

**Legislative Oversight Committee**  
121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Transparency Report to Citizens



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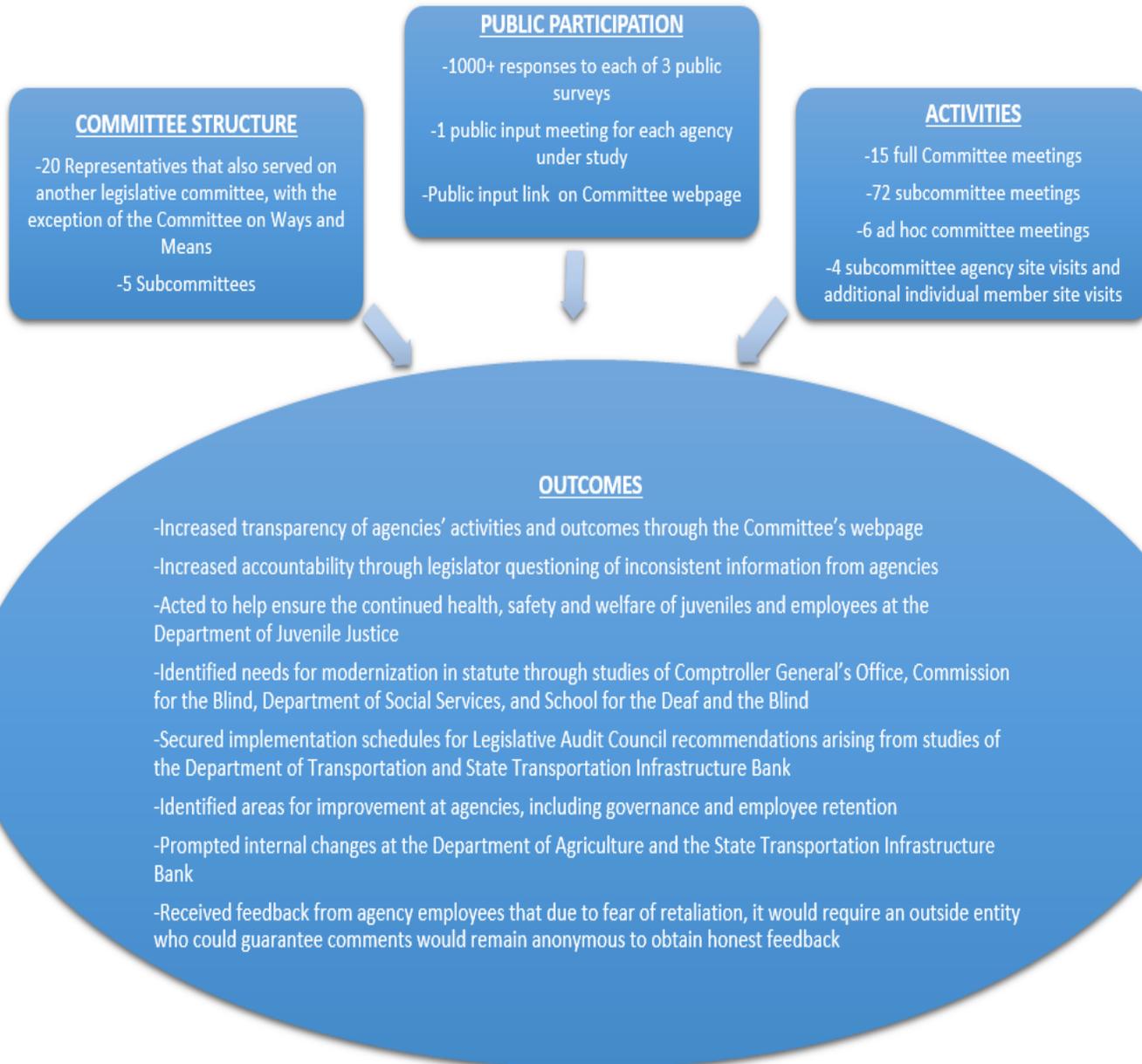
*It is the proper duty of a representative body to look diligently into every affair of government and to talk much about what it sees. It is meant to be the eyes and the voice, and to embody the wisdom and will of its constituents.*

-Woodrow Wilson (Congressional Government, 1885)

# 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly House Legislative Oversight Committee

## MISSION

Determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. Inform the public about state agencies.



The Committee sought to make its hearings and information it obtained from agencies available to members of the public. Whenever technologically feasible meetings were broadcast to the public by ETV, and votes taken related to the Committee's studies or investigations were decided by a roll call vote, with the results of the vote being recorded in minutes posted online. In addition, the Committee posted study materials, categorized by topic, on the Committee's webpage. The Committee webpage is located at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>. It contains links to information on the Committee's oversight of each of the agencies on the seven-year cycle, opportunities for public participation, and information about the Committee.

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## *Outcomes*

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The House Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) accomplished the following during the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly:

- **Increased transparency of agencies' activities and outcomes** through a process which makes information available online for the public and General Assembly to access at any time<sup>1</sup>
- **Increased accountability to the citizens of South Carolina through legislator questioning of any inconsistent information** from agencies<sup>2</sup>
- **Acted to help ensure the continued health, safety and welfare of juveniles and employees** at the Department of Juvenile Justice (notably - 50% of executive management at the Department of Juvenile Justice has changed since the Committee's study began)<sup>3</sup>
- **Identified needs for modernization in statute** through studies of the Comptroller General's Office,<sup>4</sup> Commission for the Blind,<sup>5</sup> Department of Social Services,<sup>6</sup> and School for the Deaf and the Blind<sup>7</sup>
- **Secured implementation schedules for Legislative Audit Council recommendations** arising from studies of the Department of Transportation<sup>8</sup> and State Transportation Infrastructure Bank<sup>9</sup>
- **Prompted internal changes at agencies through its process**
  - *Department of Agriculture* - noted information from the public survey has helped inform management with regards to its decision for changes to laboratory employee hours
  - *State Transportation Infrastructure Bank* - noted meetings with the subcommittee studying the agency helped inform its decision for changes to operating guidelines
  - *Fall 2016 Feedback from agencies under study* - one agency noted the Committee's process was an opportunity for the agency to seek alignment of multiple plans into a single, comprehensive, long range plan to guide continuous improvement efforts
- **Identified areas for improvement at agencies**
  - *Leadership* - The Commission for the Blind has been operating for more than a year with only four of its required seven commissioners<sup>10</sup>
  - *Employee Retention* - During the four year period between January 2012 and December 2015, the Department of Public Safety spent between \$8.9 million and \$21.1 million on new troopers but, due to turnover, only increased the total trooper strength in the state by two troopers<sup>11</sup>
  - *Feedback* – Employees, from multiple agencies under study, stated they would likely not provide honest feedback to agency personnel out of fear of retaliation and that it would require an outside entity who could guarantee comments would remain anonymous to obtain honest feedback from employees<sup>12</sup>

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## *Studies*

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The Committee completed six studies and investigations of agencies during the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. You may access the full committee study by clicking on the agency or visiting the Committee's webpage.

