#### SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

**93.8 AMEND** (DOA: Sale of Surplus Real Property) Provides guidelines for the retention and use of revenue derived from the sale of surplus real properties.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to authorize the Forestry Commission to retain the net proceeds from sale to use to acquire lands that are desirable for State forests.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

- **93.8.** (DOA: Sale of Surplus Real Property) (A) Up to fifty percent of the proceeds, net of selling expenses, from the sale of surplus real properties shall be retained by the Department of Administration and used for the deferred maintenance of state-owned buildings. The remaining fifty percent of the net proceeds shall be returned to the agency that the property is owned by, under the control of, or assigned to and shall be used by that agency for nonrecurring purposes. This provision applies to all state agencies and departments except: institutions of higher learning; the Public Service Authority; the Ports Authority; the MUSC Hospital Authority; the Myrtle Beach Air Force Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Transportation; the Columbia State Farmers Market; the Department of Agriculture's Columbia Metrology Lab building and property; the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Commerce's Division of Public Railways; the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Trident Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Commissioners residence at the Department of Corrections and the Educational Television Commission's Key Road property.
- (B) The Educational Television Commission shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of its property on Key Road, and such proceeds may be used for the renovation of the ETV Telecommunications Center and other maintenance and operating expenses. If it is determined that sufficient net proceeds are not to be derived from the sale of its property on Key Road to cover the cost of all renovations of the Telecommunications Center, the property on Key Road shall not be sold. Any proposed sale hereunder shall, prior to said sale, be submitted to the Department of Administration for approval as being in compliance with the requirements of this subsection.
- (C) The Department of Corrections shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of the residence provided for the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and use such proceeds for deferred maintenance needs at the Department of Corrections.
- (D) The Forestry Commission shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of surplus land for use in firefighting operations and replacement of firefighting equipment <u>or</u> acquisition of such lands, in the judgment of the commission, that are desirable for State forests.
- <u>(E)</u> The Department of Natural Resources shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of existing offices originally purchased with a federal grant or with restricted revenue from hunting and fishing license sales for the improvement, consolidation, and/or establishment of regional offices and related facilities.
- (F) The Department of Agriculture, the Educational Television Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Forestry Commission shall annually submit a report, within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the status of the sale of the identified property and a detailed accounting on the expenditure of funds resulting from such sale.

- (G) This provision is comprehensive and supersedes any conflicting provisions concerning disposition of state-owned real property whether in permanent law, temporary law or by provision elsewhere in this act.
- (H) Any unused portion of these funds may be carried forward into succeeding fiscal years and used for the same purposes.
- **93.14 DELETE** (DOA: Health Agencies Restructuring Study) Directs DOA to conduct a study on the organizational structure of agencies that provide health services in state government. Provides the requirements of the study and requires any agencies identified by the department for the study to provide all information requested and participate fully. Allows the department to contract with experts, consultants, and advisors to accomplish the study, and directs that procurements or other general state laws in conflict of these directives for these professionals shall be exempt. Directs the department to submit a final report on their findings to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30.

**WMC:** DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

93.14. (DOA: Health Agencies Restructuring Study) With the funds appropriated in Proviso 118.17, the Department of Administration shall conduct a study on the proper organizational structures of the agencies that provide health services in state government. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the current organizational structures of agencies that provide health services, a review of each agency's mission, services provided, and financial performance, and recommendations for any organizational restructuring necessary to improve health services delivery in the State, recognize operational efficiencies, and maximize resource utilization. Any agencies identified by the department as being subject to the study shall provide the department with all information requested and shall fully participate as requested and required. The department may contract with experts, consultants, and advisors including, but not limited to, accountants and attorneys, to provide consultation, advice, and other relevant services to the department in taking actions necessary to accomplish the study. Procurements by the department of any experts, consultants, and advisors including, but not limited to, accountants and attorneys, are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11, and any other provisions of the general law of this State in conflict with these directives. Procurements made by the department pursuant to this provision shall be made with as much competition as is practicable under the circumstances. The department shall submit the final report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, President of the Senate, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2024.

**93.15 DELETE** (DOA: Williston Town Hall) Redirects remaining funds appropriated to Williston City Park Multipurpose Building to Williston Town Hall.

**WMC:** DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

**93.15.** (DOA: Williston Town Hall) Funds remaining of the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19, Item (72)(z) to the Department of Administration for the Williston City Park Multipurpose Building shall be redirected to Williston Town Hall to be used for the same purpose.

