, 2016 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change July 1, "2015" to "2016" and June 30, and "2016" to "2017." *Meets the obligations of the State Ports Authority and the State Infrastructure Bank's financial agreement.* Fiscal Impact: No impact on the General Fund. The funds used to pay the Transportation Infrastructure Bank are operating funds of the Ports Authority, none of which are state appropriated funds. Generates \$1,000,000 for the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Per the Ports Authority, the commitment of the agency is to provide \$1,000,000 per year for 25 years, until 2027.

SECTION 91 - A990 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

- **91.21 AMEND** (DMV Audit Review) Suspends, for FY 2015-16, the requirement that the LAC conduct an independent review of the DMV and directs that any savings generated be used to conduct audits as requested by members of the General Assembly.
 - WMC: AMEND proviso to change "Fiscal Year 2015-16" to "the current fiscal year."
- **91.22 AMEND** (Electronic Correspondence) Prohibits the House of Representatives, during FY 2015-16, from spending funds to print or mail bills, summaries, committee agendas, etc. to committee members. Directs that relevant information on committee meetings be sent to members electronically.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "Fiscal Year 2015-16" to "the current fiscal year."

91.23 AMEND (Technology Panel) Directs the K-12 Technology Initiative partnership provide a report that describes the state's efforts to facilitate providing cost effective connectivity and internet bandwidth to schools and libraries statewide and to report on certain technology related activities by June 1, 2016.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update report due date to June 1, "2017."

- **91.25 DELETE** (Act 388 Study Committee) Establishes a Senate study committee to review and study the effects of Act 388 of 2006 on various classes of property and require findings and recommendations be submitted to the General Assembly by June 30, 2016. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **91.27 DELETE** (Voting System Research Committee) Establishes a ten legislative member Joint Voting System Research Committee to identify, evaluate and make an analysis regarding voting systems to be implemented state-wide and directs the committee to determine the level of funding required to acquire and fully implement the system. Directs a report be submitted by January 30, 2016, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Judiciary, House Ways and Means, and Judiciary Committees.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

93.13 DELETE (Outside Legal Counsel) Requires DOA to follow procurement code procedures if OEPP hires outside legal counsel.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

93.16 DELETE (Wireless Communications Tower) Directs the Department of Administration to coordinate tower and antenna operations, approve all leases regarding antenna placement on state-owned property, coordinate new tower construction on state owned property, market excess capacity, generate revenue by leasing or selling excess capacity, and construct new facilities pm state owned property related to communications. Directs the revenue from the leases to be transferred to ETV which shall retain and carry forward revenue to support statewide public safety communications system. Directs DOA to report to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees annually on revenue collections and disbursements.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Note: Moved to ETV section, proviso 8.4.*

93.21 DELETE (Antenna and Tower Placement) Directs that antenna and tower leases on a higher education institution's property must conform to the institution's master plan. **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *Note: Moved to ETV section, proviso 8.3.*

93.24 DELETE (Compensation - Agency Head Salary) Provides a process for establishing the compensation for agency heads and technical college presidents. Requires DOA contract for a compensation study of agency heads and technical college presidents every four years. **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *Technical. Moved to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority section*,

proviso 104.10 since the Agency Head Salary Commission is under the purview of SFAA. Requested by Department of Administration and State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

93.28 **DELETE** (Classification and Compensation System Study) Directs DOA, Human Resources Division to contract for an in-depth study of the state's class and comp system and limits the cost of the study to not more than \$300,000. Directs that findings and an implementation plan be submitted by January 4, 2016 to the Classification and Compensation System Study Committee; creates the study committee and directs that the committee review the findings and the plan and deliver a report and recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The report has been submitted, the study committee is being formed.*

