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SECTION 3 - H660 - LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

3.5 DELETE (LEA: FY 2024-25 Lottery Funding) Directs expenditure of lottery funds for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~3.5. (LEA: FY 2024-25 Lottery Funding) There is appropriated from the Education Lottery Account for the following education purposes and programs and funds for these programs and purposes shall be transferred by the Executive Budget Office as directed below. These appropriations must be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for education. For cash flow purposes, the Executive Budget Office may facilitate limited transfers from the general deposits of the state for the exclusive purpose of ensuring the timely distribution of scholarships and tuition assistance payments as provided below. Any use of this transfer allowance must include full reimbursement from the Education Lottery Account to the general deposit accounts of the state prior to the close of the fiscal year.~~

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

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

~~For Fiscal Year 2024-25, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2022-23 certified surplus, and Fiscal Year 2023-24 projected surplus and undesignated fund balance are appropriated as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Commission on Higher Education – LIFE Scholarships as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59 \$ 210,341,233;~~
- ~~(2) Commission on Higher Education – HOPE Scholarships as provided in Section 59-150-370..... \$ 12,113,310;~~
- ~~(3) Commission on Higher Education – Palmetto Fellows Scholarships as provided in Section 59-104-20 \$ 63,259,863;~~
- ~~(4) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – Tuition Assistance..... \$ 51,100,000;~~
- ~~(5) Commission on Higher Education – Need Based Grants \$ 80,000,000;~~
- ~~(6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission – Tuition Grants.... \$ 20,000,000;~~
- ~~(7) Commission on Higher Education – SC National Guard College Assistance Program as provided in Section 59-111-75..... \$ 6,200,000;~~
- ~~(8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship..... \$ 78,651,047;~~
- ~~(9) South Carolina State University \$ 2,500,000;~~
- ~~(10) Commission on Higher Education – Nursing Initiative..... \$ 10,000,000;~~
- ~~(11) Commission on Higher Education – PASCAL..... \$ 1,500,000;~~
- ~~(12) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – readySC..... \$ 5,000,000.~~

~~For Fiscal Year 2024-25, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services \$ 100,000;~~
- ~~Gambling Addiction Services \$ 100,000;~~

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~~(2) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—South Carolina Workforce Industry~~

~~Needs Scholarship.....\$ 15,348,953;~~

~~(3) Instructional Materials.....\$ 1;~~

~~(4) Commission on Higher Education—College Transition Program~~

~~Scholarships.....\$ 3,551,046;~~

~~and~~

~~(5) Commission on Higher Education—Newberry College Dyslexia~~

~~Program.....\$ 1,000,000.~~

~~Any unclaimed prize funds available in excess of the Board of Economic Advisors estimate of \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated as follows:~~

~~Department of Education—School Bus Purchase.....\$All remaining.~~

~~For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the cash balance of lottery funds on hand at the Commission on Higher Education at the end of Fiscal Year 2022-23 are appropriated as follows:~~

~~(1) Clemson University—Student Experiential Learning.....\$ 4,500,000;~~

~~(2) University of South Carolina System—Carolina Internship Pilot~~

~~Program.....\$ 4,500,000;~~

~~(3) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—~~

~~High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment.....\$ 25,000,000;~~

~~(4) Department of Education—School Bus Purchase.....\$ 28,299,999;~~

~~(5) Department of Education—Instructional Materials.....\$ 35,000,000;~~

~~(6) Commission on Higher Education—Higher Education~~

~~Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP).....\$ 9,000,000;~~

~~(7) Graduate Medical Education.....\$ 1;~~

~~(8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive~~

~~Education—Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities~~

~~Pilot Program.....\$ 700,000;~~

~~(9) Commission on Higher Education—Technology—Public~~

~~Four Year, Two Year, and State Technical Colleges.....\$ 8,000,000;~~

~~and~~

~~(10) Department of Education—Teacher Strategic Compensation~~

~~Pilot Program.....\$ 5,000,000.~~

~~If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2024-25 is less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.~~

~~Fiscal Year 2024-25 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided in Section 59-150-360. Annually, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.~~

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

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

~~Fiscal Year 2024-25 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for Fiscal Year 2024-25 are fully funded.~~

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~~If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2024-25 certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2023-24 projected surplus, and Fiscal Year 2022-23 certified surplus and the undesignated fund balance are less than the amounts appropriated, the Executive Budget Office is authorized to use surplus lottery proceeds accumulated in the lottery account from previous fiscal years to fully fund appropriations from the lottery authorized by the General Assembly. If a revenue shortfall still exists once the fund balance has been exhausted, then the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro-rata basis, except that a reduction must not be applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.~~