- [Commission for the Blind](#);
- [Department of Transportation](#);
- [Department of Social Services](#);
- [Office of the Comptroller General](#);
- [South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind](#); and
- [South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness](#).

Additionally, the Committee completed a [study of state agencies' relationship with, funding of, and other activities relating to Planned Parenthood facilities and other abortion providers in South Carolina](#).

At the conclusion of the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, the Committee was in the process of studying and investigating the following agencies:

- Department of Agriculture;
- Department of Archives and History;
- Department of Health and Environmental Control;
- Department of Juvenile Justice;
- Law Enforcement Training Council and Criminal Justice Academy
- Department of Public Safety;
- Retirement System Investment Commission
- South Carolina Infrastructure Bank; and
- Office of the Treasurer.

Studies and investigations of these agencies will continue in the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. A general overview of the Committee's investigation process is included in Appendix A.

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## *Activities*

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During the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, Committee members:

- Identified 65 agencies it will study during the statutory seven-year review cycle
- Identified 152 it may study during the statutory seven-year review cycle;
- Published a seven-year review cycle in the House Journal the first day of each session;

- Participated in 72 subcommittee meetings, 15 full committee meetings, and 6 ad hoc meetings during 23 of the 24 months;
- Held three subcommittee meetings in conjunction with a Senate subcommittee, which was investigating similar issues, so the two chambers could perform oversight collaboratively;
- Completed six agency studies and investigations and one other study;
- Obtained over 1,000 responses to each of the three public surveys open for a month apiece;
- Provided one webinar and one brochure explaining the oversight process;
- Ensured one public input meeting for every agency under detailed investigation;
- Approved 64 recommendations which may impact over 100 statutes and regulations;
- Streamed meetings and posted archived videos online;
- Posted minutes online for full Committee and subcommittee meetings;
- Posted online study materials, including, but not limited to, correspondence with the agency, links to past meetings with the agency, and reports and materials received from the agency, categorized by topic, in one central location online for the public to view; and
- Compiled and posted online the following information about agencies in one Excel document for ease of reference in comparing: (1) missions and visions; (2) goals; and (3) customer segments.

A timeline of the Committee’s activities can be found in Appendix B.

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### *Public Participation*

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Public participation was a cornerstone of the Committee’s process during the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. There were a variety of opportunities for the public to contribute to the Committee’s oversight of agencies, including:

- **Participating in surveys online** that were open for thirty days each time the Committee selected the next group of agencies to study;
- **Submitting information to the Committee** about an agency via traditional means of communicating with legislators - e.g., email, telephone, or in-person visits with legislators or Committee staff;
- **Submitting information about any agency via the public input link on the Committee’s website;** and
- **Providing testimony** during public input meetings.

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## *Recommendations*

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Each Representative’s use of the information obtained during the oversight process furthers the fulfillment of Article XII, Section One of the South Carolina Constitution’s requirement that the General Assembly “establish appropriate state agencies to function in the areas of health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people of South Carolina, and to determine the activities, powers, and duties of those agencies.”<sup>13</sup> In response to the Committee’s findings and conclusions, members of the General Assembly may legislatively implement recommendations made by the Committee.

Some ways that Committee recommendations may be implemented include:

- Introducing law that does one of the following:
  - requires agency products and services better reflect legislative intent and the agency’s mission;
  - requires an agency report on specific issues to the General Assembly or another governing body on a periodic basis;
  - inserts sunset review clauses in legislation;
  - creates new programs or reauthorizes established programs;
- Adjusting authorizations for the agency in the General Appropriations Act.

Information on recommendations made during the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly are included in Appendix C.

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## *Available Information*

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The Committee’s mission statement recognized its work helps inform the public about state agencies. To accomplish this important component of its mission, the Committee rules required meetings, whenever technologically feasible, to be broadcast to the public by the South Carolina Educational Television.<sup>14</sup> Also, the Committee’s rules require votes taken related to the Committee’s studies or investigations be decided by a roll call vote, with the results of the vote being recorded in minutes posted online.<sup>15</sup> In addition, the Committee posted study materials, information on the Committee’s oversight of each of the agencies on the seven-year cycle, and opportunities for public participation, on its webpage, located at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php>.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>In the alternative, to access the Committee’s webpage, use one of these options:

1. Type “SC Agency Oversight,” in a Google search;
2. Visit the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>), click on “Citizens’ Interest” at the top, then “Agency Oversight by House Legislative Oversight Committee.”

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## *Appendix A. Legislative Oversight Overview*

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Legislative oversight is a means of evaluating state agencies; the work of the Committee is one form of legislative oversight. The purpose of the Committee’s work is to determine if agency laws and programs are implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated. The work of the Committee improves upon the ability of Representatives to make informed decisions about state government and agencies’ responsiveness to the needs of the state’s citizens. It is a resource for public access to information about the performance of state agencies and their programs.

### **Authority**

The South Carolina General Assembly, comprised of the Senate and the House of Representatives, has a constitutional duty to establish appropriate state agencies to function in the areas of health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people of South Carolina, and to determine the activities, powers, and duties of those agencies.<sup>16</sup>

With the enactment of the South Carolina Restructuring Act of 2014 (Restructuring Act) , the South Carolina General Assembly declared this constitutional duty is “best addressed by periodic review of the programs of the agencies and departments and their responsiveness to the needs of the state’s citizens . . . .”<sup>17</sup> The Restructuring Act is codified in Title 2, Chapter 2 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

The Legislative Oversight Committee, created in December 2015, is a vehicle for oversight utilized by the House of Representatives. The Committee’s specific task is to conduct legislative oversight studies and investigations of state agencies at least once every seven years.<sup>18</sup> The Committee has the authority to conduct studies of state agencies within the Committee’s jurisdiction at any time, even outside of the seven-year cycle.<sup>19</sup>

The Constitution, state statutes, House rules, Committee rules, and Committee standard practices direct the process, from selection of agencies to approval of a Committee report with recommendations. The House rules, Committee rules, and Committee standard practices governed until the end of the second regular session of the General Assembly.

