

Amendment: D4

Representative WHITMIRE proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 1A - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA

Amend

1A.61. (SDE-EIA: Surplus) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, EIA cash funds from the prior fiscal year and EIA funds not otherwise appropriated or authorized must be carried forward and expended on the following items in the order listed.

- (1) ~~\$29,614,175 to the Department of Education for the purchase of instructional materials;~~
- (2) ~~\$35,000,000 to the Department of Education for School Buses;~~
- (3) ~~\$20,000,000 to the Department of Education for School Facilities Safety Upgrades;~~
- (4) ~~\$23,519,825 to the Department of Education for Summer Reading Camps;~~
- (5) ~~\$1,000,000 to the College of Education at the University of South Carolina for the Teaching Transformation Pilot Program;~~
- (6) ~~\$750,000 to the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation to support the Ag in the Classroom program by providing resources and professional development to teachers and schools;~~
- (7) ~~\$5,000,000 to the Department of Education for the Teacher Strategic Compensation;~~
- (8) ~~\$1,600,000 to reimburse school districts for reduced meals for the Child Nutrition Program;~~
- (9) ~~\$1,500,000 to the South Carolina Technical College System to create, in partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System Foundation (SCTCSF), a pilot program to increase the number of individuals earning an associate's degree in education who will then transfer to a four year institution of higher learning and complete a bachelor's degree in education. The pilot program will provide a cost-efficient, accelerated online, in person or hybrid program to facilitate completion of an education degree. Focusing on rural South Carolina communities, the SCTCSF will partner with local school districts to identify future teachers, provide apprenticeship opportunities, and encourage future long term employment in rural school districts for Tech to Teach graduates. The SCTCSF shall issue a report to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Education Oversight Committee by June 30, 2026; and~~
- (10) ~~\$6,000,000 to the Statewide Implementation of the Imagination Library.~~
- (1) *\$34,300,000 to the Department of Education for Instructional Materials;*
- (2) *\$20,000,000 to the Department of Education for School Safety Grants;*
- (3) *\$1,0000,000 to the University of South Carolina for the Teaching Transformation Pilot Program;*
- (4) *\$5,000,000 to the Department of Education for Teacher Strategic Compensation;*
- (5) *\$9,860,851 to the Office of First Steps for CERDEP Expansion in Private Centers;*
- (6) *\$5,000,000 to the Office of First Steps for Innovation Investments;*
- (7) *\$3,200,000 to the Department of Education for the Statewide Education Finance Data Platform;*

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- (8) \$3,500,000 to the Department of Education for Learning.com; and
- (9) \$2,200,000 to the Department of Education for Amira.