**93.16 DELETE** (DOA: City of Barnwell Fire Department) Redirects remaining funds appropriated to the Barnwell Multipurpose Building to the City of Barnwell Fire Department.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

- **93.16.** (DOA: City of Barnwell Fire Department) Funds remaining of the \$2,000,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19, Item (72)(x) to the Department of Administration for the Barnwell Multipurpose Building shall be redirected to City of Barnwell Fire Department to be used for the same purpose.
- **ADD** (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow funds appropriated to SCEIS to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Requested by the Department of Administration.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

- 93.17. (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, unexpended funds appropriated for the SC Enterprise Information System may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.
- **93.18 ADD** (DOA: Health Agencies Complex) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds appropriated to DOA for the Health Agencies Complex must reside in a separate account for operation and management of the facilities and are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

- 93.18. (DOA: Health Agencies Complex) Funds appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Health Agencies Complex must be set aside in a separate account for the operation and maintenance of the facilities leased pursuant to proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023. Any unexpended portion of these funds may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.
- ADD (DOA: State Treasury Audit) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct DOA to engage an independent accounting firm to conduct an audit of all cash and investments held in the State Treasury, including any unreconciled funds managed by SCEIS and STARS. Requires the audit to provide any corrective entries and actions, along with future recommendations for procedures and controls to be implemented. Directs the auditing firm to submit a final report by December 31, and an interim report to be submitted by September 30, however, allows DOA to request an extension on the audit if deemed necessary. Requires all affected agencies to fully cooperate with DOA and the audit and supply all requested information. Directs DOA to report any agency that fails to comply. Allows the auditing firm to request any relevant information they see fit to conduct their investigation and directs the State Auditor to be involved.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

93.19. (DOA: State Treasury Audit) Of the funds appropriated pursuant to the Nonrecurring Revenue proviso for Audit Contracting, the Department of Administration must engage an independent accounting firm to conduct an audit of all cash and investments held in the State Treasury. The scope of the audit, as determined by the Department of Administration, must include, but not be limited to, all cash and investments held in the State Treasury and the reconciliation and balancing of all such cash and investments with any unreconciled fund managed by the relevant state agencies within the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) to the Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) and, to the extent possible as determined by the engaged accounting firm, to such external statements and records of financial institutions, investment firms, trustees, or any other third-party holding cash and investments on behalf of the State. In addition to the foregoing, the audit must include findings and recommendations for any corrective entries and actions necessary, along with recommendations for procedures and controls to be implemented in the future. A final report from the audit must be submitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 31, 2024, and an interim report submitted by September 30, 2024. Provided, however, upon written notice on or before December 31, 2024, the Department of Administration may in its sole discretion elect to extend the completion date of the audit if necessary. The Office of State Treasurer, the Office of Comptroller General, the Office of State Auditor, and all other agencies of the State, as may be designated by the Department of Administration, must provide their full cooperation, and make available any staff, books, records, statements, and other information, including information from all financial institutions, investment firms, trustees, or any other third-parties holding cash and investments on behalf of the State, at a time that may be required and in a form that may be prescribed by the Department of Administration in effecting the purposes of this provision. The Department of Administration shall report the failure of any agency to cooperate as required to the Governor. President of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The accounting firm engaged pursuant to this provision is authorized to request relevant information directly from any institution, firm, trustee, or third-party holding cash and investments on behalf of the State. Additionally, the State Auditor must provide technical assistance and advice to the Department of Administration in the development of the scope of the audit, managing the accounting firm, and assisting in the preparation, review, and presentation of the interim and final reports required and shall be prohibited from disclosing, unless authorized by the Department of Administration, any information related to work conducted until such time as the final report is submitted. Procurements by the Department of Administration are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11.

#### SECTION 97 - E120 - OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL

**97.6 DELETE** (CG: Annual Mapping Report) Directs the CG to provide an implementation plan to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees for creating and conducting an annual mapping report of funds for component units. Provides for the requirements of the plan.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Comptroller General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

- 97.6. (CG: Annual Mapping Report) The Comptroller General shall provide to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee an implementation plan for creating and conducting an annual mapping report of funds for component units, also known as Audited Financial Statement Agencies or "Lump Sum" Agencies, by January 1, 2024. The plan shall include a detailed list of procedural steps for compiling the report, a determination of which steps will or will not be automated within SCEIS, which accounts will or will not be included, and any other relevant information required to conduct the report.
- **DELETE** (CG: Comptroller General Account List) Directs the CG to provide a list to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees of the accounts within SCEIS that have been created by the CG staff, and if the account is included in the ACFR or not, with an explanation as to why.