### **Structure**

In the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, the Committee consisted of twenty (20) Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House pursuant to House Rule 1.9. Each member of the Committee also served on one of the various legislative standing committee of the House, with the exception of the Committee on Ways and Means.

In the previous General Assembly, the Committee was led by a chair and vice-chair. The Committee had five subcommittees, which were the:

- Executive Subcommittee;
- Education and Cultural Subcommittee;
- Healthcare Subcommittee;
- Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Subcommittee;
- and
- Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Each Subcommittee was led by a Subcommittee chair, appointed by the Committee chair pursuant to Committee Rule 6.1. The names of the Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Subcommittee Chairs, members of each subcommittee, and agencies assigned to each subcommittee are listed in Appendix A1.

### **Annual Oversight**

The Committee annually provides oversight on all agencies required by the seven-year study cycle by receipt and dissemination of each agency’s “detailed and comprehensive recommendations for the purposes of merging or eliminating duplicative or unnecessary divisions, programs, or personnel within each department to provide a more efficient administration of government services.”<sup>20</sup> During the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, those restructuring recommendations were collected in each agency’s restructuring report and/or program evaluation report. Agencies with recent restructuring recommendations from agencies are listed in Appendix A2.

### **Agency Studies**

In addition to the annual oversight of each agency, the Committee conducts studies or investigations of specific agencies. While conducting a study or investigation, the Committee has multiple techniques it may utilize to obtain information of interest to Representatives. The Committee may:

- Require an agency to prepare and submit a report evaluating the agency’s performance in administering a program (Appendix A3);
- Send a request for information to an agency under investigation (Appendix A4);
- Conduct depositions, during which an individual from an agency can be questioned under oath;
- Issue subpoenas, which require individuals and agencies to produce certain requested documents or appear at hearings to testify;
- Request the Legislative Audit Council perform an in depth audit of a particular area of an agency<sup>21</sup>; and
- Conduct hearings.

### **Program Evaluation Report**

After the Committee approves a round of agencies to study, the Committee’s practice is to send a Program Evaluation Report (PER) to each of the agencies. During the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, the Committee approved three rounds of five agencies.

Details about what a PER must and may contain are included in South Carolina Code of Laws Section 2-2-60. The statute does not state a specific time frame in which an agency must respond to a PER, only that the PER itself must include the time frame. Pursuant to statute, state agencies vested with revenue bonding authority may submit annual reports and annual external audit reports conducted by a third party in lieu of a program evaluation report. Statutes relating to the PER are included in Appendix A3.

## **Request for Information**

The Committee may send a Request for Information (RFI) at any time during a study, including prior to the subcommittee having meetings with the agency and after the full committee has approved a study report of the agency.

Unlike a PER, state statute does not include requirements about what the subcommittee or full Committee must include in an RFI or the subject matters within which the requests in the RFI must fall. Statute requires an agency head to sign the answers to the RFI, verifying them as true the same as if the agency head was responding during a meeting under oath. Responses must be provided within 45 days and, if a question includes a request for records, recordings, etc. it is not considered to be answered unless a complete set of records, recordings, etc. is included. The statute explaining the RFI resource is provided in Appendix A4.

## **Meetings**

Meetings are streamed live whenever technologically feasible. They are archived on the Committee's website to help Committee members, and others viewing the meetings, accomplish the following:

- Obtain information about the organization of an agency and the current effectiveness and efficiency of its operations and programs;
- Discuss agency recommendations about changes to laws and internal operations that could improve the agency's effectiveness and efficiency and/or ensure laws match current practices;
- Understand the way in which an agency intends to implement new legislation; and
- Hear from the public about its interactions with, and ideas relating to the agency.

During meetings, Committee members are able to focus on specific issues of interest, ask questions of agency leadership, and follow up on issues based on the testimony given. There is accountability for information obtained as state law requires all testimony to the Committee be under oath and makes the giving of false testimony a felony.<sup>22</sup> While sworn testimony is required, witnesses have the benefit of any privilege at law they may have in civil proceedings in court.<sup>23</sup>

## **Subcommittee Study Report**

At the end of its investigation, the subcommittee submits a Subcommittee Study, which includes recommendations, to the full Committee. The subcommittee's recommendations are based on analysis of data submitted by the agency, including, but not limited to the agency's strategic plan and performance measures, information learned during subcommittee meetings, and public responses to online surveys as well as public comments during subcommittee meetings.

Any individual member of the subcommittee has the opportunity to provide a separate written statement for inclusion with a Subcommittee's Study. Once individual members of the subcommittee have been afforded an opportunity to include a written statement, the subcommittee chair notifies the full Committee chair that a Subcommittee Study is available for consideration by the full Committee.

## **Full Committee Study Report**

Members of the full committee often have additional questions for the agency and/or subcommittee members after a Subcommittee Study is submitted. Opportunities to ask questions about an agency are available during full Committee meetings. After discussion of a Subcommittee Study is complete, the full Committee votes, pursuant to its standard practices, to take one of the following three options:

- (1) refer the study and investigation back to the subcommittee or an ad hoc committee for further evaluation;
- (2) approve the subcommittee's study; or
- (3) further evaluate the agency as a full committee, utilizing any of the available tools of legislative oversight available.

When the full Committee approves a final study, members of the Committee are afforded an opportunity to submit a written statement for inclusion with the final study. The final study, and written statements, are provided to the agency and all House Standing Committees, and are published online.

