

# Amendment: D23

## LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Representatives **WHITE, SIMRILL, LOFTIS, GM SMITH, HERBKERSMAN, PITTS, HUGGINS, WHITMIRE, and COLE** propose the following amendment:

**New:**

3lf. (LEA: FY 2018-19 Lottery Funding) There is appropriated from the Education Lottery Account for the following education purposes and programs and funds for these programs and purposes shall be transferred by the Executive Budget Office as directed below. These appropriations must be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for education.

The Executive Budget Office is directed to prepare the subsequent Lottery Expenditure Account detail budget to reflect the appropriations of the Education Lottery Account as provided in this section.

All Education Lottery Account revenue shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year including any interest earnings, which shall be used to support the appropriations contained below.

For Fiscal Year 2018-19, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, the Fiscal Year 2017-18 certified surplus, and net lottery proceeds and investment earnings above the Fiscal Year 2017-18 certified surplus are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Commission on Higher Education--LIFE Scholarships  
as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59..... \$ 230,056,162;
- (2) Commission on Higher Education--HOPE Scholarships  
as provided in Section 59-150-370..... \$ 15,563,241;
- (3) Commission on Higher Education--Palmetto Fellows  
Scholarships as provided in Section 59-104-20..... \$ 55,362,716;
- (4) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for  
Technical and Comprehensive Education--Tuition Assistance.. \$ 51,100,000;
- (5) Commission on Higher Education--Need-Based Grants..... \$ 17,537,078;
- (6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission--Tuition Grants... \$ 8,830,008;
- (7) Commission on Higher Education--National Guard Tuition  
Repayment Program as provided in Section 59-111-75..... \$ 495,872;
- (8) South Carolina State University..... \$ 2,500,000;
- (9) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--  
ReadySC Direct Training ..... \$ 9,432,046;
- (10) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--  
High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment ..... \$ 9,850,000; and
- (11) Lottery Reserve Trust Fund..... \$ 41,272,877.

For Fiscal Year 2018-19, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Commission on Higher Education--Higher Education  
Excellence Enhancement Program..... \$ 6,072,473;

- (2) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services--  
Gambling Addiction Services ..... \$ 50,000;
- (3) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--  
Workforce Scholarship Grants ..... \$ 11,000,000; and
- (4) Commission on Higher Education--National Guard Tuition  
Repayment Program as provided in Section 59-111-75..... \$ 1,877,527.

If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2017-18 is less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.

Fiscal Year 2018-19 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided in Section 59-150-360. Annually the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.

The provisions of Section 2-75-30 of the 1976 Code regarding the aggregate amount of funding provided for the Centers of Excellence Matching Endowment are suspended for the current fiscal year.

The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to temporarily transfer funds between appropriated line items in order to ensure the timely receipt of scholarships and tuition assistance. It is the goal of the General Assembly to fund the Tuition Assistance program at such a level to support at least \$996 per student per term for full time students.

Fiscal Year 2018-19 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for Fiscal Year 2018-19 are fully funded.

If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis, except that a reduction must not be applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to use up to \$345,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision for LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows scholarships to provide the necessary level of program support for the scholarship award process and to provide for a Scholarship Compliance Auditor.

The Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission is authorized to use up to \$70,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision for Tuition Grants to provide the necessary level of program support for the grants award process.

The funds appropriated to State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Workforce Scholarships/Grants shall be used to provide grants for tuition, fees, transportation, or textbook expenses to South Carolina residents enrolled in a career education program that meets all eligibility guidelines promulgated by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education in consultation with the Department of Education, except that funds shall not be used for continuing education courses that do not lead to a degree or professional certificate. Grants may be awarded from the fund in an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars or the total cost of attendance, whichever is less, for students to attend the program of their choice at a South Carolina technical school or professional certification program. By March fifteenth of the academic year provided, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall provide a report to the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee containing a list of programs, amount of funding spent per program, number of students that received grants, and the grant amount per student.