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

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for College Transition Scholarships, the commission shall provide scholarships to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established College Transition Program (CTP) that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The commission, in consultation with the CTPs, shall develop guidelines establishing scholarship eligibility, retention, and/or renewal requirements in accordance with this paragraph. Scholarships shall be awarded to each South Carolina resident student enrolled in an established public CTP in an amount of at least \$2,500 per semester, not to exceed \$10,000 per academic year (including summer semester), and no student may receive a scholarship for more than eight semesters in total. In addition, the limitations of Proviso 11.10 notwithstanding, individual CTPs shall have the discretion to allocate a portion of their aggregate funding provided pursuant to this provision for need-based grants to eligible students. This discretion is allowable only to the extent that the funding for need-based grants for eligible CTP students provided pursuant to Proviso 11.10 has first been fully exhausted. The commission, in cooperation with the CTPs, shall collect and report the number of scholarship recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. The commission shall provide this report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than September 30. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and used for the same purpose, except that up to \$250,000 may be used by the CTP consortium (known as The South Carolina Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium) to be used collaboratively by the consortium to promote better awareness of CTP programs statewide as an option for youth with intellectual disabilities after high school through dedicated support for activities such as, but not necessarily limited to, student recruitment, development and maintenance of a consortium website and associated materials, and the provision of strategic informational events for prospective students and families across the State.~~

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for Need-Based Grants, public colleges and universities must submit requests to carry forward Need-Based Grants to the Commission on Higher Education by June 30, 2025, and final invoices for Need-based Grants by a date determined by the commission. For Fiscal Year 2024-25, all eligible students must be awarded up to the maximum allowable amount prior to any Need-Based Grant funds being carried forward. Funds only shall be carried forward if all eligible Need-based Grant students at the public colleges and universities are fully funded with financial aid that does not require student repayment. Funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2024-25 must be distributed in the same academic year.~~

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for the Nursing Initiative, the commission shall use the funds to address the nursing shortage. Funds shall be allocated~~

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~~accordingly to the state's public colleges and universities, including technical colleges and two-year institutions of the University of South Carolina, that have accredited nursing programs accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. For purposes of this provision, two-year institutions of the University of South Carolina System shall be eligible if their programs are accredited by and/or through the accreditation of a comprehensive or research institution within the University of South Carolina system. The first \$5 million shall be used to provide bonuses or supplement the salaries of existing full time faculty and the hourly rates of part time faculty, or the salaries of clinical nursing faculty, which includes adjunct faculty. The funds shall be allocated to each public college or university, including technical colleges, based on the number of students enrolled in nursing programs as defined by the Commission on Higher Education. The second five million shall be used to provide tuition reimbursement or scholarships for students enrolled in regionally accredited, not for profit, South Carolina based, public and private institution's graduate level Master of Science (MSN) programs, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Ph.D., or other like programs appropriate to prepare individuals for faculty roles. The recipient must agree to assume a faculty role in a public South Carolina nursing program after graduation for a minimum of two years for each year they receive the scholarship. Annually by February 1, the Commission shall report on the Nursing Initiative, at a minimum, the following: (1) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships; (2) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships subsequently hired as faculty; (3) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships not hired as faculty; (4) amount of funding allocated to each institution with eligible nursing programs; (5) expenditures and encumbrances of Nursing Initiative funds for eligible faculty for each program; and (6) retention rates, new hires and vacancies for full time, part time (including adjunct), and clinical faculty for each eligible program. The Commission may also request institutions to provide other information related to nursing workforce development. This report shall be submitted to the House Education and Public Works Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.~~

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for institutions of higher learning entitled "Technology Public Four Year Institutions, Two Year Institutions, and State Technical Colleges," (Technology), the commission shall allocate the realized funds on a proportional basis as follows:~~

(1) The Citadel.....	\$ 336,141;
(2) University of Charleston.....	\$ 704,188;
(3) Coastal Carolina University.....	\$ 699,612;
(4) Francis Marion University.....	\$ 320,888;
(5) Lander University.....	\$ 341,677;
(6) South Carolina State University.....	\$ 262,080;
(7) USC Aiken Campus.....	\$ 310,494;
(8) USC Upstate.....	\$ 394,951;
(9) USC Beaufort Campus.....	\$ 240,556;
(10) USC Lancaster Campus.....	\$ 131,927;
(11) USC Salkehatchie Campus.....	\$ 98,932;
(12) USC Sumter Campus.....	\$ 116,052;
(13) USC Union Campus.....	\$ 109,659;
(14) Winthrop University.....	\$ 389,413;

~~and~~

(15) State Technical Colleges and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.....	\$ 3,543,430.
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~~Each institution shall use the amount appropriated only for technology repair and related technology maintenance and/or upgrades that are necessary to support an institution's educational purpose.~~

~~Prior to the utilization of these funds, institutions must certify to the Commission on Higher Education, in a manner it prescribes, the extent to which they have met this requirement.~~

~~Not later than one hundred twenty days after the close of the fiscal year, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee regarding the utilization of this provision.~~

~~Funds not expended in the prior fiscal year may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purpose, subject to certification from the Commission on Higher Education that they continue to meet the requirement of this provision.~~

- 3.6** **ADD** (LEA: Ticket Sales) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the use of cash or debit card to purchase lottery game tickets.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

3.6. (LEA: Ticket Sales) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the sale of lottery game tickets can be made in cash or by debit card payment.