93.30 AMEND (Emerging Leaders Program) Directs DOA, Office of Human Resources to establish an Emerging Leaders Program designed to identify and develop the next generation of state government leaders by attracting and/or retaining imminent or recent graduates to careers in public services. Requires the program to be cohort-based and for participants to complete rotations in a variety of functional roles that focus on budgeting, policymaking, operations/service delivery and other appropriate/elective fields. Requires the plans for the program be completed in time for the first cohort of participants to be selected by June 30, 2016. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference to "2017." *DOA is still working on the plan.*

93.31 DELETE (Union County Bus Shop) Directs the DOA, Division of General Services to distribute the proceeds from the sale of the Union County Bus Shop equally to the Union County School District and Union County.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *The property has been sold.*

93.33 ADD (Confederate Relic Room Relocation Analysis) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to conduct an analysis of building space that is available in the Charleston area that is large enough to house the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum and if such space is found, to prepare an cost estimate for the relocation and submit it to the Governor, and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 10,2017.

SECTION 95 - E040 - OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

ADD (Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize unexpended Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Requested by Lieutenant Governor's Office.

SECTION 97 - E120 - OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL

- **AMEND** (Signature Authorization) Authorizes the Comptroller General to designate signature authority to certain employees for the approval of warrants for payment to the State Treasurer. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to authorize designated employees to approve disbursement documents authorizing payment. *Updates the language to reflect current practices and disbursement processes under SCEIS.* Requested by Office of the Comptroller General.
- **AMEND** (Payroll Deduction Processing Fee) Authorizes the Comptroller General to charge a fee of not more than 20 cents for processing certain payroll deductions and to retain and expend the revenue to support the operations of the office. Exempts charitable deductions from the charge. Authorizes any unexpended funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to change the payroll deduction processing fee from 20 cents to 25 cents and specify that this cost is borne by vendors and other third parties receiving the deductions and not by state employees. Fiscal Impact: RFAO indicates that the additional 5 cents would generate an additional \$45,434 in agency revenue. Requested by Office of the Comptroller General.

SECTION 98 - E160 - OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER

98.12 DELETE (Identity Theft Reimbursement Fund) Establishes the Department of Revenue Identity Theft Reimbursement Fund for the purpose of reimbursing eligible expenses incurred by an eligible person. Allow unexpended funds to be retained, carried forward, and expended for the same purpose.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *There have been no reimbursements made from the fund.* Fiscal Impact: The current balance in the fund is \$400,000. Requested by State Treasurer's Office.

98.14 DELETE (Early Literacy Partnership) Provides for the transfer of all funds in Subfund 4019 Governor's Teaching School Loan Program to Save the Children for the statewide partnership with local public schools to serve children who are age 3-12 in areas of persistent rural poverty

through early childhood literacy development. Requires measured success of the partnerships be provided to the General Assembly by June 30th. Authorizes the transferred funds to be carried forward.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

SECTION 99 - E190 - RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

99.1 AMEND (Retirement Investment Commission Audit) Suspends, for FY 2015-16, the requirement that the Inspector General employ a private audit firm to perform the fiduciary audit on the Retirement System Investment Commission and directs any savings from not conducting the audit be used to conduct the required PEBA audit.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

ADD (State Guard Activation) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the Adjutant General to compensate State Guard personnel at a rate of \$150 per day and to compensate for meal per diem according to National Guard and State policy in the event they are called into State Active Duty. Requested by Office of Adjutant General.

SECTION 101 - E280 - ELECTION COMMISSION

AMEND (Training & Certification Program) Requires all members and staff of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections to receive training on their duties and responsibilities; allows the Election Commission to charge a fee for the courses; to retain up to \$35,000 of the revenue to help cover the costs of providing the training; and to retain and carry forward unexpended revenue to be used for the same purpose. Requires the Election Commission to withhold member's stipends if they do not complete the required training and certification program and provides for member replacement for noncompliance.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to "commission." All county boards of voter registration and election commissions were combined per Act 196 of 2014 and there are no longer any separate county election commissions. Requested by Election Commission.

