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SECTION 55 – P500 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

55.22 DELETE (DES: York Water Filtration Fund) Transfers funds appropriated to DES for the York Water Filtration Plant to be used for the Lincoln Road Sidewalk Project.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Environmental Services.

~~**55.22.** (DES: York Water Filtration Fund) Funds remaining of the \$700,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 118.19 (B)(83)(h) to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the York Water Filtration Plant shall be transferred and used for the Lincoln Road Sidewalk Project.~~

55.23 AMEND (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) Creates the PFAS removal evaluation fund and pilot program. Provides the requirements of the program and requires a progress report to be submitted by June 30.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

55.23. (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) There is established within the Department of Environmental Services the PFAS Removal Evaluation Fund. The Department of Environmental Services shall use the fund to create and implement the PFAS Removal Evaluation Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate and facilitate the implementation of emerging technologies to remove PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. The department will establish the selection criteria, terms, and conditions for participation in the pilot program. A progress report on the viability of the piloted technologies and their effectiveness in PFAS removal shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

55.swp ADD (DES: State Water Plan Funds) **PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to utilize previously allocated funds for statewide water planning and implementation activities, in continued support of the SC State Water Plan. Requested by the Department of Environmental Services.

55.swp. (DES: State Water Plan Funds) All funds previously allocated for State Water Planning purposes may be utilized for statewide water planning and implementation activities. These funds shall support the continued development, completion, and implementation of the South Carolina State Water Plan. Expenditures shall be made in the order in which funds were received until fully expended.

55.aip CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (DES: AI Pilot Program) **PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD proviso to create a pilot program of artificial intelligence solutions that improve environmental permitting. Allows the department to utilize internships and other personnel and partnership strategies to support any implementation.

55.aip. (DES: AI Pilot Program) From the funds appropriated, the Department of Environmental Services shall develop and implement a framework to identify, pilot, and scale artificial intelligence solutions that improve efficiency, transparency, and service delivery in environmental permitting. The framework shall support modernization of environmental

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permitting by enabling a range of innovative use cases such as streamlining application review, leveraging advanced data analytics, and improving applicant interactions while ensuring security and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. To support implementation, the department may utilize internships, fellowships, time-limited positions, or other personnel strategies in collaboration with academic institutions and workforce partners. All activities should prioritize innovation and adaptability to meet evolving program needs.

SECTION 57 - B040 - JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

57.13 DELETE (JUD: Magistrates Training) Directs the Judicial Department to provide annual domestic violence training to magistrates.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

57.13. (JUD: Magistrates' Training) ~~From the funds appropriated to the Judicial Department, the department shall provide magistrates annual continuing education on domestic violence, which may include, but is not limited to:~~

- ~~(1) the nature, extent, and causes of domestic and family violence;~~
- ~~(2) issues of domestic and family violence concerning children;~~
- ~~(3) prevention of the use of violence by children;~~
- ~~(4) sensitivity to gender bias and cultural, racial, and sexual issues;~~
- ~~(5) the lethality of domestic and family violence;~~
- ~~(6) legal issues relating to domestic violence and child custody;~~
- ~~(7) procedures, penalties, programs, and other issues relating to criminal domestic violence, including social and psychological issues relating to such violence, the vulnerability of victims and volatility of perpetrators, and the court's role in ensuring that the parties have appropriate and adequate representation; and~~
- ~~(8) procedures and other matters relating to issuing orders of protection from domestic violence.~~

57.20 DELETE (JUD: Calhoun and Supreme Court Building Office Space Renovations) Directs that funds from Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(48) be redirected to renovate office space in the Calhoun Building and the Supreme Court Building.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Judicial Department.

57.20. (JUD: Calhoun and Supreme Court Building Office Space Renovations) ~~Funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(48) to the Judicial Department for the Court of Appeals New Courtroom and Office Space shall be redirected to be used to renovate office space located in the Calhoun Building and Supreme Court Building.~~

57.cfj CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (Jud: Family Court Judges) **PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD proviso to authorize the Judicial Department to pay family court judges 95% of the fixed salary for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

57.cfj. (Jud: Family Court Judges) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14-1-200, the South Carolina Judicial Department is authorized to pay family court judges ninety-five percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

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SECTION 91 - A990 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

91.13 AMEND (LEG: In-District Compensation) Directs that legislators receive \$2,500 per month for in-district compensation.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update dollar amount.

91.13. (LEG: In-District Compensation) All members of the General Assembly shall receive an in-district compensation of ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 per month.

SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

93.11 DELETE (DOA: Nuclear Advisory Council) Directs the Office of Regulatory Staff to reimburse the department for travel expense of the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council from radioactive waste funds.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

93.11. (DOA: Nuclear Advisory Council) ~~The Office of Regulatory Staff shall reimburse the Department of Administration for travel expenses associated with the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council from the SC Energy Office's radioactive waste funds.~~

93.12 DELETE (DOA: QECB Allocation) Directs the DOA to develop and implement a plan to use the state's remaining Qualified Energy Conservation Bond allocation on energy conservation projects on state-owned buildings and other eligible capital expenditures that benefit state agencies.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

93.12. (DOA: QECB Allocation) ~~From the funds appropriated to the department, the director of the Department of Administration shall develop and implement a plan to utilize the state's remaining Qualified Energy Conservation Bond allocation to fund energy conservation projects on state-owned buildings and other eligible capital expenditures that benefit state agencies.~~

93.14 AMEND (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Allow funds appropriated to SCEIS to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference. Requested by the Department of Administration.