**WMC:** DELETE proviso. Requested by the Comptroller General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

97.7. (CG: Comptroller General Account List) The Comptroller General shall provide a list of all accounts within SCEIS that have been created by the staff of the Comptroller General to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. The list shall include whether the account is included in the compilation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and an explanation for this condition.

#### SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

**DELETE** (ADJ: Educational Seminar Revenue) Authorizes revenue earned from educational seminars to be retained and used for the printing of materials and other related expenses to conduct the seminars.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

- **100.5.** (ADJ: Educational Seminar Revenue) All revenue earned from educational seminars shall be retained by the agency to be used for the printing of materials and other expenses related to conducting the seminars. The balance of funds shall be reported annually to the General Assembly.
- **AMEND** (ADJ: Disasters Expenditure Status Report) Requires the Emergency Management Division to prepare a quarterly report for funds appropriated in the current fiscal year or in a previous fiscal year on the status of the expenditure of "FEMA State and Local Match for 2015 Flooding" by proviso 118.16, for Hurricane Matthew, and for the Pinnacle Mountain Fire and submit the report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees beginning September 30, 2018.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to delete reference to the 2015 Flooding, Hurricane Matthew, and the Pinnacle Mountain Fire and include "all open federally declared disasters". Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**100.14.** (ADJ: Disasters Expenditure Status Report) The Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Adjutant General shall prepare a quarterly report on the status of the expenditure of the funds appropriated in the current fiscal year or in a previous fiscal year for FEMA Match for the 2015 Flooding, for Hurricane Matthew, and for the Pinnacle Mountain Fire *for all open federally declared disasters*. The quarterly report must include, but is not limited to, expenditure by category of work by state/local and by county and shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee beginning September 30, 2018.

100.16 DELETE (ADJ: Natural Disaster FEMA Match) Authorizes EMD to use existing fund balances to provide the non-federal cost share to state and local government entities for work associated with Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Florence that is eligible under FEMA Public Assistance Program; and prohibits these funds from being used to provide the non-federal cost share to private non-profits. Directs EMD to make surplus 2015 Flood disaster non-federal cost share funds available to counties and municipalities with unreimbursed non-federal cost share from 2014 Ice Storm damages and requires counties and municipalities to submit an application for the funds by 7/31/18. Allows the \$500,000 authorized by Proviso 100.21 in Act 264 of 2018, relating to the 2017 Hurricane Irma and 2014 ice storm FEMA match, for grants to non-profit entities to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Directs EMD to report grant recipients and amounts to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by 1/15/24.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

100.16. (ADJ: Natural Disaster FEMA Match) The Office of Adjutant General, Emergency Management Division shall be authorized to utilize existing fund balances to provide the non-federal cost share to state and local government entities for work that is eligible under the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program for Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Florence. Existing fund balances may not be used to provide the non-federal cost share to private non-profit entities.

The Office of Adjutant General, Emergency Management Division is directed to use existing fund balances for the 2015 Flood disaster (Presidential Disaster Declaration DR 4241) to reimburse counties and municipalities with unreimbursed non-federal cost share from the 2014 Ice Storm disaster for storm cleanup expenses incurred during and after states of emergency declared by Executive Orders 2014-06 and 2014-11 and Presidential Disaster Declaration DR 4166. Counties and municipalities must submit an application for such funds by July 31, 2018.

The \$500,000 authorized by Proviso 100.21 in Act 264 of 2018 for grants for non profit entities may be carried forward and used for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The Emergency Management Division shall prepare a report listing the name of the grant recipient and the amount received and submit the report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by January 15, 2024.

**ADD** (ADJ: South Carolina Military History Foundation Support) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the Adjutant General to authorize agency personnel to assist the Military History Foundation. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT new proviso.