SECTION 104 - E550 - STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY

AMEND (Insurance Coverage for Aging Entity Authorized) Authorizes the Insurance Reserve Fund to provide insurance coverage for certain local aging entities. Directs that the IRF and the State shall not be liable for any coverage insufficiencies.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

ADD (Compensation - Agency Head Salary) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to provide a process for establishing the compensation for agency heads and technical college presidents. Require SFAA contract for a compensation study of agency heads and technical college presidents every four years. *Technical. Moved proviso 93.24 from the Department of Administration since the Agency Head Salary Commission is under the purview of SFAA.* Requested by Department of Administration and State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 106 - F300 - STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- **DELETE** (FY 2015-16 Employee Bonus) Provides for a one-time lump sum bonus of \$800 on October 16, 2015, to state employees in a FTE position who has been in continuous state service for at least six months prior to 7/1/15 and who earns less than \$100,000. Directs agencies to pay the bonus for federal and other funded employees from federal and other funds available to the agency. Directs that the earnings limitation in proviso 117.55 of H.3701 does not apply. **WMC:** DELETE proviso. *The bonus has been paid.*
- **ADD** (SCRS & PORS Rate Increase) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that the funds appropriated for SCRS & PORS Employer Contributions be allocated by the Executive Budget Office to state agencies and school districts for SCRS & PORS rate increases.

SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

- **DELETE** (Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance) Allows Lottery Commissioners, Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members, magistrates, if the magistrate's county participates in the plan, and eligible dependents, to participate in the State Health and Dental Plan upon payment of full premium costs. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **AMEND** (FY 2016 State Health Plan) Directs that for the 2016 State Health Plan, employer premiums will increase 4.5%; subscriber premiums and co-payments will not increase. Authorizes PEBA to adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions during Plan Year 2016 to ensure the plan remains fiscally stable.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update specific plan year references to 2017 and delete reference to the employer premium increase.

108.10 AMEND (Covered Contraceptives) Directs that the 2016 State Health Plan shall not require copays/deductibles for contraceptives.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update year reference to 2017.

SECTION 109 - R440 - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

109.11 DELETE (Governmental Debt Offset Program) Authorizes DOR to contract with technology entities to establish a debt offset program to allow non-tax payments to be used to offset governmental debt. Authorizes DOR to retain sufficient revenue from the proceeds received from the program to offset its administrative costs and to pay for the contractual costs to establish and operate the program and directs that remaining revenue received be deposited into the general fund.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Revenue.

109.12 DELETE (Carry Forward - Identity Theft and Protection Services) Authorizes DOR to carry forward funds appropriated for Identity and Credit Protection Services and to use the funds for the same purpose.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Funds have been expended. Requested by Department of Revenue.

DELETE (Angel Investors) Directs DOR to establish a schedule for investors pursuing credits provided for in Chapter 44 of Title 11 [HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT] that include the submission of applications until July 31, 2015 or the date the credit cap is reached as determined by DOR, whichever is earlier.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Revenue.

SECTION 112 - V040 - DEBT SERVICE

AMEND (Excess Debt Service) Directs that excess debt service funds from FY 2014-15 be carried forward and spent in FY 2015-16 to pay down general obligation bond debt (1) with the highest interest rate, (2) will achieve relief in constrained debt capacity, or (3) will reduce the amount of debt issued.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references.

SECTION 113 - X220 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS, STATE TREASURER

AMEND (Quarterly Distributions) Provides for the quarterly distribution of Aid to Subdivisions Local Government Fund.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references to "2016-17."