93.14. (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, unexpended funds appropriated for the SC Enterprise Information System may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

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- 93.16 DELETE** (DOA: Colleton County) Redirects remaining funds appropriated to DOA for the Colleton County industrial shell building and road engineering to be used for the purchase of additional land at the Colleton Mega Site.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

93.16. (DOA: Colleton County) ~~The funds remaining of the \$1,387,932 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(B)(72)(hh) to the Department of Administration for the Colleton County industrial shell building and road engineering shall be redirected by Colleton County for the purchase of additional land at the Colleton Mega Site.~~

SECTION 96 - E080 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

- 96.1 AMEND** (SS: UCC Filing Fees) Authorizes up to \$180,000 of Uniform Commercial Code filing fees to be retained and used for UCC administration.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update dollar amount. Requested by the Office of Secretary of State.

96.1. (SS: UCC Filing Fees) Revenues from the fees raised pursuant to Section 36-9-525(a), not to exceed ~~\$180,000~~ \$250,000, may be retained by the Secretary of State for purposes of UCC administration.

SECTION 98 - E160 - OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER

- 98.9 AMEND** (TREAS: Penalties for Non-Reporting) Directs that if a municipality does not submit audited financial statements within 13 months of the end of their fiscal year, the State Treasurer must withhold their state payments until the statement is received. Requires the State Treasurer to follow the requirements of proviso 117.48 when an audit report is received from a county or municipality with significant findings related to court fine reports or remittances. Provides penalties for deficiencies and delinquent reports. Provides for funds to be made available to the State Auditor for an audit to determine amounts due to the State Treasurer.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to add compiled regarding the type of financial statements. Requested by the Office of State Treasurer.

98.9. (TREAS: Penalties for Non-reporting) (A) If a municipality fails to submit the audited or compiled financial statements required under Section 14-1-208 to the State Treasurer within thirteen months of the end of their fiscal year, the State Treasurer must withhold all state payments to that municipality until the required audited or compiled financial statement is received.

(B) If the State Treasurer receives an audit report from either a county or municipality that contains a significant finding related to court fine reports or remittances to the Office of State Treasurer, the requirements of Proviso 117.48 shall be followed if an amount due is specified, otherwise the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of all state payments to the county or municipality until the estimated deficiency has been satisfied.

(C) If a county or municipality is more than ninety days delinquent in remitting a monthly court fines report, the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of state funding for that county or municipality until all monthly reports are current.

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(D) After ninety days, any funds held by the Office of State Treasurer will be made available to the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the entity for the purpose of determining an amount due to the Office of State Treasurer, if any.

SECTION 99 – E190 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

99.1 AMEND (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-16-38 for the current fiscal year.
PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

99.1. (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, Section 9-16-380, relating to the solicitation and the bid for a fiduciary audit, is suspended.

SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

100.24 AMEND (ADJ: SC Public Assistance Program) Authorizes SCEMD to establish the South Carolina Public Assistance (PA) Program to aid in disaster recovery from localized events that don't qualify for federal aid and to follow federal PA program guidelines and provide quarterly updates to the Legislature. Directs SCEMD to coordinate with the Office of Resilience to prevent duplication and enhance recovery efforts statewide.
PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso delete state agency and non-profits disallowance of eligibility of reimbursement under the program and allows SCEMD to utilize up to 5% of their appropriated funds to manage the PA program. Requested by the Office of the Adjutant General.

100.24. (ADJ: SC Public Assistance Program) The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to establish the South Carolina Public Assistance (PA) Program to support disaster recovery for localized hazard events that cause severe damage but do not meet thresholds/criteria for a federal disaster declaration. ~~State agencies and non-profit organizations will not be eligible to receive reimbursement under this program.~~ SCEMD will utilize the PA Program funds to reimburse eligible entities for unbudgeted response and infrastructure repair costs. SCEMD will follow the guidelines and process utilized for the administration of the Federal Public Assistance program. Cost reimbursement will be 75% of eligible costs. SCEMD may use up to 5% of the appropriated funds to manage the PA Program. SCEMD will provide quarterly reports to the Legislature on the status of the PA Program funds including disbursements. SCEMD will coordinate with the Office of Resilience on an ongoing basis to ensure recovery assistance funds are implemented to avoid duplication and maximize positive impacts for South Carolina communities.

100.ere ADD (ADJ: Emergency Reimbursement Eligibility) **PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to authorize SCEMD to reimburse eligible costs for specific entities as needed for disaster recovery.

100.ere. (ADJ: Emergency Reimbursement Eligibility) The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to reimburse eligible costs for state governmental agencies, local governments, non-profit electric cooperatives, and Santee Cooper, as needed, for disaster recovery.

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SECTION 104 - E550 - STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY

104.10 AMEND (SFAA: P-Card Oversight) Directs that by October 1, 2025, the SFAA's Division of Procurement Services must publish a South Carolina Purchasing Card (P-Card) Policy and Procedures Manual to reduce misuse and fraud. The Division will provide training and testing on the Manual by October 15, 2025. Each government body must create its own P-Card manual by April 1, 2026, and ensure all P-Card holders and oversight personnel complete training and testing by April 15, 2026. New P-Cards or supervisory roles are not allowed until training is completed. Annual internal training and third-party audits are required, with audit results reported to the Division by October 1, 2025. The Division will review compliance during procurement audits and report findings to the Authority, which may impose penalties for repeated or serious violations.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references and clarify language to require an annual review instead of audit. Requested by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