- 100.22. (ADJ: South Carolina Military History Foundation Support) From the funds authorized or appropriated for State Military Department operations, the Adjutant General may authorize Agency personnel to support and assist the South Carolina Military History Foundation, a state chartered and federally recognized tax exempt 501(c)(3) association, in its missions to support the South Carolina Military Museum and to promote the education of the citizens and visitors of the State of South Carolina.
- **ADD** (ADJ: South Carolina Military History Foundation Cooperation) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the Adjutant General and the SC Military Museum Board to enter into agreements with the SC Military History Foundation. Provides for the terms and conditions of the agreements. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

- 100.23. (ADJ: SC Military History Foundation Cooperation) The Office of the Adjutant General and the South Carolina Military Museum Board may enter into agreements with the South Carolina Military History Foundation, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity organized under the laws of this State, to utilize Agency resources to generate revenue from activities at the South Carolina Military Museum or elsewhere including, but not limited to, program fees, professional services, donations, food service, exhibits, and exhibit components. The agreements must specify that the Foundation may not charge program fees to students of any South Carolina public or private elementary school, middle school, high school, home school, alternative home school, or an association for home schools who are touring the museum or accessing the Museum's programs as part of a school function. The agreements must also specify that these revenues will be segregated from the other income or revenues of the Foundation and that those revenues will be used solely to support the Museum.
- **ADD** (ADJ: STORM Act Grant Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize SCEMD to accept grant funding provided by the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act and establish and manage the load fund in accordance with the act. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

- 100.24. (ADJ: STORM Act Grant Authorization) Upon award of a federal "Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act" capitalization grant, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to accept the grant and to establish and manage the South Carolina Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Act and applicable state laws, regulations, and policies.
- **ADD** (ADJ: State Matching Funds Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow funds for Armory Operations: Other Operating Expenses to be carried forward.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

100.25. (ADJ: State Matching Funds Carry Forward) The funds appropriated for Armory Operations: Other Operating Expenses may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended for the same purpose in the current fiscal year.

#### SECTION 101 - E260 - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**ADD** (VET: Veterans' Home Fund) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to establish an interest-bearing fund to be used for operation of State Veterans Homes and states the allowed expenditures. Allows funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. Requested by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

101.4. (VET: Veterans' Home Fund) The Department of Veterans' Affairs is authorized to establish an interest-bearing fund in the State Treasury for funds appropriated or authorized for the operation of State Veterans Homes. The fund shall be used for operations, deferred maintenance, capital projects, ordinary repair, and maintenance of the State Veterans Homes and may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

#### SECTION 102 - E280 - ELECTION COMMISSION

**ADD** (ELECT: County Director Vacancy) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the executive Director to assume administration of a county board of voter registration and elections if the position of director of a county board of voter registration and elections is vacated within 60 days of an election.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

102.13. (ELECT: County Director Vacancy) With the funds appropriated to the State Election Commission, the Executive Director may assume administration of a county board of voter registration and elections if, within sixty calendar days of an election through certification of the election, the position of director of a county board of voter registration and elections is vacated. During this administrative period, the Executive Director has the authority to appoint an interim director of the county board of voter registration and elections that shall fulfill the roles, responsibilities, and duties of the position from the date of their appointment through the final certification of the election, or until a new county director is hired and trained. The Executive Director shall notify the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the members of the respective legislative delegations of an interim appointment at the time of appointment.

#### SECTION 103 - E500 - REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

**AMEND** (RFAO: SC Health & Human Services Data Warehouse) Establishes the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse within the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to ensure that health and human services agencies operations may be enhanced by coordination and integration of client information; defines client data; provides guidelines for operation of the data warehouse; and specifies agencies which are required to report client information.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to delete the reference to the Department of Health and Environmental Control and update to the Department of Public Health.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