# A1. 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly Legislative Oversight Subcommittees

## Legislative Oversight Proposed Subcommittees\* - 2015

**Chairman: Wm. Weston J. Newton**

**First Vice-Chair: Laurie Slade Funderburk**

Executive	Education and Cultural	Healthcare	Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Regulatory	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aeronautics Commission</li> <li>2. Adjutant General</li> <li>3. Comptroller General's Office</li> <li>4. Election Commission</li> <li>5. Ethics Commission</li> <li>6. Lt. Governor's Office on Aging</li> <li>7. Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Department of</li> <li>8. Retirement System Investment Commission</li> <li>9. Secretary of State's Office</li> <li>10. Treasurer's Office/ Board of Financial Institutions</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Archives and History</li> <li>2. Arts Commission</li> <li>3. Deaf and Blind, School for</li> <li>4. Education, Department of</li> <li>5. ETV Commission</li> <li>6. First Steps</li> <li>7. Higher Education Commission</li> <li>8. John de la Howe School</li> <li>9. Library, State</li> <li>10. Museum Commission and Confederate Relic Room</li> <li>11. Patriots Point Authority</li> <li>12. Technical and Comprehensive Education Board</li> <li>13. Tuition Grants Commission</li> <li>14. Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alcohol and Drug, Department of</li> <li>2. Blind, Commission for the</li> <li>3. Disabilities and Special Needs, Department of</li> <li>4. Health and Environmental Control, Department of</li> <li>5. Health and Human Services, Department of</li> <li>6. Mental Health, Department of</li> <li>7. Social Services, Department of</li> <li>8. Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agriculture, Department of</li> <li>2. Commerce, Department of</li> <li>3. Conservation Bank</li> <li>4. Consumer Affairs, Department of</li> <li>5. Employment and Workforce, Department of</li> <li>6. Forestry Commission</li> <li>7. Housing Finance and Development Authority</li> <li>8. Human Affairs Commission</li> <li>9. Insurance, Department of</li> <li>10. Jobs - Economic Development Authority</li> <li>11. Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Department of</li> <li>12. Minority Affairs, Commission on</li> <li>13. Motor Vehicles, Department of</li> <li>14. Patients' Compensation Fund</li> <li>15. Revenue, Department of</li> <li>16. Rural Infrastructure Authority</li> <li>17. Sea Grants Consortium</li> <li>18. State Accident Fund</li> <li>19. Transportation, Department of /Infrastructure Bank</li> <li>20. Workers' Compensation Commission</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administrative Law Court</li> <li>2. Attorney General's Office</li> <li>3. Corrections, Department of</li> <li>4. Indigent Defense</li> <li>5. Juvenile Justice, Department of</li> <li>6. Law Enforcement Training Council</li> <li>7. Natural Resources, Department of</li> <li>8. Public Safety, Department of</li> <li>9. Probation, Parole and Pardon, Department of</li> <li>10. Prosecution Coordination Commission</li> <li>11. State Law Enforcement Division</li> </ol>
<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Hon. Joshua Putnam Hon. Laurie Slade Funderburk Hon. Wm. Weston J. Newton Hon. Robert Q. Williams</p>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Hon. James E. Smith Jr. Hon. Gary E. Clary Hon. Joseph H. Jefferson Jr. Hon. Tommy M. Stringer</p>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Hon. Nathan Bullentine Hon. Mia S. McLeod Hon. Walton J. McLeod Hon. Bill Taylor</p>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Hon. Phyllis J. Henderson Hon. Ralph W. Norman Hon. Robert L. Ridgeway III Hon. Samuel Rivers Jr.</p>	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Hon. Kirkman Finlay III Hon. William K. (Bill) Bowers Hon. Raye Felder Hon. Edward R. Tallon Sr.</p>

\*Additional agencies may be assigned to these subcommittees, pursuant to the Legislative Oversight Committee's Rule 6, as the Legislative Oversight Committee determines its interpretation of the definition of the term agency as set forth in Section 2-2-10(1).

## ***A2. Restructuring Recommendations***

Twenty agencies stated they have restructuring recommendations in their 2015-2016 Accountability reports. The Accountability Reports also served as each agency's 2017 Annual Restructuring Report. The agencies that have restructuring recommendations are as follows:

- Department of Administration
- *Department of Agriculture*
- *Department of Alcohol and Other Abuse Services*
- Arts Commission
- Francis Marion University
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Comptroller General's Office
- Confederate Relic Room
- Department of Employment and Workforce
- *First Steps to School Readiness*
- Department of Health and Environmental Control
- *Department of Health and Human Services*
- *Commission on Higher Education*
- Jobs-Economic Development Authority
- *State Museum*
- *Department and Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services*
- *Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office*
- S.C. State University Public Service Activities
- *Department of Transportation*
- *Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School*

The italicized agencies provided their restructuring recommendations in the Accountability Report.

## ***A3. Program Evaluation Report***

The format of the PER has changed during each of these rounds, as the Committee learned what information was helpful. While the format of the PER changed each round, the five agencies in the first round received the same PER, the five agencies in the second round received the same PER, etc. The Committee strives to only make minor revisions, when needed, in the format of the PER going forward.

Details about what a PER must and may contain are included in South Carolina Code of Laws Section 2-2-60. The statute does not state a specific time frame in which an agency must respond to a PER, only that the PER itself must include the time frame in which the Subcommittee or full Committee is directing the agency to respond. State agencies vested with revenue bonding authority may submit annual reports and annual external audit reports conducted by a third party in lieu of a program evaluation report. The specific wording of the statute, which includes additional details, is included at the end of this document for ease of reference.

In the request for a program evaluation report, the Committee must include the following information<sup>24</sup>:

- agency program or operations that it intends to investigate;
- information that must be included in the report; and
- date that the report must be submitted to the committee.

The Committee may request that the program evaluation report submitted by a state agency contain the following information:<sup>25</sup>

- Enabling or authorizing law or other relevant mandate, including any federal mandates;
- A description of each program administered by the agency identified by the investigating committee in the request for a program evaluation report, including the following information:
  - Established priorities, including goals and objectives in meeting each priority;
  - Performance criteria, timetables, or other benchmarks used by the agency to measure its progress in achieving its goals and objectives;
  - An assessment by the agency indicating the extent to which it has met the goals and objectives, using the performance criteria. When an agency has not met its goals and objectives, the agency shall identify the reasons for not meeting them and the corrective measures the agency has taken to meet them in the future;
- Organizational structure, including a position count, job classification, and organization flow chart indicating lines of responsibility;
- Financial summary, including sources of funding by program and the amounts allocated or appropriated and expended over the last ten years;
- Identification of areas where the agency has coordinated efforts with other state and federal agencies in achieving program objectives and other areas in which an agency could establish cooperative arrangements including, but not limited to, cooperative arrangements to coordinate services and eliminate redundant requirements;
- Identification of the constituencies served by the agency or program, noting any changes or projected changes in the constituencies;
- A summary of efforts by the agency or program regarding the use of alternative delivery systems, including privatization, in meeting its goals and objectives;
- Identification of emerging issues for the agency;
- A comparison of any related federal laws and regulations to the state laws governing the agency or program and the rules implemented by the agency or program;
- Agency policies for collecting, managing, and using personal information over the Internet and nonelectronically, information on the agency's implementation of information technologies;
- A list of reports, applications, and other similar paperwork required to be filed with the agency by the public; and
- Any other relevant information specifically requested by the investigating committee.