104.10. (SFAA: P-Card Oversight) Using funds appropriated, no later than October 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Division of Procurement Services (Division) shall publish and maintain a South Carolina Purchasing Card Policy and Procedures Manual (Manual) to establish sound practices for the use of purchasing cards (P-Cards) and for management oversight of such use to reduce the State's risk of P-Card misuse and fraud. The Division shall develop and provide training and testing on the requirements of the Manual and begin offering such training no later than October 15, ~~2025~~ 2026. The director of each governmental body as defined in Section 11-35-310 employing P-card holders shall ensure the governmental body develops an agency-specific P-card use manual no later than April 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure that every P-card holder and those with responsibility for implementation and oversight of its P-card program have completed the Division P-card training and successfully passed the Division P-card testing no later than April 15, ~~2026~~ 2027. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure that no supervisory or oversight of a P-card role shall be assigned nor new P-cards issued before such employees shall complete Division P-card training and successfully pass Division P-card testing. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure the governmental body develops, implements, and provides the Division with documentation of an internal P-card annual training program for employees with supervisory or oversight of P-card programs and for all P-card holders. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall obtain an annual compliance ~~audit~~ review of the governmental body's P-card program ~~conducted by an independent third-party entity qualified to conduct such an audit~~ in accordance with guidance published by the Division and shall provide ~~audit a~~ report of the results and corrective action plans, if any, to the Division no later than ~~October 1, 2025~~ December 1, 2026. The Division shall compile ~~a summary~~ of all such audit report results into a single report and provide the report to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (Authority) ~~at its first~~ no later than its second regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. In each audit of the procurement system of a governmental body pursuant to Section 11-35-1230, the Division shall also audit the governmental body's P-card program to determine whether internal controls of the governmental body's P-Card program are adequate to ensure compliance, in all material respects, with the Manual, applicable laws and regulations, and internal policies. The Division shall include its findings and recommendations in the audit report submitted to the Authority. The Authority shall impose administrative

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penalties for repeat or egregious violations of the Manual, including but not limited to, reduction or suspension of the governmental body's P-Card program, reduction in procurement certification granted pursuant to Section 11-35-1210, removal of authority to conduct sole source procurements, or directing that all or a portion of any P-Card rebates due the governmental body be deposited in the General Fund. The Authority is authorized to request in-person reports from governmental body leadership on corrective actions being taken to rectify such repeat or egregious violations of the Manual and may exempt any governmental body from any requirement of this proviso.

SECTION 105 - F270 - SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

- 105.7** **AMEND** (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) Allows the State Auditor or a member of his staff to conduct an audit of program, activity, or agency for which he managed or was employed by after one year has passed.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

105.7. (SFAA - AUD: Auditing Moratorium) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, if a minimum of one year has passed, the State Auditor or a member of his staff may conduct an audit of a program, activity, or agency for which he had management responsibility or by which he was employed.

- 105.8** **AMEND** (SFAA-AUD: Carry Forward) Authorizes the State Auditor to carry forward all funds from the prior fiscal year.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference. Requested by SFAA, Office of State Auditor.

105.8. (SFAA - AUD: Carry Forward) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, the Office of the State Auditor is authorized to carry forward all funds from the prior fiscal year to ensure that the office can perform operations and conduct audits as needed.

SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

- 108.1** **AMEND** (PEBA: 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.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to direct that municipal court judges and their dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan.

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

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Employee Benefit Authority. Municipal court judges and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

- 108.5 CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND** (PEBA: State Health Plan) Directs that for Plan Year 2025 there shall be an employer premium increase of 4.6% and a subscriber increase of 0%. Authorize PEBA to adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions during Plan Year 2026 to ensure the plan remains fiscally stable.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update the employer increase to 0% and update the calendar year reference.

108.5. (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2), an employer premium increase of ~~4.6~~ zero percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent will result for the standard State Health Plan for Plan Year ~~2026~~ 2027. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2026~~ 2027 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

- 108.11 DELETE** (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) Suspends the provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2), relating to the establishment and administration of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the current fiscal year. Directs that funds that would have been transferred to the SC Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund may remain in the operating account for the employee health insurance program.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by Public Employee Benefit Authority.

108.11. (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) ~~The provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2) are suspended for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during Fiscal Year 2025-26, funds that would otherwise have been transferred to the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund from the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program pursuant to Section 1-11-705(I)(2) may remain in the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program.~~

- 108.12 AMEND** (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-4-40 and bid solicitation for the fiduciary audit for the current fiscal year.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

108.12. (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, Section 9-4-40, relating to solicitation of the bid for the fiduciary audit, is suspended.

SECTION 112 - V040 - DEBT SERVICE

- 112.1 AMEND** (DS: Excess Debt Service) Directs that excess debt service funds available in FY 2025-26 may be used to pay down general obligation bond debt. Requires the Treasurer to notify the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of JBRC before funds are used.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

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112.1. (DS: Excess Debt Service) Excess debt service funds available in Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27 may be expended in the fiscal year to pay down general obligation bond debt for which the State (1) is paying the highest rate of interest; (2) will achieve relief in constrained debt capacity; or (3) reduce the amount of debt issued. Prior to the use of these funds, the Office of the State Treasurer shall notify the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee.

SECTION 113 - X220 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS, STATE TREASURER

113.2 **AMEND** (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) Provides for the quarterly distribution of Aid to Subdivisions Local Government Fund.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

113.2. (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) For the current fiscal year, one quarter of the amount appropriated in Part IA for Aid to Subdivisions-Local Government Fund shall be distributed as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical with the four distributions together totaling the Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

113.ecp **ADD** (AS-TREAS: Employment Contracts and Political Subdivisions) **PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to prevent a political subdivision that receives Local Government Funds from entering settlements for mutual dissolution contracts of employment that exceed one year's salary or remainder of the contract value, whichever is less.

113.ecp. (AS-TREAS: Employment Contracts and Political Subdivisions) A political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may not include a term in any contract of employment allowing for a settlement amount to be paid by the subdivision as part of the mutual dissolution of the contract that exceeds one year's salary or the remainder of the contract value, whichever is less.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.2 **AMEND** (GP: 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.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

117.2. (GP: Appropriations From Funds) Subject to the terms and conditions of this act, the sums of money set forth in this part, if so much is necessary, are appropriated from the General Fund of the State, the Education Improvement Act Fund, the Highways and Public Transportation Fund, and other applicable funds, to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government for Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, and for other purposes specifically designated.