- 103.3. (RFAO: SC Health & Human Services Data Warehouse) (A) There is hereby established within the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse. The purpose of the Warehouse is to ensure that the operation of health and human services agencies may be enhanced by coordination and integration of client information. Client data is defined as person-level data that is created, received, and/or maintained by state agencies and other entities required to report client information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office under this provision. To integrate client information, client data from health and human services state agencies will be linked to improve client outcome measures, enabling state agencies to analyze coordination and continuity of care issues. The addition of these data will enhance existing agency systems by providing client data from other state agency programs to assist in the provision of client services. Certain client information shall be delivered to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office in order to assist in the development and maintenance of this Warehouse. The following agencies shall report client information:
  - Departments of:
    - (1) Health and Human Services;
    - (2) Health and Environmental Control Public Health;
    - (3) Mental Health;
    - (4) Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services;
    - (5) Disabilities and Special Needs;
    - (6) Social Services;
    - (7) Vocational Rehabilitation;
    - (8) Education;
    - (9) Juvenile Justice;
    - (10) Corrections;
    - (11) Probation, Parole and Pardon Services;
  - Department of Children's Advocacy:
    - (1) Children's Foster Care Review Board;
    - (2) Continuum of Care;
  - Department on Aging;
  - South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind;
  - Commission for the Blind; and
  - Other entities as deemed necessary by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.
- (B) These agencies and departments shall collect and provide client data in formats and schedules to be specified by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (Office). The Office shall establish a Memorandum of Agreement with each agency, department, or division. These Memorandums of Agreement shall specify, but are not limited to, the confidentiality of client information, the conditions for the release of data that may identify agencies, departments, divisions, programs and services, or clients, any restrictions on the release of data so as to be compliant with state and federal statutes and regulations on confidentiality of data, conditions under which the data may be used for research purposes, and any security measures to be taken to insure the confidentiality of client information.
- <u>(C)</u> To ensure accountability and the coordinated, efficient delivery of health and human services, the Office shall implement, in consultation with state health and human services agencies and other entities as deemed necessary by the Office, an integrated data system that includes client data from all participating agencies.
- (<u>D</u>) In order to provide for inclusion of other entities into the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse and other research and analytic-oriented applications that will assist the state in the efficient and effective provision of services, the Office shall have the authority to enter into agreements or transactions with any federal, state or municipal agency or

other public institution or with any private individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity to provide statistical, research and information dissemination services including, but not limited to, program and outcomes evaluation, program monitoring/surveillance, projects to determine the feasibility of data collection and/or analyses, information dissemination and research. The confidentiality of data collected under these initiatives shall comply with applicable state and federal laws governing the privacy of data. The Office shall have the power to promulgate regulations, policies, and procedures, in consultation with the participating agencies, for the development, protection and operation of the Data Warehouse, other research and analytic-oriented applications, and their underlying processes.

- (E) The Office shall develop internet-accessible secure analytic query tools (such as analytic cubes) using integrated client data from the Warehouse. All agencies shall cooperate with the Office in the development of these analytic tools. It is the intent of this provision that the analytic tools developed under this provision shall be made available to members of the South Carolina General Assembly and their research staff members, state agencies, and researchers. To that end, the Office shall, in consultation with the participating agencies, promulgate regulations addressing access to and use and release of information generated through use of the query tools.
- (F) All state agencies participating in the Warehouse shall utilize it and its associated software applications in the day-to-day operation of their programs and for coordination, collaboration, program evaluation and outcomes analysis. The Department of  $\underline{Public}$  Health and  $\underline{Environmental\ Control}$  shall be exempt from usage of the integrated client management system and the analytic query tools in the day-to-day operation of their Client Automated Record and Encounter System or other electronic health record system and their South Carolina Community Assessment Network, but shall provide the Warehouse with client data from the system and network.
  - (G) No state agency shall duplicate any of the responsibilities of this provision.
- $(\underline{H})$  For purposes of this provision, all state laws, regulations, or any rule of any state agency, department, board, or commission having the effect or force of law that prohibits or is inconsistent with this provision is hereby declared inapplicable to this provision.
- **DELETE** (RFAO: Revenue Forecast) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 11-9-1130(A), relating to Board of Economic Advisors forecasts of economic conditions and adjustments to forecasts, for the current fiscal year. Requested by the Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

103.6. (RFAO: Revenue Forecast) For the current fiscal year, Section 11-9-1130(A) shall be suspended.

#### SECTION 105 - F270 - SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

AMEND (SFAA-AUD: Annual Audit of Court Fees and Fines Reports) Allows the State Auditor to contract with one or more CPA/Accounting firms to conduct a minimum of 15 audits of local jurisdictions annually, or the maximum number or audits that can be performed with \$250,000 received annually from the State Treasurer for that purpose, and report whether or not fees and fines are being properly collected and remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution to various agencies as required by statute. Prohibits these funds from being used for any other purpose. Directs any balance remaining from the \$250,000 received from the State Treasurer in the prior fiscal year to be carried forward and be used for the same purpose in the current fiscal

year. Requires the State Auditor to annually report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee its findings of the jurisdictions audited.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update amount required to be spent to conduct audits. Requested by SFAA-State Auditor's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