AMEND (LGF) Suspends Sections 6-27-30 [FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FROM GENERAL FUND REVENUES] and 6-27-50 [RESTRICTIONS ON AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF CHAPTER] for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

AMEND (Political Subdivision Flexibility) Authorizes political subdivisions that receive Local Government Fund monies to reduce the amount of support they provide to any state mandated program or requirement up to the percentage their Local Government Fund appropriation has been reduced compared to the amount required to be funded by law, but excludes the court system from the reductions.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

113.8 ADD (Withholding Funds) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct that if any political subdivision collects fines from enforcement of any local ordinance, rule, or regulation that alters, amends, or conflicts with Chapter 5 of Title 56 [Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways], the State Treasurer must withhold from that political subdivision's Local Government Fund distribution an amount equal to any amount that is in excess of the amounts authorized by Chapter 5 of Title 56. Direct that the withholding provision also applies to fines collected from enforcement of any local ordinance, rule or regulation that is similar to a provision of Chapter 5 of Title 56.

SECTION 114 - X440 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS-DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

DELETE (Homestead Exemption Fund Reduction and CTC Road Program) Reduces the FY 15-16 appropriation to Aid to Subdivisions Department of Revenue for Distribution to Subdivisions: Aid to Counties-Homestead Exemption Fund(X44) by \$20,425,000. Directs that the first \$10,000,000 of the Homestead Exemption Fund carried forward from FY 2014-15 be credited to DOT for distribution pursuant to Section 12-28-2740 [DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE USER

FEE AMONG COUNTIES; REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES]. Directs CTCs to use the funds only on the state-owned secondary road system for paving, rehabilitation, resurfacing, and/or reconstruction and bridge repair, replacement or reconstruction. Prohibits these funds from being used for any road, bridge, or highway that is not part of the state-owned system.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

AMEND (Appropriations From Funds) Directs that funds appropriated from the General Fund, EIA Fund, Highways and Public Transportation Fund and other applicable funds are to meet the ordinary expenses of the State for FY 2015-16.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

- **AMEND** (Fiscal Year Definitions) Defines current and prior fiscal year time frames. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references from "2015" to "2016;" "2016" to "2017;" and "2014" to "2015."
- 117.38 AMEND (Personal Property Tax Relief Fund) Suspends Section 12-37-2735 [PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND]. Reduces the amount credited to the Personal Property Tax Relief Fund from \$20 million to zero. Directs that if a county imposes the Personal Property Tax Exemption Sales Tax and a sales tax rate of 2% of gross proceeds of sale is insufficient to offset the property tax not collected, sufficient amounts must be credited to the Trust Fund for Tax Relief to provide the reimbursement to offset such a shortfall.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete suspension of Section 12-37-2735. *This section was repealed by Act 87 of 2015.*

117.58 AMEND (Year-End Financial Statements - Penalties) Provides timeframes for submission of annual audited financial statements by agencies and other reporting entities to the Comptroller General for inclusion in the State's CAFR. Requires agencies not in compliance to appear before the Comptroller General and provide an explanation for the delay.

WMC: AMEND proviso to specify that "institutions" are included in the requirement to submit annual audited financial statements for inclusion in the CAFR. Specify that if an entity's fiscal year-end is June 30th, the due date is October 1st and if an institution or entity's fiscal year-end is other than June 30th, the statement must be submitted within 120 days of that fiscal year-end. Delete the requirement that if noncompliant, the agency must appear before the Comptroller General and explain the delay. Require the Comptroller General to provide a report to SFFA by November 30th of each noncompliant agency, institution, or other reporting entity. Requested by Office of Comptroller General.

AMEND (Healthcare Employee Recruitment and Retention) Provides guidelines for DOC, DDSN, DHEC, DHHS, DJJ, DMH, and Voc Rehab to spend state, federal, and other sources of revenue to provide lump sum bonuses to aid in recruiting and retaining healthcare workers in critical needs healthcare jobs based on objective guidelines established by the Department of Administration. Provides guidelines for paid educational leave for employees, for repaying outstanding student loans, and for tuition reimbursement.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

- **117.72 AMEND** (Printed Report Requirements) Directs that for Fiscal Year 2015-16, certain state agencies and higher education institutions shall not be required to submit printed reports and shall only submit the reports electronically. Waive the submission of certain reports. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year references to "2016-17."
- **117.89 AMEND** (Funds Transfer to ETV) Requires funds appropriated to the DOA for Legislative & Public Affairs Coverage and Emergency Communications Backbone and to the Law Enforcement Training Council for City and Council municipal training to be transferred to ETV during July of 2015 for them to continue to provide services as they were provided in the prior fiscal year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update "2015" to "2016." Requested by Educational Television Commission.