117.3 **AMEND** (GP: Fiscal Year Definitions) Defines current and prior fiscal year time frames.

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117.3. (GP: Fiscal Year Definitions) For purposes of the appropriations made by this part, “current fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, and ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, and “prior fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, and ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

- 117.114. AMEND** (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Directs that the funds allocated to PEBA for the SCRS or PORS Trust Funds be credited toward contributions due from participating employers in those systems; directs that no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special purpose districts, joint authorities, non-profits, hospitals, participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e), relating to retirement systems definitions, and state employees whose salaries are paid with federal funds. Directs that the SC Ports Authority, the SC Public Service Authority, and the Medical University Hospital Authority are excluded from this prohibition. Directs PEBA to collaborate with DOA, EBO, and RFA to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally funded state employees.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

117.114. (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Unless otherwise provided in Paragraphs A through D of this provision, the funds appropriated to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the South Carolina Retirement System Trust Fund and the Police Officers’ Retirement System Trust Fund in Part IA, Section 108 of this act shall be credited toward the contributions due from participating employers in SCRS and PORS for Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27. Each employer’s credit shall be determined at the same rate as calculated by PEBA for the pension funding allocation credit for Fiscal Year 2017-18. A participating employer shall not receive a credit that exceeds the employer contributions due from the employer.

(A) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special purpose districts, joint authorities, or non-profit corporations; however, this provision does not apply to the South Carolina State Ports Authority and the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(B) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of hospitals; however this provision does not apply to the Medical University Hospital Authority.

(C) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e) of the 1976 Code.

(D) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for state employees who are funded with federal funds. The Public Employee Benefits Authority shall collaborate with the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally-funded employees of state agencies.

- 117.144. AMEND** (GP: Homestead Exemption Fund) Suspends Section 11-11-156(C), relating to reimbursement of school districts from homestead exemption fund.

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117.144. (GP: Homestead Exemption Fund) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, Section 11-11-156(C) is suspended.

117.156 AMEND (GP: Millage Calculations) Allows a municipality additional and permanent adjustment to its general operating millage rate increase limitation due to population growth for any increase that would have happened in FY 2021-22 but was not known because of the delayed Census release. Directs the calculation to be made from the July 1, 2020 census population estimates.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

117.156. (GP: Millage Calculation) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, a municipality is allowed an additional and permanent adjustment to its general operating millage rate increase limitation for population growth, calculated pursuant to Section 6-1-320, for any increase that would have been allowed in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 but was not known because of the delayed release of the 2020 Census. This adjustment must be calculated using the July 1, 2020 census population estimates, as originally published based on the 2020 Census, instead of the July 1, 2019 population estimates based on the 2010 Census.

117.168 AMEND (GP: Credit Unions) Allows a federal or state credit union headquartered in SC to act as a qualified public depository for deposits held by a municipality if it meets certain criteria. Directs that the credit union must comply with Section 6-5-15 and be insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

117.168. (GP: Credit Unions) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, a federal or state credit union that is headquartered in the State may act as a qualified public depository for deposits held by a municipality if the population of the municipality is less than five thousand, the municipality is not part of a federally recognized metropolitan statistical area, is located at least ten miles from a bank or credit union branch, and occupies and supports a full-service branching facility in the defined area. The credit union must comply with all other provisions of Section 6-5-15, and its deposits must be insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

117.179 DELETE (GP: Transfer of Physical Assets) Directs DOA to transfer responsibility for building and grounds located at 1 National Guard Road in Columbia to the Office of the Adjutant General. Directs that the Adjutant General shall assume financial and administrative responsibility for the building and grounds to include maintenance, improvements, and operational costs. Directs that DOA shall not collect rent or be responsible for any future maintenance or repairs after the transfer.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

117.179. (GP: Transfer of Physical Assets) ~~In the current fiscal year, the Department of Administration shall transfer the financial and administrative responsibility for the building and grounds located at 1 National Guard Road in Columbia to the Office of the Adjutant General. The Office of the Adjutant General is thereafter responsible for such building and grounds to include maintenance of necessary reserves for deferred and future depreciation and maintenance, assuming improvement obligations, and other costs of operation including, but not limited to,~~

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~~building maintenance, systems and equipment maintenance, custodial services, horticulture and grounds maintenance, insurance, and utilities. The Department of Administration shall not collect rent, and after the transfer, the Department of Administration shall have no responsibility for any deferred or future maintenance or repair of the building and grounds.~~

- 117.182 DELETE** (GP: FTE Management) Directs EBO, in consultation with DSHR, to eliminate 25% of each agency's vacant FTE positions as of February 1, 2025, unless exempted. This reduction, due by 90 days after the budget's passage or by October 1, whichever is later, will account for FTEs added in recent budget acts. Agencies will work with EBO and DSHR to identify positions for elimination based on funding source. Agencies with fewer than five vacancies or special circumstances may be exempt. EBO must report reductions by December 1. This provision does not override provisos 57.15 or 91.23.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

~~**117.182.** (GP: FTE Management) In order to better manage the number of full time equivalent (FTE) positions across state government, not later than ninety days after the passage of the General Appropriations Act or by October 1, whichever comes later, the Executive Budget Office (EBO), in consultation with the State Division of Human Resources (DSHR) shall eliminate 25% of each agency's vacant FTE positions as of February 1, 2025, unless specifically exempted elsewhere in this act. The elimination of 25% of vacant FTE positions will be adjusted to reflect FTE positions received in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Appropriations Act or the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Appropriations Act. Agencies shall consult with EBO and DSHR to identify which vacant positions should be eliminated, but the eliminations must align to the funding source for the identified vacant FTE positions. During agency consultations, EBO and DSHR shall determine if agencies have fewer than 5 vacancies or other extenuating circumstances and exempt those agencies from the required reduction. Extenuating circumstances may include that the agency or institution has reduced its authorized FTE count in the last several fiscal years or that it is in the process of hiring positions essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and/or critical operations of the State and the reduction would interfere with filling those positions. EBO must report the number of FTEs deleted by agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1st of the current fiscal year. This proviso does not supersede proviso 57.15 or proviso 91.23.~~