105.4. (SFAA-AUD: Annual Audit of Court Fees and Fines Reports) The State Auditor shall conduct a minimum of fifteen audits annually of county treasurers, municipal treasurers, county clerks of court, magistrates and/or municipal courts as required by Section 14-1-210 of the 1976 Code and allowed by Section 14-1-240; however, the State Auditor shall not be required to spend more than the annual amount of \$250,000 \$350,000, received from the State Treasurer to conduct the said audits pursuant to Section 14-1-210 of the 1976 Code. The State Auditor may contract with one or more CPA/accounting firms to conduct the required audits. The State Auditor shall consult with the State Treasurer to determine the jurisdictions to be audited in the current fiscal year. Jurisdictions may be selected randomly or based on an instance in the current or previous fiscal year of failing to report, incorrectly reporting or under remitting amounts owed. The funds transferred to the State Auditor by the State Treasurer shall not be used for any purpose other than to conduct the described audits and report whether or not the assessments, surcharges, fees, fines, forfeitures, escheatments, or other monetary penalties imposed and/or mandated are properly collected and remitted to the State. Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and must be expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year. The State Auditor shall annually report by October first, its findings of the jurisdictions audited to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

**ADD** (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow 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.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

<u>105.7.</u> (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, 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.

#### SECTION 113 - X220 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS, STATE TREASURER

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

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**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 2023-24 2024-25 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

#### SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

**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 for FY 2022-23.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**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 2023-24 2024-25, and for other purposes specifically designated.

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

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year references.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

- **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, 2023 2024, and ending June 30, 2024 2025, and "prior fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 2023, and ending June 30, 2023 2024.
- **RESTORE** (GP: FTE Management) Provides guidelines for the Executive Budget Office to monitor full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and directs that no agency may exceed the total FTEs authorized in the Appropriation Act except upon majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Directs that personal services funds in the Governor's budget recommendations must be at least 97% funded.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to allow EBO to delete non-established positions from the official record of authorized full-time equivalent positions and directs that no positions shall be established in excess of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RESTORE original proviso.

- **117.14.** (GP: FTE Management) In order to provide the necessary control over the number of employees, the Executive Budget Office is hereby directed to maintain close supervision over the number of state employees, and to require specifically the following:
- (1) That no state agency exceed the total authorized number of full-time equivalent positions and those funded from state sources as provided in each section of this act except by majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.
- (2) That the Executive Budget Office shall maintain and make, as necessary, periodic adjustments thereto, an official record of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions by agency for state and total funding sources.
- (a) That within thirty days of the passage of the Appropriation Act or by August first, whichever comes later, each agency of the State must have established on the Executive Budget Office records all positions authorized in the Act. After that date, the office shall delete any non-

<u>established positions immediately from the official record of authorized full-time equivalent positions. No positions shall be established by the office in excess of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions.</u> Each agency may, upon notification to the Executive Budget Office, change the funding source of state FTE positions established on the Executive Budget Office records as necessary to expend federal and other sources of personal service funds to conserve or stay within the state appropriated personal service funds. No agency shall change funding sources that will cause the agency to exceed the authorized number of state or total full-time equivalent positions. Each agency may transfer FTEs between programs as needed to accomplish the agency mission.

- (b) That by September thirtieth, the office shall prepare a FTE analysis, by agency, which shows the number of authorized, filled, and vacant positions by source of funds for the current and two previously completed fiscal years. The office shall provide a copy of each agency's FTE analysis to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.
- (3) That full-time equivalent (FTE) positions shall be determined under the following guidelines:
- (a) The annual work hours for each FTE shall be the agency's full-time standard annual work hours.
- (b) The state FTE shall be derived by multiplying the state percentage of budgeted funds for each position by the FTE for that position.
- (c) All institutions of higher education shall use a value of 0.75 FTE for each position determined to be full-time faculty with a duration of nine months.

The FTE method of accounting shall be utilized for all authorized positions.

- (4) That the number of positions authorized in this act shall be reduced in the following circumstances:
  - (a) Upon request by an agency.
  - (b) When anticipated federal funds are not made available.
- (c) When the Executive Budget Office, through study or analysis, becomes aware of any unjustifiable excess of positions in any state agency.
- (5) That no new permanent positions in state government shall be funded by appropriations in acts supplemental to this act but temporary positions may be so funded.
- (6) That the provisions of this section shall not apply to personnel exempt from the State Classification and Compensation Plan under item I of Section 8-11-260 of the 1976 Code.