All information contained in a program evaluation report must be presented in a concise and complete manner.<sup>26</sup>

#### *A4. Request for Information*

##### **SECTION 2-2-50. Acquisition of evidence or information.**

When an investigating committee conducts an oversight study and investigation or a legislative investigation is conducted pursuant to Section 2-2-40(B), evidence or information related to the investigation may be acquired by any lawful means, including, but not limited to:

(A) serving a **request for information** on the agency being studied or investigated. The request for information must be answered separately and fully in writing under oath and returned to the investigating committee within forty-five days after being served upon the department or agency. The time for answering a request for information may be extended for a period to be agreed upon by the investigating committee and the agency for good cause shown. The head of the department or agency must sign the answers verifying them as true and correct. If any question contains a request for records, policies, audio or video recordings, or other documents, the question is not considered to have been answered unless a complete set of records, policies, audio or video recordings, or other documents is included with the answer.

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*Appendix B. Timeline of Committee Activities*

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## 2014

### October

30: House Rules & Procedures Ad Hoc Committee adopts proposal to establish a new Legislative Oversight Committee

### December

2: Adoption of House Rules creating House Legislative Oversight Committee  
  
15: First meeting of House Legislative Oversight Committee to discuss organizational matters – **121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**

## 2015

### January

7: Full committee meeting to adopt rules and discuss review schedule  
  
13: Publication in House Journal of review schedule  
  
*65 Agencies Will Review, 152 May Review, 117 Questionable*

### February

5: Full committee meeting to hear from some of the entities that may assist the Committee with legislative oversight; Initial approval of Standard Practices  
  
10: Notification Letter sent to first five agencies under study  
  
17: Subcommittee entry meeting with DOT and Letter to Governor Seeking Input on legislative oversight

### March

2: Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report guidelines provided to agencies  
  
4: Subcommittee entry meeting with DJJ  
  
9: Letter to Speaker and Committee Chairs seeking collaboration in legislative oversight process  
  
10: Request to Legislative Audit Council for comprehensive audit of DOT

17: Subcommittee entry meeting with DSS

31: Deadline for agency submission of Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Reports, unless extension granted

*(65 Reports are online with list of the 17 agencies that have restructuring recommendations)*

### April

1: Statewide Media release about webinar and email to House Members seeking collaboration in legislative oversight process

14: Full committee meeting - five agencies added to begin to study in 2015

15: Notification letters sent to the five additional agencies added (i.e. second five agencies)

16: Webinar with Speaker to inform the public about the committee's process for legislative oversight and ways for the public to participate

21: Subcommittee tour of Comptroller General's Office; Program Evaluation Report Guidelines sent to first five agencies under study; Letter to Governor seeking input on additional agencies

22: Letter to Speaker and Committee Chairs seeking collaboration on additional agencies; Letter to Senate Clerk providing notification of agencies under review

28: Subcommittee entry meeting with State Transportation Infrastructure Board and discussion of scope of study of DOT

29: Subcommittee entry meeting with Department of Public Safety and Discussion of scope of study with DJJ

Legislative Audit Council began audit of DOT in April

# 2015 Continued

## May

1: House Members notified about online survey available during month seeking constituents' input on first five agencies under study

7: Subcommittee entry meeting with Treasurer's Office and discussion of scope of study with Comptroller General's Office; Subcommittee entry meeting with Commission for Blind and discussion of scope of study with DSS

12: Subcommittee entry meeting with School for Deaf and

Blind and discussion of scope of First Steps study

22: Deadline for Program Evaluation Reports from first five agencies under study, unless granted an extension

31: 1,788 responses received to the public survey about the survey of the first five agencies under study, with at least one response from each of the 46 counties

## June

2: Subcommittee tour of the Treasurer's Office; Subcommittee meeting with DOT to discuss its budget

25: Program Evaluation Report Guidelines sent to second five agencies under study

30: Subcommittee meeting with DOT to discuss the C Fund Program, county transportation committees, and agency employee information

## July

Development of staff study template

27: Deadlines for Program Evaluation Reports from second five agencies under study, unless extension granted

## August

4: Staff Study provided to Comptroller General's Office

11: Subcommittee meeting with DOT to discuss the Office of the Chief Internal Auditor, Act 114 of 2007 criteria, and the STIP

18: Comptroller General's Office response to staff study received

25: House Members notified about staff study of Comptroller General's Office online

26: Full committee meeting, adopted motion for unscheduled study (Other study #1)

## September

1: House Members notified about online survey available entire month seeking constituents' input on second five agencies under study; Staff study provided to DOT and First Steps

3: Ad hoc committee appointed

10: Subcommittee meeting with Treasurer's Office and Comptroller General's Office

11: House Members notified about Other study #1

15: DOT response to staff study received

16: First Steps response to staff study received

21: Notification to House Members about staff study of DOT online

25: Draft staff study provided to DSS; House members notified about staff study of First Steps online

29: Ad hoc committee meeting

30: 1,010 responses to the survey about the second five agencies under study

## October

21: Staff Study provided to DSS

23: Survey sent to agencies to obtain feedback about oversight process

28: Subcommittee meeting with Comptroller General's Office

30: Staff Study provided to DJJ

## November

4: Subcommittee meeting with DOT; DSS response to staff study received

6: Responses to survey about oversight process received from agencies (38)

9: Full Committee meeting; Subcommittee meetings with Comptroller General and DSS

12: Ad hoc committee meeting

16: DJJ response to staff study received

20: House Members notified about staff study of DJJ online

23: Subcommittee meeting with DSS

24: Guidelines sent to 65 agencies for annual restructuring report

## December

1: Ad hoc committee meeting

2: Subcommittee meeting with DJJ

3: Subcommittee meeting with DOT

4: House members notified about staff study of DSS online

7: Subcommittee meeting with Comptroller General's Office; approval of Subcommittee study

11: Subcommittee meeting with First Steps

15: Full committee meeting; approval of Study of the Comptroller General's Office

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## January

6: Subcommittee public input meeting with DSS

11: Ad hoc committee meeting

12: Publication in House Journal of review schedule; deadline for annual restructuring report from agencies, unless extension granted  
*(65 Reports are online with list of the 14 agencies that have restructuring recommendations)*

13: Subcommittee public input meeting with DOT

14: Subcommittee meeting with First Steps

21: Ad hoc committee meeting

28: Full committee meeting; Subcommittee meeting with DJJ

## February

3: Subcommittee meeting with DSS

5: Notification letters sent to Governor, Senate Clerk, Chairs of House Standing Committee about agencies 11-15

10: Subcommittee meeting with First Steps; Subcommittee public input meeting with DJJ

11: Subcommittee meeting with DSS - completed its study

16-19: Furlough; LOC staff met with agencies 6-10 to explain study steps

29: Staff study of Treasurer's Office provided to agency

25: Subcommittee meeting with DJJ; Ad hoc committee meeting – completed its study