- 117.91 AMEND (Means Test) Requires all agencies that provide Healthcare Services to identify standards and criteria in order to means test all programs they provide, if federal guidelines allow such a test. Directs agencies, once consistent criteria has been established, to implement their plan. Requires each agency to report criteria and fiscal data to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 1, 2014.

 WMC: AMEND to update calendar year reference to "2017."
- 117.93 AMEND (WIA Service Advertising) Establishes Workforce Investment Act advertising guidelines.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change Fiscal Year "2014-15" to "2016-17."

- 117.94 AMEND (WIA Training Marketability Evaluation) Directs the department to submit a report to the chairmen of various legislative committees on how funds were spent to provide marketable work skills training; on any restructuring or realignment of agency functions as well as changes in staffing levels or service; on employees terminated, hired, re-hired, reassigned, or reclassified by program area and location and to describe efforts the agency made to reassign or retrain employees who were terminated if the agency hired new employees for that position.

 WMC: AMEND proviso to change Fiscal Year "2014-15" to "2016-17."
- **117.97 AMEND** (USC Greenville Medical School) States the intent of the General Assembly to not appropriate general funds for the new medical school at USC Greenville during FY 2014-15 and limits the amount and type of funds that may be transferred from USC to the new medical school. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to 2016-17.
- **117.102 DELETE** (Sexually Violent Predator Treatment RFP) Requires the Directors of the Departments of Mental Health and Corrections to develop and issue a RFP to seek proposals from qualified private providers to provide secure housing and treatment services to persons who have been civilly committed to DMH under the Sexually Violent Predators Act. Directs that the RFP be issued by October 31, 2013.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *RFP has already gone out - awaiting JBRC approval.*

117.105 AMEND (Technology and Remediation) Requires that funds appropriated to DOA, Division of Information Security be used to develop and implement a statewide information security program. Allows a portion of the non-recurring funds to be used for enterprise technology and

remediation and be distributed to state agencies to address critical information security vulnerabilities as determined by the Division of Information Security and the Division Technology Operations.

WMC: AMEND proviso to exclude Enterprise Technology and Remediation funds from the calculation of any across-the-board base reduction mandated by EBO or the General Assembly. Allow Enterprise Technology and Remediation funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

117.108 AMEND (State Ports Authority Property) Directs the State Ports Authority to transfer 50 acres of its Daniel Island property to PRT which shall make sure that the property is used for public recreation activities. Direct that if the Authority has not sold its remaining property on Daniel and Thomas Islands, with certain exceptions, by June 30, 2016, it must transfer the property to the Department of Administration.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement that 50 acres of Daniel Island property be transferred to PRT and change "2016" to "2017."

117.114 AMEND (Information Technology and Information Security Plans) Requires all state agencies to submit an information technology plan and an information security plan for FY 2015-16 to the Department of Administration by October 1, 2015; to submit updates to the plan if changes are made after initial submission; and specifies information required to be included in the plans. Excludes the Judicial and Legislative Departments, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies from the requirements of this provision.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update plan due date to October 1,"2016" and fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

117.115 AMEND (SCOIS Transfer) Transfers the S.C. Occupational Information System, its authority, responsibilities, FTE's and funding from DEW to SDE and directs DOA and the Comptroller General to facilitate and coordinate the transfer.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that for Fiscal Year to 2016-17 the duties and responsibilities of SCOIS shall continue to be transferred from DEW to SDE and delete the requirement that DOA and the CG facilitate and coordinate the transfer.