The Governor, in making his appropriation recommendations to the Ways and Means Committee, must provide that the level of personal service appropriation recommended for each agency is at least ninety-seven percent of the funds required to meet one hundred percent of the funds needed for the full-time equivalents positions recommended by the Governor (exclusive of new positions).

117.137 AMEND (GP: Statewide Strategic Personnel Budgeting) Requires agencies to submit all human resources and personnel related budget requests to DOA's Executive Budget Office (EBO) and Division of State Human Resources (SHR) by September 1st. Directs EBO and SHR to jointly review the budget requests and submit funding recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees. Requires agencies to comply with all SHR human resources rules, regulations, standards, plans, policies and directives. Exempts the Judicial and Legislative Departments, political subdivisions and quasi-governmental bodies from these requirements.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to revise the date that budget requests are to be submitted to EBO. Requested by the Department of Administration.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

- 117.137. (GP: Statewide Strategic Personnel Budgeting) (A) To encourage consistency in human resources compensation decisions, support data driven decisions regarding expenditure of funds for personnel in state government, and improve the state's ability to recruit and retain top talent, all state agencies are directed as follows:
- (1) With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget plan submission, agencies shall submit all human resources and personnel related budget requests to the Department of Administration's Executive Budget Office and Division of State Human Resources on or before September August 1 of the current fiscal year. The Executive Budget Office and the Division of State Human Resources shall jointly review the budget requests and make recommendations for funding consideration. These funding recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.
- (2) Agencies shall comply with all human resources rules, regulations, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the Division of State Human Resources.
- (B) The Judicial Department, Legislative Department, political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies are exempt from the requirements of this provision.
- 117.168 DELETE (GP: Comptroller General Financial Accountability & Remediation Task Force) Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with DOA to conduct a study to evaluate compensation and staffing. Directs that the results of the study shall be reported to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means and the Governor by 12/1/23. Directs the recommended appropriated amount resulting from the study to be the minimum budget request and be submitted by 1/1/24. Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with the Division of State Human Resources to present a plan for salary staffing and adjustments to JBRC. Directs that EBO shall not approve transfers from office rehabilitation until the plan is presented.

**WMC:** DELETE proviso. Requested by the Comptroller General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

117.168. (GP: Comptroller General Financial Accountability & Remediation Task Force) For Fiscal Year 2023-24, with the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the Office of the Comptroller General, the Office shall work, in consultation with the Department of Administration, to conduct a study to evaluate the compensation and staffing of the Office. The study shall review all necessary components of compensation and staffing and shall recommend the required minimum appropriations needed for the operation of the Office. The results of the study shall be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor by December 1, 2023. The amount recommended shall be the minimum appropriations requested, net of any funding authorized in this proviso, for the Office by January 1, 2024.

Of the funds appropriated for office rehabilitation, the Office of the Comptroller General shall work in conjunction with the Division of State Human Resources to present a plan for salary and staffing adjustments and other operating expenses to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment. The Executive Budget Office shall not approve any transfers from office rehabilitation until the plan has been presented before the committee. Any additional FTEs necessary as part of this request shall be deemed approved upon transfer of funding.

**117.178 DELETE** (GP: Polling Location Availability) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that if a county library denies a request by the County Elections Board to use available space at the library as a polling location, then the county shall have a portion of its State Library, Aid to County

Libraries funds withheld. Directs the Executive Director of the SEC to notify the State Library and legislative delegation of any refusal.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

117.178. (GP: Polling Location Availability) A county shall have its portion of the State Library, Aid to County Libraries withheld if a county library denies a request by the respective County Elections Board to use space available for public meetings or available for rent at the county library as a polling location. County Elections Boards must report any violation to the Executive Director of the State Election Commission. The Executive Director of the State Election Commission shall notify the State Library and the members of the respective legislative delegations of any refusal.

**117.179 DELETE** (GP: Grant Matching Funds) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that state agencies must maintain an itemized list of matching funds received from the award of a grant and provide a summary of conditions that must be met to receive the grant. Direct that this information must be provided to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees within 30 days of notice of the grant.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

117.179. (GP: Grant Matching Funds) A state agency that is awarded a grant from any source shall maintain an itemized list of any matching funds the agency is providing as part of the grant. The agency shall also provide a summary of any conditions associated with an awarded grant that the agency must comply with in order to receive the grant money and any conditions on how the grant money must be spent. This information must be provided by the agency to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee within 30 days of notice of the grant award.