- 117.193 DELETE** (GP: Aid to Fire District Planning) Directs RFA and EBO to develop and submit options on addressing the Aid to Fire District open-ended status by December 31. Provides the requirements of the options. Requires the Department of Insurance and the State Treasurer to cooperate with any requests for information.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~**117.193.** (GP: Aid to Fire District Planning) The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, in conjunction with the Executive Budget Office, shall develop and submit options, including details, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 31, 2025, to address the Aid to Fire District open ended status as defined by the Office of the Comptroller General. The options shall ensure that all collections are disbursed to fire districts as prescribed by statute, other sources of collections are not altered, and disbursements are not reliant upon budgetary surpluses. The~~

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~~Department of Insurance and the Office of the State Treasurer shall cooperate with any requests for information from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.~~

- 117.tsa ADD (GP: Town of Summerton Audit) PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to direct the Office of State Auditor and the Office of the Inspector General to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the Town of Summerton and require the findings to be reported.

117.tsa. (GP: Town of Summerton Audit) Of the funds appropriated in this act and/or carried forward from the previous fiscal year, the Office of the State Auditor, in coordination with the Office of the Inspector General, is directed to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of the Town of Summerton from Fiscal Year 2015-16 through Fiscal Year 2025-26. The State Auditor shall oversee the auditing process and provide interim and final reports to the Town of Summerton, the Clarendon County Delegation, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee upon completion.

- 117.afd CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (GP: Aid to Fire Districts Fund) PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD proviso to create a separate Aid to Fire Districts Fund within the State Treasury to receive designated fire and broker insurance premium tax revenues for local fire services, and distribute those funds to county treasurers in accordance with existing law, with the Department of Insurance ensuring an appropriate fund balance.

117.afd. (GP: Aid to Fire Districts Fund) (A) There is created in the State Treasury by the Comptroller General a fund separate and distinct from the General Fund of the State and all other funds entitled the Aid to Fire Districts Fund. That portion of fire premium tax revenues and the State portion of the broker premium tax revenues that are required by statute to be distributed to county treasurers for local fire service must be deposited in the fund.

(B) Additionally, the Department of Insurance shall ensure that the fund has an appropriate balance. The State Treasurer shall distribute the revenues in the fund to the county treasurers in the same manner and for the same purpose as provided by law.

- 117.osd CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD (GP: Office of Statewide Data) PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD proviso to establish the Office of Statewide Data within the Department of Administration to coordinate statewide data sharing, management, and transparency, and direct state agencies to collaborate with the office by providing data inventories, complying with data standards and security policies, entering data-sharing agreements, and participating in the development of a statewide data strategy to support effective public policy and artificial intelligence implementation. Requested by the Department of Administration.

117.osd (GP: Office of Statewide Data) From the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 93, the Department of Administration is to establish the Office of Statewide Data (OSD). State agencies must coordinate and collaborate with OSD in the establishment of a framework for data sharing, management, and transparency to improve public policy and support the efficient implementation of artificial intelligence. To ensure the coordinated and efficient utilization of state data, state agencies are directed to:

(1) assist OSD in maintaining an enterprise data inventory by providing descriptions of data created or collected by the agency as requested;

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(2) comply with all rules, standards, plans, policies, and technical terminologies established by OSD regarding data creation, security, and privacy;

(3) enter into and comply with interagency data sharing agreements and participate in data sharing pilots for identified use cases; and

(4) designate appropriate personnel to participate in the development of the statewide data strategy and OSD educational opportunities.

SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

118.1. AMEND (SR: Year End Cutoff) Directs year-end expenditure deadlines.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

118.1. (SR: Year End Cutoff) Unless specifically authorized herein, the appropriations provided in Part IA of this act as ordinary expenses of the State Government shall lapse on July 31, ~~2026~~ 2027. State agencies are required to submit all current fiscal year input documents and all electronic workflow for accounts payable transactions to the Office of Comptroller General by July 14, ~~2026~~ 2027. Appropriations for Permanent Improvements, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and Joint Bond Review Committee, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided. Appropriations for other specific purposes aside from ordinary operating expenses, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided.

118.9. AMEND (SR: 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, 2025, 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.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

118.9. (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) There is created the Tax Relief Reserve Fund, which shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on December 31, ~~2025~~ 2026, the State Treasurer shall transfer funds identified in this act from the General Fund to the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. These funds may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law. Funds within the Tax Relief Reserve Fund shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

118.19 DELETE (SR: Homestead Exemption Fund) Appropriates \$124,319,000 of revenue from the Homestead Exemption Fund to Part 1A General Funds to provide income tax relief by September 30, 2025.

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PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

118.19. (SR: Homestead Exemption Fund) ~~The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is revenue generated from the following source:~~

~~\$124,319,000 from the Homestead Exemption Fund.~~

~~Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are suspended for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfer shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2024-25 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2025-26 after September 1, 2025, following the Comptroller General's close of the State's book on Fiscal Year 2024-25.~~

~~The State Treasurer shall disburse \$124,319,000 to Part 1A General Fund to provide income tax relief by September 30, 2025.~~

118.20 **DELETE** (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) Appropriates nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2025-26, generated from specific sources.