117.117 AMEND (ABLE Savings Expense Fund) Establishes the South Carolina ABLE Savings Expense Fund in the Office of the State Treasurer to allow for tax-exempt savings accounts for disability-related expenses for individuals entitled to benefits based on blindness or disability under specific titles of the Social Security Act or for individuals with a disability certification signed by a physician.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that "eligible individuals" are those as defined in Section 529A(e)(1) [QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAMS] of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Authorize the State Treasurer to develop, implement, and administer the ABLE Fund consistent with federal code and authorizing legislation. Authorize the State Treasurer to charge and collect administrative fees and service charges and engage a program manager for the fund. *Conforms to H.3768*.

117.118 AMEND (Employee Compensation) Provides a plan to distribute employee pay increases for FY 15-16 in the amount of 0%. Directs allocations associated with the increases for retirement employer contributions be based on the rate of the retirement system in which employees

participate. Authorizes the use of funding for statewide employer contributions for other statewide purposes and allow carry forward of those funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change DOA reference to F300 - Statewide Employer Contributions; direct the Executive Budget Office to allocate the employee pay increases; and change the amount of the increase from "zero" to "one" percent. Directs the EBO to review Executive Branch agencies in FY 2016-17 to determine whether their budgets warrant an increase in other fund authorization due to the 1% pay raise and if so, to work with the Comptroller General to increase the authorization for the affected agencies.

117.119 **DELETE** (Sickle Cell Disease Study Committee) Creates a 13 member Sickle Cell Disease Study Committee to examine existing services and resources available to children and adults with the disease. Directs the committee to establish partnerships with institutions and communities for a statewide network of service providers and a comprehensive education and treatment program for adults with the disease, and to establish standardized treatment and emergency room protocols. Directs findings and recommendations be reported to the General Assembly and the Governor by June 30, 2016, at which time the study committee will be dissolved.

WMC: DELETE proviso. *Committee is to be dissolved on June 30, 2017.*

117.120 DELETE (Comprehensive Workforce Development Coordination Initiative) Directs the State Board for Tec and Comp Ed and the Departments of Commerce, Education, and Employment and Workforce to survey the state's workforce development needs to develop a comprehensive initiative where technical colleges, school districts and career centers work together to produce a qualified workforce and directs the survey be completed by September 15, 2015. Directs the entities develop a statewide Pathways program in alignment with the EEDA to facilitate the transition from education to employment in industries with critical workforce shortages. Directs that results be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, House Ways and Means, Senate Labor Commerce and Industry, House Labor Commerce and Industry, Senate Education, and House Education and Public Works Committees by February 1, 2016 and include an analysis of program accountability measures and key performance indicators.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

117.121 AMEND (Child Fatality Review) Directs DSS, SLED, DHEC, and the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee to implement recommendations contained in the LAC's October 2014 "A Review of Child Welfare Services at the Department of Social Service" report. Requires specific agencies to report various statistics, make recommendations to revise DSS policies and practices, establish a cross check system, and review training provided to coroners. Directs the advisory committee to evaluate the feasibility of adopting the Child Death Review Case Reporting System developed by the National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths and submit their findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2015.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update report due date to December 1, "2016."

117.122 DELETE (Energy Efficiency Repair and Related Maintenance) Directs that funds appropriated and carried forward for the Higher Education Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review by proviso 118.16 of the 2014-15 appropriation act be redirected to specific institutions for energy efficiency repair and related maintenance. Prohibits these funds from being used for new construction and requires they be matched by the institution. Requires institutions certify to

CHE that they have met the match requirement and include the source of funds used for the match before they use the funds. Directs CHE provide a report on the use of this proviso.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

- **117.124 DELETE** (Capital Bond Study Committee) Establishes a Capital Bond Study Committee from funds appropriated to the Senate, House of Representatives and the Governor's Office. Directs the committee to study capital needs of higher education institutions, including the technical college system. Directs that findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation be submitted to JBRC by December 31, 2015, after which the committee will be dissolved. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **117.125 DELETE** (Study Committee on Homeowners Associations) Creates a Study Committee on Homeowners Associations to review law, policies, practices, and procedures on homeowners associations in this State and other jurisdictions and to make recommendations on statutory law proposals to the General Assembly by December 31, 2015, after which the study committee must be dissolved.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