**117.180 DELETE** (GP: Federal Funds Oversight Committee) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to create the Federal Funds Oversight Committee to study and oversee the effectiveness of federal and other funds in creating efforts to address issues in rural and urban communities and recommend opportunities. Provides the duties and composition of the committee. Directs the House of Representative and the Senate to provide staffing. Directs the committee to provide funding recommendations to House Ways and Means and Senate Finance by 6/30/25.

**HOU:** ADOPT new proviso.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** DELETE new proviso.

117.180. (GP: Federal Funds Oversight Committee) (A) To ensure transparency and accountability of certain one-time funds, there is created a thirteen member Federal Funds Oversight Committee within state government. The committee's purpose is to study and oversee the expenditure of federal and other funds' effectiveness in creating targeted efforts to address long standing issues in certain rural and urban communities in South Carolina and recommend opportunities. The study committee shall:

(1) explore the use of tax credits, grants, and low-cost flexible loans to invest in communities and address infrastructure needs:

(2) study the effect of any federal funds utilized in this State to providing clean energy investments to communities impacted by pollution and other environmental issues;

(3) provide recommendations on securing funding to address deficiencies in housing, broadband access, and water systems in identified communities:

- (3) identify any federal funding opportunities in this State;
- (4) identify eligible infrastructure and economic development project opportunities;
- (5) assist eligible infrastructure opportunities to address deficiencies across this

#### State; and

- (6) undertake other actions necessary to carry out the purpose of the committee.
- (B) The committee shall be comprised of:
- (1) the Director of the Department of Environmental Services or his designee, who shall serve as chairman;
- (2) two members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;
- (3) two members of the Senate who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;
  - (4) the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;
  - (5) the Secretary of Commerce or his designee;
  - (6) the Secretary of Transportation or his designee;
  - (7) the Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee;
  - (8) the Director of the Office of Resiliency or his designee;
  - (9) the Director of the Housing Finance and Development Authority or his designee;
- (10) the Director of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association or his designee; and
- (11) two members appointed by the Governor with experience in the designation and implementation of Opportunity Zones.
- (C) The study committee shall work with any other appropriate entities while undertaking its assigned duties.
- (D) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide appropriate staffing for the committee:
- (E) The committee shall provide recommendations for funding to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2025, at which time the study committee must be dissolved.
- **ADD** (GP: Credit Unions) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to allow 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.
  - 117.cu. (GP: Credit Unions) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, 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.
- **ADD** (GP: Audit Support) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the State Treasurer to work with DOA to present an implementation plan to JBRC for the funds appropriated for audit support. Directs that EBO shall not approve any transfer of funds until the plan has been presented to JBRC.

117.as. (GP: Audit Support) Of the funds appropriated for Audit Support, the Office of State Treasurer shall work in conjunction with the Department of Administration to present a plan of implementation to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment. The Executive Budget Office shall not approve any transfer of funds from Audit Support until the plan has been presented to the committee.

#### SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

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

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference and submission date of input documents and electronic workflow for account payable transactions. Requested by the Comptroller General's Office.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

**SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

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, 2024 2025. 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 12, 2024 July 14, 2025. 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 appropriations were provided, the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided.

**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, 2023, to transfer from the General Fund any funds identified in this act designated for the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. Directs that the fund may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law and authorizes these funds to be retained, carried forward, and used for the same purpose.

**WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

**HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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, 2023 2024, 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.arp ADD** (SR: American Rescue Plan Act Reauthorizations) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso authorize the State to reallocate any unused ARPA funds to ensure compliance with the current and future expenditure timelines. Requires all reauthorizations to be reported.

118.arp. (SR: American Rescue Plan Act Reauthorizations) To ensure the State of South Carolina maximizes the use of federal funds authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Director of the Executive Budget Office is authorized to reallocate any unused authorization in a particular enumerated item in Act 244 of 2022 and Act 6 of 2023 to any of the enumerated items in the aforementioned Acts. Any reauthorizations shall only be done to ensure the state maintains compliance with all current and future obligation and expenditure timelines issued by the United States Department of Treasury. Any reauthorizations made by the Executive Budget Office pursuant to this section shall be reported to the Governor, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.