PROVISO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

118.20. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) ~~(A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following sources:~~

~~(1) \$332,294,362 from Contingency Reserve Fund;~~

~~(2) \$1,226,554,400 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Surplus;~~

~~(3) \$34,054,856 from Litigation Recovery Account;~~

~~(4) \$1,643,873 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Debt Service Lapse;~~

~~(5) \$109,752,745 from Fiscal Year 2025-26 Debt Service Appropriated Above Obligations;~~

~~(6) \$2,290,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Governor Vetoes;~~

~~(7) \$6,254,723 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;~~

~~(8) \$4,000,000 from Workers' Compensation Commission Overage of IT Project;~~

~~(9) (\$5,079,000) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Incremental Income Tax Reduction; and~~

~~(10) _____ any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.~~

~~Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2024-25 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2025-26.~~

~~This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2025-26 after September 1, 2025, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2024-25.~~

~~(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.~~

~~The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations on February 20, 2026, for the purposes stated, with the exception of items (1) and (68)(b) which shall be disbursed by September 30, 2025.~~

~~(1) F010 General Reserve Fund~~

~~General Reserve Fund Contribution \$99,695,200;~~

~~(2) H630 Department of Education~~

~~(a) Education Scholarship Trust Fund \$15,000,000;~~

~~(b) High Quality Instructional Materials \$41,585,026;~~

~~(c) School of Workforce Innovation Pilot Phase 2 \$ 5,000,000;~~

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- ~~(3) H620 First Steps~~
~~Innovation Investments..... \$ 2,500,000;~~
- ~~(4) H710 Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School~~
~~(a) Student Recreational..... \$ 125,000;~~
~~(b) Building and Office Maintenance..... \$ 600,000;~~
- ~~(5) H750 School for the Deaf and the Blind~~
~~(a) CLRC Roof Repairs..... \$ 1,000,000;~~
~~(b) Walker Hall Maintenance and Repairs..... \$ 500,000;~~
~~(c) HVAC Memminger Hall, CLRC, and Dobson House..... \$ 1,000,000;~~
- ~~(6) L120 Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe~~
~~(a) De la Howe Hall Site Work..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
~~(b) Campus Security Cameras Phase 2..... \$ 400,000;~~
~~(c) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery..... \$ 4,000,000;~~
~~(d) Remodel Hester Cottage..... \$ 600,000;~~
- ~~(7) H670 Educational Television Commission~~
~~(a) HVAC Replacement..... \$ 5,000,000;~~
~~(b) Combined Control Room Modernization..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
~~(c) Fire Suppression..... \$ 400,000;~~
~~(d) Facility Security Update..... \$ 1,000,000;~~
- ~~(8) H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities~~
~~(a) Film Equipment for New Art Program..... \$ 100,000;~~
~~(b) Gallery/Flexible Instructional Space..... \$ 1,000,000;~~
- ~~(9) H650 Governor's School for Science and Mathematics~~
~~Replacement of 6 Des Champs HVAC Units for Residence~~
~~Halls..... \$ 1,850,000;~~
- ~~(10) H090 The Citadel~~
~~(a) Engineering Building Replacement..... \$12,900,000;~~
~~(b) Renovation of Workforce Housing..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
~~(c) Deas Hall Renovation..... \$ 7,000,000;~~
- ~~(11) H120 Clemson University~~
~~(a) NextGen Computing Complex..... \$40,000,000;~~
~~(b) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement..... \$ 4,000,000;~~
- ~~(12) H150 University of Charleston~~
~~Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement..... \$ 4,000,000;~~
- ~~(13) H170 Coastal Carolina University~~
~~Wheelwright Auditorium Renovation..... \$ 4,488,000;~~
- ~~(14) H180 Francis Marion University~~
~~(a) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building~~
~~Renovation..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
~~(b) Hyman Fine Arts Center Building Renovation..... \$ 5,000,000;~~
~~(c) Highway 327 Crosswalks Project: Securing Safe Passage for~~
~~FMU Students and Staff..... \$ 750,000;~~
- ~~(15) H210 Lander University~~
~~(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
~~(b) Marion Carnell Learning Center Renovation..... \$ 8,000,000;~~
- ~~(16) H240 South Carolina State University~~
~~(a) Replacement of Smith Hammond Middleton Convocation~~
~~Center..... \$ 5,000,000;~~
~~(b) Renovation of Dr. Maceo O. Nance Hall (Establishment of~~

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	the New College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science).....	\$15,000,000;
(17)	H270 University of South Carolina—Columbia	
	(a) Battery Center Facility.....	\$13,200,000;
	(b) Maintenance Repair and Renovation: Coker College	
	Maintenance Renovation.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(18)	H290 University of South Carolina—Aiken	
	Science Building Enhancement and Modernization.....	\$ 8,350,000;
(19)	H340 University of South Carolina—Upstate	
	(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$10,000,000;
	(b) Recreation and Tourism Management Center.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(20)	H360 University of South Carolina—Beaufort	
	New Convocation Center.....	\$ 9,250,000;
(21)	H370 University of South Carolina—Lancaster	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,320,000;
(22)	H380 University of South Carolina—Salkehatchie	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,400,000;
(23)	H390 University of South Carolina—Sumter	
	(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) Facilities Management Center.....	\$ 3,000,000;
	(c) Collaboration Lab.....	\$ 5,506,900;
(24)	H400 University of South Carolina—Union	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(25)	H470 Winthrop University	
	(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 4,000,000;
	(b) Administrative Building Renovation.....	\$ 4,620,000;
	(c) Academic Renovations & New Strategic Academic Programs	\$ 2,309,996;
(26)	H510 Medical University of South Carolina	
	(a) College of Medicine Academic Building.....	\$25,000,000;
	(b) Southeastern Health AI Consortium.....	\$ 6,600,000;
	(c) Lancaster Medical Center Graduate Medical Education	
	(GME) Program.....	\$ 5,802,000;
(27)	H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	
	(a) SC WINS.....	\$34,232,473;
	(b) readySC.....	\$ 4,000,000;
	(c) Make It In SC.....	\$ 1;
	(d) SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative.....	\$ 500,000;
	(e) Aiken Technical College	
	(i) Equipment Funding.....	\$ 1,818,550;
	(ii) ITC Roof Replacement.....	\$ 594,000;
	(iii) Demolition of the 100/200 and 300 buildings.....	\$ 606,000;
	(iv) Parking Lot Refurbishment.....	\$ 792,000;
	(v) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,900,000;
	(f) Central Carolina Technical College	
	(i) Kershaw Campus Expansion.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(ii) Technical High School Workforce Center.....	\$15,000,000;
	(iii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 3,500,000;
	(g) Denmark Technical College	
	New Building—Cybersecurity, Energy, Healthcare.....	\$ 1;