## March

1: Subcommittee meeting with First Steps; Letter to Governor sent in reference to DJJ

2: Letter sent to DPS with questions discussed during subcommittee meeting on February 25

3: Letter to State Inspector General sent in reference to DJJ

7: Treasurer provided response to staff study; Staff study of Treasurer's Office shared with subcommittee members and House members; Staff study of Commission for the Blind shared with agency

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8: State Inspector General notified Committee the office opened an investigation of DJJ

9: Full committee meeting – presentation on the Ad hoc committee study and study of DSS

10: Subcommittee meeting with STIB; Subcommittee meeting with DJJ; and Subcommittee public input meeting with First Steps

11: Staff study of STIB provided to agency

15: Subcommittee meeting with First Steps - completed its study; Letter sent to Legislative Audit Council requesting study of DJJ's Program Evaluation Report

17: Subcommittee meeting with Commission for the Blind; Subcommittee meeting with Treasurer and entry meeting with Retirement System Investment Commission

22-24: Budget week

29-31: Furlough

30: LOC Staff met with EBO staff to discuss oversight reports

## April

1-11: Furlough

4: LOC Staff met with DHEC staff about the study process

6: Staff Study of the Commission for the Blind and State Transportation Infrastructure Bank and agency response shared with House Members; LAC audit of DOT released

8: Annual Restructuring Report received from last agency with an extension; Response to Staff Study received from Treasurer's Office

11: Press Release sent to media inviting public to participate in public input meetings with Treasurer's Office, Commission for the Blind, and SCTIB; LOC staff, Senate Oversight Staff and EBO staff meet to continue discussion of oversight reports

12: Staff met with Department of Archives and History Staff about study process

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## April Continued

13: Full committee meeting- Approval of Ad hoc committee study; Approval of study of DSS; and Presentation of study of First Steps; and Subcommittee meeting with DJJ

14: Subcommittee meeting with DOT; Subcommittee public input meeting with Treasurer's Office

20: House Members notified that the 2016 Annual Restructuring Reports are available online; about public input opportunities for Commission for Blind and SCTIB; and about completed studies

21: Subcommittee meeting with DPS and entry meeting with CJA

25: State Inspector General's review of DJJ released

26: Subcommittee entry meeting with Department of Archives and History

27: Subcommittee entry meeting with DHEC; Letter provided to Senate Special Study Committee on DJJ proposing joint meetings

28: Subcommittee entry meeting with Department of Agriculture; Subcommittee approval of DOT study; Subcommittee public input meeting with SCTIB; DPS provided response to staff study

29: Subcommittee study of the Department of Public Safety and Agency's response shared with House Members; House Members notified about public survey relating to next five agencies under study and agencies asked to share this survey with employees

## May

4: Full committee meeting – Approval of study of First Steps and presentation of study of DOT

5: Subcommittee public input meeting with DPS

9-13: Furlough

12: Treasurer's staff informs LOC Staff that Treasurer no longer available for meeting scheduled for May 19

16: PER Guidelines sent to RSIC; Archives and History; DHEC; CJA; Dept of Ag

19: Subcommittee meeting with the SCSDB

23-25: LOC staff explains PER to RSIC; Archives and History; DHEC and CJA; Dept of Ag requests Ext. Request form.

26: Subcommittee meetings with SCTIB, DPS, and SCSDB; Joint Hearing with Senate Special Committee re: DJJ

## June

1: Full committee meeting – Approval of study of DOT; 1,025 responses received to the public survey about the survey of the third set of agencies under study, with responses from 41 counties

13: Accountability Report, which, as a result of Committee and Department of Administration working together, incorporates the Annual Restructuring Report, was emailed to Agency Heads.

21: Communication to Agency Heads about Accountability Report and Request for Information

23: Visit SCSDB's Braille Production Center at Leath Correctional Institution

27: Subcommittee Mtg with Commission for the Blind – Public Input

28: Subcommittee Mtg with STIB

## July

6: Subcommittee Mtg with Dept of Agriculture

12: Subcommittee Mtg with RSIC; Archives and History Submitted PER

13: Subcommittee Mtg with DPS; Subcommittee meeting with SCSDB – Public Input ; PER Deadline for CJA

19: Subcommittee Mtg with Commission for the Blind

20: Subcommittee Mtg with DPS

27-29: Accountability Report (includes Restructuring req.) training for agencies

## August

1, 3-5: Accountability Report (includes Restructuring req.) training for agencies

3: PER Deadline (ext. granted) for RSIC

17: Subcommittee Mtg with SCSDB

19: Subcommittee Mtg with Treasurer's Office

23: Subcommittee Visit to SCSDB

24: DHEC submitted PER; PER Deadline (ext. granted) for Dept of Ag

25: Subcommittee Mtg with SCTIB; Subcommittee Mtg with Commission for the Blind

30: Subcommittee Mtg with DPS

31: Joint Hearing with Senate Special Committee re: DJJ

## September

15: Subcommittee Mtg with School for the Deaf and the Blind; Accountability Report due from agencies, which includes restructuring recommendations

19: Full Committee meeting; Subcommittee meeting with State Transportation Infrastructure Bank

22: Committee solicits input from House Members as to next agencies to study

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## October

3: Full committee meeting- Approval of Study of SC Commission for the Blind; Subcommittee meeting with SC School for the Deaf and the Blind

18: Committee notifies House Members that agency restructuring recommendations posted online and it solicits input from House Members as to next agencies to study

31: Full committee meeting- Approval of Study of SC School for the Deaf and the Blind; Subcommittee meeting with Department of Agriculture

## November

1: Subcommittee meeting with Department of Public Safety

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17: Follow up information received from DOT and First Steps

## December

1: Request for Information due from agencies

6-7: House Organizational Session - **122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly**