- **117.126 DELETE** (Grant Funds) Authorizes the funds granted to the Fountain Inn Kiwanis Club in a prior fiscal year to be used by its successor entity for a like purpose. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **117.127 DELETE** (Horry County CTC Allocation) Authorizes Horry County to use up to \$750,000 of its allocation from Sections 1(B)(3), 3(B)(3), and 5 for the Horry-Georgetown Evacuation Route. **WMC:** DELETE proviso.
- **117.128 ADD** (First Steps Reauthorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to reauthorize First Steps for Fiscal Year 2016-17.
- **117.129 ADD** (Revolving Loan Fund) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the State Treasurer to issue a RFP by July 15, 2016, for a S.C. non-profit corporation to manage the Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Program application and review process established in Section 59-40-175 [FACILITY REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM]. Direct that funds be made available to applicants each year by October 1st so that facility plans may proceed for the following school year.
- **117.130 ADD** (Family Planning Funds) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that federal and state family planning funds be awarded to eligible individuals, organizations, or entities that apply to be family planning contractors in a specific descending priority order. Require any state entity that distributes family planning funds to submit an annual report to the General Assembly detailing specific information on contracts with nonpublic entities.
- **117.131 ADD** (Immigration Unit Transfer to SLED) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to transfer, for the current fiscal year, the duties, functions, responsibilities, personnel, funding, and physical assets of the Illegal Immigration Unit from DPS to SLED, effective July 1, 2016. Fiscal Impact: RFAO states this provision would have no impact on the General Fund.

- 117.132 ADD (Excess Conservation Bank Funds) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct that funds collected by the S.C. Conservation Bank that are above the amount authorized in this act are to be transferred to DNR as follows: \$3,000,000 for the operation and management of Wildlife Management Areas; \$210,000 for heavy equipment for dike repair and road maintenance, and \$1,600,000 for Samworth, Santee Coastal, and Santee Delta Wildlife Management Areas dike repair and replacement. Authorize DNR to carry forward these funds for the same purpose.
- 117.133 ADD (Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Implementation) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct agencies, in order to ensure uniform implementation of the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan: to use shared services from the DOA, Division of Technology Operations (DTO) as services become available; to comply with DTO information technology rules, standards, plans, policies, and directives; to participate and comply with decisions determined by the IT governance advisory groups; to submit all IT budget requests to the Executive Budget Office and DTO which shall review and make recommendations for funding consideration; to create an information technology plan for purchases that exceed \$50,000 with DTO consultation and approval; to develop a 3 year IT strategic plan, updated annually, for approval by the DTO Chief Information Officer; and to enter IT costs into SCEIS. Direct DOA provide an annual agency compliance report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 31st. Exempt the Legislative and Judicial Branches, higher education institutions, technical colleges, political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies from the requirements of this proviso.
- **117.134 ADD** (Uniform and Retroactive Step Increase) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require a step increase funded or authorized in this act for full-time classified state employees to be applied uniformly across the same position title and pay band associated with that title. Require the step increase to be applied retroactively for step increases awarded in FY 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16
- 117.135 ADD (County Transportation Committee Road Program Supplement) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct the Transportation Infrastructure Bank to transfer the \$50,000,000 appropriated by Act 92 of 2015 [SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2015-16] to DOT. Direct DOT to distribute these funds to the County Transportation Committee Road Program and direct County Transportation Committees to use the funds solely for paving, rehabilitation, resurfacing, and/or reconstruction of the state-owned secondary road system and for bridge repair, replacement or reconstruction. Prohibit these funds from being used on any road, bridge, or highway that is not part of the state owned system. Authorize these funds to be carried forward and be spent for the same purpose.
- 117.136 (Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee Reauthorization) WMC: ADD new proviso to reauthorize the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee for FY 2016-17 and add four members to the committee: two members of the House, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the Ways and Means Committee Chairman, and two members of the Senate, one appointed by the President Pro Tempore and one appointed by the Senate Finance Committee Chairman.

SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

AMEND (Year End Cutoff) Directs year-end expenditure deadlines. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year references to "2017." Requested by Office of Comptroller General.

AMEND (Tax Relief Reserve Fund) Creates the Tax Relief Reserve Fund; directs that accrued interest remain in the fund; and directs the State Treasurer, on December 31, 2015, to transfer from the General Fund any funds identified in this act designated for the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. Directs that the fund may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law and authorizes these funds to be retained, carried forward, and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change year reference to "2016."

118.11 AMEND (Tobacco Settlement) Directs expenditure of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) funds for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference to "2016-17."

118.12 DELETE (Nonrecurring Revenue) Appropriates non-recurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2015-16, generated from specific sources.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

118.13 DELETE (Additional Unobligated FY 2014-15 General Fund Surplus Revenue) Appropriates \$150,196,281 of additional nonrecurring unobligated FY 2014-15 General Fund surplus revenues: \$4,117,162 to the Adjutant General for EMD 2014 Winter Storm Local Matching Funds and \$145,829,119 to DOT for the County Transportation Committee Road Program. Authorizes unexpended funds to be carried forward.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

118.14. AMEND (Transfer to Transportation Infrastructure Bank) Directs the State Treasurer to transfer \$50,000,000 from general fund non-tax sources to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank to be used to leverage bonds to finance bridge replacement, resurfacing, and rehabilitation projects, and expansion and improvements to existing mainline interstates. Directs DOT to develop and submit a list of bridge and road projects to the bank for its consideration. Prohibits the transferred funds from being used for projects approved by the bank prior to July 1, 2015. Directs the bank to submit all projects proposed to be financed through this provision to JBRC for approval prior to financing any proposed project.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to the State Treasurer transferring \$50,000,000 from general fund non-tax sources to the Infrastructure Bank and instead direct DOR to transfer \$65,680,000 to DOT from the Vehicle Sales Tax revenues currently in the general fund and direct DOT to transfer \$65,680,000 from non-tax sources to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank. Direct that transferred funds may not be used for projects approved by the bank prior to July 1, 2016.

ADD (Criminal Justice Academy \$5 Surcharge) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that an additional \$5 surcharge is levied on all fines, forfeitures, escheatments or other monetary penalties imposed in general sessions, magistrates', or municipal court for misdemeanor traffic

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offenses or for non-traffic violations and directs that the surcharge be used to fund training at the Criminal Justice Academy. Prohibits the surcharge from being waived, reduced or suspended. Directs that the additional surcharge does not apply to parking citations. Provides for the manner in which the funds are to be remitted to the State Treasurer and transferred to the Criminal Justice Academy. Provides for the examination of a jurisdiction's financial records by the State Auditor. Fiscal Impact: Section 14-1-240 which provides for this additional surcharge to be transferred to the Criminal Justice Academy for training sunsets June 30, 2016. RFAO estimates this provision would increase general fund revenue by \$3,455,000 in FY 2016-17. It is the intent that an equivalent amount of general funds will be appropriated to the Criminal Justice Academy.

ADD (Nonrecurring Revenue) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to appropriate \$451,378,981 of non-recurring revenue for FY 2016-17 generated from FY 2014-15 Contingency Reserve Fund, FY 2015-16 unobligated general fund revenue certified by the BEA, the Litigation Recovery Account, FY 15-16 Excess Debt Service, and FY 2015-16 Excess Homestead Exemption. Appropriate funds to various agencies for specific purposes. Direct the State Board for Tec and Comp Ed to distribute the \$20,000,000 appropriated for Critical Training Equipment to all technical colleges except Greenville Technical College.

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