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(h)	Florence-Darlington Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(i)	Greenville Technical College	
	(i) Center for Industrial Cyber Security and AI.....	\$16,000,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 8,000,000;
(j)	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	
	(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(ii) Equip Grand Strand Speir Healthcare Building.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(k)	Midlands Technical College	
	(i) Advanced Trades Center.....	\$16,000,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$12,500,000;
(l)	Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	
	(i) Health Sciences Building.....	\$ 5,086,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,800,000;
(m)	Piedmont Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 7,000,000;
(n)	Spartanburg Community College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 9,200,000;
(o)	Technical College of the Lowcountry	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(p)	Tri-County Technical College	
	(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 511,666;
	(ii) Forestry Technician Program Facility.....	\$ 6,000,000;
	(iii) Diesel Mechanic Training Facility.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(q)	Trident Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 4,271,487;
(r)	Williamsburg Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(s)	York Technical College	
	(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 4,000,000;
	(ii) Trades Program Expansion.....	\$12,000,000;
(28)	H790 Department of Archives and History	
	(a) SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission	\$ 4,000,000;
	(b) Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion.....	\$ 1,250,000;
(29)	H910 Arts Commission	
	Support Grants for Community Arts Organizations	\$ 1,000,000;
(30)	H950 State Museum Commission	
	(a) Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement Project	\$20,000,000;
	(b) Security Alarm System & Wayfinding Emergency Public Announcement System	\$ 300,000;
	(c) Imagery Server Repository and Backup Expansion	\$ 100,000;
(31)	H960 Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission	
	(a) International Aspect of the American Civil War Exhibit	\$ 750,000;
	(b) Conrad Wise Chapman Paintings.....	\$ 150,000;
	(c) South Carolina Vietnam Veterans' Oral Interviews.....	\$ 30,000;
	(d) Main Gallery Exhibits Updates	\$ 500,000;
(32)	J060 Department of Public Health	
	(a) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies.....	\$ 1,600,000;

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	(b) Modernizing IT Infrastructure Support Systems	\$10,000,000;
(33) H730	Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	
	(a) Evaluation VR Center / State Office Repaving	\$ 150,000;
	(b) ITTC/Rehabilitation Engineering Building Repaving	\$ 150,000;
	(c) Dorm Building VR Center Heat Pump Unit Replacement	\$ 73,750;
(34) J020	Department of Health and Human Services	
	(a) Children's Hospital Collaborative	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) Statewide Pediatric Bed Enhancements	\$ 2,000,000;
(35) J120	Department of Mental Health	
	(a) Berkeley and Orangeburg County Jail Based Programs	\$ 800,000;
	(b) Alternative Transportation Program	\$ 2,500,000;
	(c) Inpatient Services Capital Needs	\$ 9,370,000;
(36) J160	Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	
	(a) Residential Services	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative	\$ 1,000,000;
(37) L040	Department of Social Services	
	(a) Economic Services System Application Modernization (ESSAM) DDI Phase	
	\$ 18,590,812;	
	(b) SNAP Employment and Training Funding	\$ 400,000;
(38) L080	Department of Children's Advocacy	
	IT Operations	\$ 77,000;
(39) L320	Housing Finance and Development Authority	
	First time Homebuyers Workforce Housing	\$ 5,000,000;
(40) P120	Forestry Commission	
	(a) Mechanic Recruitment and Retention & Vehicle and Supplies	\$ 63,000;
	(b) Forest Health Capacity	\$ 52,000;
	(c) Prescribed Fire Capacity	\$ 1,852,000;
(41) P160	Department of Agriculture	
	(a) Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,400,000;
	(b) Regional Farmers Markets	\$ 2,000,000;
(42) P200	Clemson University Public Service Activities	
	PSA Planned Maintenance and Critical Infrastructure	\$ 3,000,000;
(43) P210	SC State University Public Service Activities	
	(a) Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development	\$ 650,000;
	(b) Agriculture Innovation Research	\$ 500,000;
	(c) Business Development Training and Assistance	\$ 525,000;
	(d) New Beginner Farmer Assistance	\$ 600,000;
	(e) Future Farm Planning	\$ 250,000;
	(f) Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)	\$ 2,500,000;
(44) P240	Department of Natural Resources	
	(a) Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance	\$ 1,500,000;
	(c) Statewide Flood Inundation Map Modeling	\$ 1,500,000;
	(d) Field & Regional Building Maintenance & Construction	\$ 2,000,000;
	(e) State Lakes High Hazard Dams and Spillway Repair	\$27,755,000;
	(f) Disaster Relief Grant Match Funding	\$13,333,333;
	(g) Waterways Protection Fund (S.367)	\$ 750,000;
(45) P280	Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	
	(a) Agency Property Development	\$15,000,000;