*Appendix C. Recommendations from Studies Approved by the Full Committee*

<b>Rec #</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Recommendation adopted by LOC</b>	<b>Date of Rec</b>
1	Comptroller General	Minimum qualifications for the Comptroller General be established	12/15/15 <sup>2</sup>
2	Comptroller General	The Comptroller General be appointed rather than elected	12/15/15 <sup>3</sup>
3	Comptroller General	Revise 3 provisos; 98 laws; and 3 regulations to ensure laws and regulations complied with current practices	12/15/15
4	Comptroller General	Eliminate 20 laws and 3 regulations to ensure laws and regulations complied with current practices	12/15/15
5	DSS	Revise South Carolina Code of Laws § 43-5-220 to require use of Child Support Guidelines in establishing child support orders	4/13/16
6	DSS	Revise South Carolina Code of Laws § 63-17-1210 to require employers to participate in the Employer New Hire Reporting program and add to the data that the employer is required to report	4/13/16
7	DSS	Revise SC Code § 63-17-2310 et seq to clarify the name of the Financial Institution Data Match program, clarify the groups of entities required to report, and insert an additional penalty for an entity's refusal to comply	4/13/16
8	DSS	Revise SC Code §63-17-2710 et seq to resolve ambiguities in the wording of the child support lien statutes in order to remove hindrances to attach assets of people who fail to meet their child support obligations	4/13/16
9	DSS	Revise SC Code §63-17-3010 and §63-17-3935 to clean up erroneous cross references in order to ensure compliance with changes to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	4/13/16
10	DSS	Institute annual mandatory staff training related to domestic violence	4/13/16
11	DSS	Consider and implement, as appropriate, internal changes to track practices and performance measures relating to recruitment, licensure, and support services for foster families	4/13/16
12	DSS	Examine operational units for elimination, duplication, and streamlining of functions	4/13/16
13	DSS	Examine specific functions of the agency to determine if they best fit within the agency's core mission	4/13/16
14	DSS	Examine the need to reduce the size of administrative functions	4/13/16
15	DSS	Merge all administrative functions into one division	4/13/16
16	DSS	Examine the agency's over-reliance on contracting core services to external providers	4/13/16
17	DSS	Align supervision of county operations with regional structure	4/13/16
18	DSS	Standardize the regional structure for Economic Services and Human Services	4/13/16
19	First Steps	Continue investment in a comprehensive, results-oriented initiative for improving early childhood development by providing, through local partnerships, public and private funds, and support for high-quality early childhood development and education services for children by providing support for their families' efforts toward enabling their children to reach school ready to succeed. Also recommends that SC First Steps continue to operate that initiative.	5/4/16

<sup>2</sup> A member of the Committee appended a statement regarding this recommendation to the Committee Study.

<sup>3</sup> Two members of the Committee appended a statement regarding this recommendation to the Committee Study.

20	First Steps	Revise law to establish a common assessment tool for school readiness for use within the public and private sectors and commit to its use over a period of years	5/4/16
21	First Steps	Revise law to appropriate resources to develop an interagency, early childhood data system	5/4/16
22	First Steps	Revise law to appropriate all BabyNet funds to the BabyNet lead agency	5/4/16
23	First Steps	Revise law to take steps to ensure greater equity in 4K provider funding, to include teacher pay and the exploration of tax and other incentives to participating private providers	5/4/16
24	First Steps	Determine the feasibility of instituting a sliding fee scale for BabyNet services	5/4/16
25	First Steps	Work in collaboration with the SC Department of Education to study and depict the comprehensive costs of public and private sector 4K service provision	5/4/16
26	First Steps	Develop a pilot project designed to provide startup funds for potential private 4K providers in underserved areas. The development of the pilot project should consider best practices in other states and nontraditional funding mechanisms (eg Social Impact Bonds).	5/4/16
27	First Steps	Work with its local partnerships to establish 4K classrooms in communities where no other providers are available	5/4/16
28	First Steps	Update Provisos 1.66 and 1A.31 to adjust the 4K tuition amount to match the law's requirement that the rate be inflation indexed and to support additional materials funding	5/4/16
29	First Steps	Update Proviso 1.71 to update the type of assessment for which unspent funds can be used to purchase technology	5/4/16
30	First Steps	Update Proviso 1A.67 to require provision of special education accommodations during the administration of readiness assessments	5/4/16
31	First Steps	Update Proviso 1A.68 to modify the BabyNet autism therapy services rates	5/4/16
32	First Steps	Add a proviso permitting 4K geographic expansion and/or extension of the school year for children with identified early literacy deficiencies	5/4/16
33	First Steps	Add a proviso reauthorizing SC First Steps for FY17 in the absence of standalone statutory reauthorization	5/4/16
34	Commission for the Blind	The agency's budget in the ensuing fiscal year be increased to bring the funding for the prevention program up to what it was prior to budget curtailments in 2008 and 2009 in present value, which would require an additional \$650,000	10/3/16
35	Commission for the Blind	The agency should seek to develop relationships with state and local human resources agencies, regarding both connecting clients to positions and assisting government employers with methods for retaining employees with declining vision	10/3/16
36	Commission for the Blind	Revise SC Code § 43-25-10 to change the visual acuity requirement for three Commission members from 20/200 to the legal definition of blindness, as stated in §43-25-20	10/3/16
37	Commission for the Blind	Revise SC Code § 43-25-30 to remove the requirement that the Commission assist in the furtherance of now deleted sections of the S.C. Code of Laws	10/3/16
38	Commission for the Blind	Revise SC Code § 43-25-60 to change the term "itinerant teacher" to "itinerant counselor"	10/3/16
39	School for the Deaf and the Blind	Add a section to Chapter 47, of Title 59, of the SC Code of Laws stating that "The School for the Deaf and the Blind is established to provide high quality education programs and outreach services to students who are deaf, blind, or sensory multi-disabled"	10/31/16
40	School for the Deaf and the Blind	Delete SC Code of Laws §59-47-90, relating to the collection of maintenance fees	10/31/16