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(b) Sports Marketing	\$ 4,000,000;
(c) Destination Specific Marketing Grants	\$ 6,000,000;
(d) Beach Renourishment Grants	\$ 1,524,000;
(e) State Park Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 3,000,000;
(f) Film Incentives	\$ 4,000,000;
(g) SCATR Regional Promotions	\$ 1,100,000;
(h) Tourism Development	\$ 9,000,000;
(46) P320 Department of Commerce	
(a) LocateSC Site Readiness	\$80,000,000;
(b) Airport Enhancements	\$80,000,000;
(c) Irish Trade Commission	\$ 250,000;
(46.1) The funds in item (46)(b) shall be distributed to primary commercial airports as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which had a minimum of 100,000 enplanements per calendar year 2023 data available from the FAA. The funds shall be distributed pro-rata based on 2023 FAA data based on fifty percent enplanements and fifty percent cargo with a minimum distribution per eligible airport of two million dollars. Further, the Secretary of Commerce may utilize up to ten million dollars of these funds for the purposes of airport enhancements to further aviation industry economic development at non-primary commercial airports owned by a subdivision of the State of South Carolina.	
(47) P400 SC Conservation Bank	
(a) Conservation Grant Funding	\$25,000,000;
(b) Working Ag Lands Grant Funding	\$ 8,000,000;
(c) State Resource Agency Strategic Land Acquisition	\$20,000,000;
(48) P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority	
(a) Rural Infrastructure Fund	\$12,000,000;
(b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund	\$15,000,000;
(49) P500 Department of Environmental Services	
(a) Electrical Utilities Permitting	\$ 4,700;
(b) PFAS Pilot Program	\$ 350,000;
(50) B040 Judicial Department	
Case Management System Modernization	\$25,000,000;
(51) E200 Attorney General's Office	
(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program	\$19,452,149;
(b) Legal Fees	\$ 6,000,000;
(52) E210 Prosecution Coordination Commission	
Agency Operations	\$ 16,375;
(53) D100 State Law Enforcement Division	
(a) Agency Operating	\$ 1,000,000;
(b) Personnel Equipment	\$ 500,000;
(c) Agency IT Operating	\$ 1,000,000;
(54) K050 Department of Public Safety	
(a) School Safety Program	\$ 8,324,448;
(b) Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 1,000,000;
(c) 9 1 1 IVR costs for SCDPS Implementation	\$ 1,000,000;
(d) Radio Replacement Life Cycling	\$ 500,000;
(e) DMV Headquarters Ground Floor HVAC Renovation	\$ 2,400,000;
(55) N040 Department of Corrections	
(a) Cell Phone Interdiction	\$ 3,500,000;
(b) Prison Industries Operating Costs	\$ 1,000,000;

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	(c) Security Equipment Replacement	\$ 500,000;
	(d) Deferred Maintenance	\$ 2,500,000;
(56)	N080 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services	
	(a) IT Modernization.....	\$ 750,000;
	(b) Agency Fleet Cost	\$ 350,000;
(57)	N120 Department of Juvenile Justice	
	IT Ongoing Security Assessment and Remediation	\$ 1,300,000;
(58)	R200 Department of Insurance	
	Safe Homes Program	\$ 3,000,000;
(59)	R600 Department of Employment and Workforce	
	(a) Statewide Education & Workforce Development Portal	\$10,300,000;
	(b) Graduation Alliance.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(60)	U120 Department of Transportation	
	(a) Bridge Modernization.....	\$200,000,000;
	(b) Off State Litter	\$ 1,000,000;
	(c) Hurricane Helene.....	\$35,000,000;
(61)	U150 Infrastructure Bank Board	
	Act 37 Adjustments	\$ 1,300,000;
(62)	U300 Division of Aeronautics	
	Airport Safety and Development	\$ 5,000,000;
(63)	A010 The Senate	
	Operating Expenses	\$ 500,000;
(64)	A050 House of Representatives	
	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000,000;
(65)	A170 Legislative Services Agency	
	Enterprise Software System.....	\$ 8,000,000;
(66)	A200 Legislative Audit Council	
	Government Efficiency RFP Review	\$ 10,000;
(67)	D300 Office of Resiliency	
	(a) Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund Replenishment ..	\$40,000,000;
	(b) MUSC Charleston Medical District Elevated Walkway	\$18,000,000;
	(c) Data Collection/Coordination.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(d) Watershed Coordination & Planning.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(68)	D500 Department of Administration	
	(a) Modernized IT Service Management Platform	\$ 9,000,000;
	(b) Independent Compliance Consultant.....	\$ 1,800,000;
	(c) State Owned Buildings Security Upgrades	\$ 2,929,318;
	(d) State Facilities Master Planning	\$ 725,000;
(69)	E240 Adjutant General's Office	
	(a) Armory Revitalization	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) SCEMD Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(c) SCEMD SC Public Assistance Program	\$ 3,000,000;
	(d) Graniteville Land Purchase	\$ 185,000;
	(e) SCEMD Declared Disasters Relief	\$ 1;
	(f) Wireless Network support to NG Armories and key facilities ..	\$ 1,963,800;
(70)	E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs	
	(a) Military Enhancement Fund	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) E. Roy Stone State Veteran Home Facility Maintenance Improvements	\$ 2,000,000;

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~~(71) E280 Election Commission~~

- ~~(a) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant..... \$ 200,000;~~
- ~~(b) Statewide voting system upgrade \$10,970,755;~~
- ~~(c) Annual Election Costs \$708,000; and~~

~~(72) E550 State Fiscal Accountability~~

~~Authority SCPro Procurement Module..... \$ 3,200,000.~~

~~(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.~~

~~(D) For the purpose of all items in this provision, funds shall not be disbursed until verification that receiver's organization is registered as a business, nonprofit, or charitable organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State's office. This requirement does not apply to governmental entities or entities created by statute. Upon receipt and verification of all requirements in this act, the funds shall be transferred directly to the grant recipients within ten business days.~~

~~(E) For the purpose of this provision, the Executive Budget Office may authorize the transfer of items among state agencies upon request of the agencies after in consultation with the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee.~~