41	School for the Deaf and the Blind	Amend SC Code of Laws §59-47-100, deleting the phrase “the names of the persons who have received the bounty, the ages and places of residence of such persons and information as to their progress”	10/31/16
42	School for the Deaf and the Blind	Amend SC Code of Laws §8-11-270 to clarify the definition of “instructional position” by including the phrase “including but not limited to teachers, associate teachers, bus drivers, orientation mobility staff, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and interpreters”	10/31/16
43	DOT	Revise Section 57-5-820 and 54-5-830 - Municipal approval of projects	5/3/16
44	DOT	Revise Section 57-5-1495 - Collection of toll violations from out of state drivers	5/3/16
45	DOT	Revise Section 6-29-770 - State roads and rights of way subject to zoning ordinances	5/3/16
46	DOT	Revise Section 28-2-420 - Interest rate on condemnation cases	5/3/16
47	DOT	Revise Section 28-11-30 - Expediting inverse condemnation cases	5/3/16
48	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.1 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Expenditure limitation	5/3/16
49	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.2 and 84.3 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Special fund authorization and securing bonds and insurance	5/3/16
50	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.4 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Benefits	5/3/16
51	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.5 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Document fees	5/3/16
52	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.6 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Meals in emergency operations	5/3/16
53	DOT	Revise Proviso 84.7 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Rest area water rates	5/3/16
54	DOT	Revise Proviso 117.73 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Printed report requirements	5/3/16
55	DOT	Revise Proviso 117.74 Fiscal Year 14-15 Appropriations Bill - Welcome Centers	5/3/16
56	DOT	Add a new Proviso - Non-federal aid restrictions	5/3/16
57	DOT	Following up with the agency at the end of this year, via a Request for Information, to ascertain the status of the agency’s stated plan for internal changes, including but not limited to, the agency’s implementation plan that includes target dates for the Legislative Audit Council’s recommendations in which the agency concurs	5/3/16
58	Other Study	Add a provision in statute that makes it illegal to sell products of conception, but allows for the donation of such products for medical research without compensation and with the mother’s written consent	4/13/16
59	Other Study	Require (1) abortion clinics and hospitals, including emergency rooms, to report to the agency post-operative complications arising as a result of an abortion procedure regardless of where the abortion was performed; (2) if the patient is willing to provide the information, the name of the abortion clinic or hospital which performed the initial abortion, and (3) the agency to use that reporting to collect and provide, by facility which performs the abortion, statistics on the number of post-operative complications reported.	4/13/16
60	Other Study	Add a provision in statute to require that an ultrasound be performed prior to an abortion procedure to determine the gestational age of the fetus	4/13/16
61	Other Study	Require physicians performing any abortion to comply with requirements of the “Woman’s Right to Know Act”	4/13/16

62	Other Study	Add a requirement for some identifying information to be included in the abortion reports, which would allow the agency to utilize these reports, as necessary, to assist in investigating potential violations	4/13/16
63	Other Study	Add sanctions for failure to report this identifying information in a timely manner (see Rec #62)	4/13/16
64	Other Study	Add a provision in statute, which is already in regulation, limiting abortions that can be performed in an abortion clinic to those within 18 weeks of gestational age. Abortion clinics that are also licensed as ambulatory surgical facilities may perform abortion procedures on patients within 26 weeks of gestational age.	4/13/16

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- <sup>1</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>2</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Public Safety, Department of (DPS),” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyPHPFiles/DPS.php> (last accessed January 11, 2017).
- <sup>3</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Juvenile Justice, Department of (DJJ),” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyPHPFiles/DJJ.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016). The agency had eight executive management positions reporting to the agency director according to its October 2015 and September 2016 organization charts. There were changes in the following executive management positions between July 1, 2015, and August 2, 2016: Deputy Director for Rehabilitative Services; Deputy Director for Inspector General’s Office; Deputy Director for Community Services; and Deputy Director for Legal and Policy Services.
- <sup>4</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Comptroller General’s Office,” under “Oversight Committee,” under “House Oversight Reports/Studies,” under “Full Committee Study,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/ComptrollerGeneral/STUDY%20-%20FINAL%20-%20Comptroller%20General's%20Office.pdf> (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>5</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Blind, Commission for the,” under “Full Committee Study,” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/CommissionfortheBlind/Full%20Committee%20Study%20of%20SCCB%2010\\_3\\_16%20PDF.PDF](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/CommissionfortheBlind/Full%20Committee%20Study%20of%20SCCB%2010_3_16%20PDF.PDF) (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>6</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Social Services, Department of (DSS),” under “Oversight Committee,” under “House Oversight Reports/Studies,” under “Full Committee Study,” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DSS/Oversight%20-%20House%20Oversight%20Reports%20&%20Studies/Full%20Committee%20Study%20\(April%2013,%202016\)%20-%20DSS.pdf](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DSS/Oversight%20-%20House%20Oversight%20Reports%20&%20Studies/Full%20Committee%20Study%20(April%2013,%202016)%20-%20DSS.pdf) (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>7</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Deaf and the Blind, School for the,” under “Full Committee Study (October 31, 2016),” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DeafandtheBlindSchool/Reports%20&%20Audits%20-%20Reports%20and%20Reviews/Full%20Committee%20Study\\_SCSDB\\_103116.pdf](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DeafandtheBlindSchool/Reports%20&%20Audits%20-%20Reports%20and%20Reviews/Full%20Committee%20Study_SCSDB_103116.pdf) (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>8</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Transportation, Department of (DOT),” under “Oversight Committee,” under “House Oversight Reports/Studies,” under “Full Committee Study,” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DOT/Oversight%20-%20House%20Oversight%20Reports%20&%20Studies/Full%20Committee%20Study%20\(June%201,%202016\)%20-%20DOT.pdf](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/DOT/Oversight%20-%20House%20Oversight%20Reports%20&%20Studies/Full%20Committee%20Study%20(June%201,%202016)%20-%20DOT.pdf) (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>9</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Transportation Infrastructure Bank, S.C.,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyPHPFiles/TransportationInfrastructureBank.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>10</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Blind, Commission for the,” under “Full Committee Study,” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/CommissionfortheBlind/Full%20Committee%20Study%20of%20SCCB%2010\\_3\\_16%20PDF.PDF](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/CommissionfortheBlind/Full%20Committee%20Study%20of%20SCCB%2010_3_16%20PDF.PDF) (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>11</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, under “Public Safety, Department of (DPS),” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyPHPFiles/DPS.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016). Cost of training and equipping the new troopers from 2012 to 2015 was approximately \$8.9 million (if used equipment utilized for all) and \$21.1 million (if all were given new equipment). This figure is based on information provided by the agency during the study that the cost of training and equipping one new trooper is \$77,982.40 with all new equipment or \$32,982.40 if used equipment such as cars and weapons are utilized. 271 new troopers were added between 2012 and 2015.
- <sup>12</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016).
- <sup>13</sup> S.C. Const. art. XII, § 1.
- <sup>14</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php> (last accessed December 16, 2016). See Committee Rule 4.9.
- <sup>15</sup> *Ibid.* See Committee Rule 5.1.
- <sup>16</sup> S.C. Const. art. XII, § 1.
- <sup>17</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 2-2-5(2).
- <sup>18</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 2-2-20.
- <sup>19</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 2-2-40.
- <sup>20</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 1-30-10.
- <sup>21</sup> S.C. Code Ann. 2-2-60(D).
- <sup>22</sup> S.C. Code Ann. 2-2-70; 2-2-100 through 120.
- <sup>23</sup> S.C. Code Ann. 2-2-90.
- <sup>24</sup> S.C. Code Ann. 2-2-60(A).
- <sup>25</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 2-2-60(B).
- <sup>26</sup> S.C. Code Ann. 2-2-60(C).