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- 11.6.** **AMEND** (CHE: Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth) Provides for the distribution of up to \$100,000 of available need based grants funds to foster youth in the custody of DSS who are attending a higher education institutions in the state.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update funding amounts.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

11.6. (CHE: Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth) For the current academic year, youth in the custody of the Department of Social Services and attending a higher education institution in South Carolina are eligible for additional need-based grants funding of up to ~~\$2,000~~ \$3,500 above the ~~\$3,500~~ annual maximum. Foster youth must apply for these funds no later than May first, of the preceding year. All other grants, both state and federal, for which these foster youth are eligible must be applied first to the cost of attendance prior to using the additional need-based grant funding. If the cost of attendance for a foster youth is met with other grants and scholarships, then no additional need-based grant may be used. The Department of Social Services, in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education will track the numbers of recipients of this additional need-based grant to determine its effectiveness in encouraging more foster youth to pursue a secondary education. No more than ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000 may be expended from currently appropriated need-based grants funding for this additional assistance.

- 11.17** **AMEND** (CHE: Prohibition on Discriminatory Practices) Directs CHE to print and distribute the definition of anti-Semitism to all SC public colleges and universities and provide the detailed definition of anti-Semitism for this purpose. Directs SC public colleges and universities to take the definition into consideration when deciding whether there has been a violation of policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion. Directs that this provision does not violate anyone's First Amendment rights provided in the U.S. and S.C. Constitutions.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement to print for distribution the definition of anti-Semitism. Requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

11.17. (CHE: Prohibition of Discriminatory Practices) (A) In the current fiscal year and from the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education, the commission shall ~~print and~~ distribute to all South Carolina public colleges and universities the definition of anti-Semitism.

(B) For purposes of this proviso, the term “definition of anti-Semitism” includes:

(1) a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;

(2) calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews;

(3) making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective;

(4) accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jews;

(5) accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust;

(6) accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations;

(7) using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism to characterize Israel or Israelis;

(8) drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis;

(9) blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions;

(10) applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation;

(11) multilateral organizations focusing on Israel only for peace or human rights investigations; and

(12) denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist, provided, however, that criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.

(C) South Carolina public colleges and universities shall take into consideration the definition of anti-Semitism for purposes of determining whether the alleged practice was motivated by anti-Semitic intent when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of a college or university policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion.

(D) Nothing in this proviso may be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or Section 2, Article I of the South Carolina Constitution, 1895.

11.18 (CHE: Institutes of Innovation and Information) Allows CHE to utilize funds appropriated for the Institutes of Innovation and Information to provide supportive services of the Institutes. Directs that the commission shall establish a separate fund to receive private donations for the program. Requires each institution to submit a final report to the commission by March 1st and provides for the report requirements, and directs that information be reported by the commission to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee by March

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15th. Allows the Executive Director of the commission to order an audit on any participating institution as necessary.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

11.18. (CHE: Institutes of Innovation and Information) ~~(A) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for the Institutes of Innovation and Information (Institutes), the commission may provide administrative services oversight, consulting, technical assistance, and other services in support of the Institutes. The commission shall also establish a separate and distinct fund and/or nonprofit foundation to receive private donations on behalf of the program. This fund shall retain its interest earnings.~~

~~(B) For accountability purposes, by March first, each institution shall submit a final report to the Commission on Higher Education that details the Institutes: (a) final expenditures and any remaining funds in the operating budget; (b) achieved goals and the timeline detailing when the goals were achieved; and (c) specific measures demonstrating success in implementing and meeting the stated goals. By March fifteenth, the Commission on Higher Education shall report this information to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.~~

~~(C) The Executive Director of the commission shall order an audit of any participating institution's Institutes of Innovation and Information program activities and expenditures as he deems necessary.~~

11.19 CONFORM TO FUNDING/DELETE (CHE: Battelle Alliance at Savannah River National Lab) Directs 20% of the funds appropriated for the Battelle Alliance to be allocated to South Carolina State, 40% shall be allocated to USC, and 40% shall be allocated to Clemson University. Requires the funds to be expended collaboratively to conduct research and develop workforce training programs to fill engineering, science, research, and management positions. Requires the universities to submit a plan and timeline to CHE and its Board of Commissioners on how the funds will be utilized to further the mission prior to receiving any funds, and requires the plan to be reviewed by Battelle. Requires the plan to also be submitted to JBRC and SFAA for approval before funds can be allocated or expended. States that if the plan is not approved by June 30 by all entities, the funds must be remitted back to the general fund.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

11.19. (CHE: Battelle Alliance at Savannah River National Lab) ~~Of the funds appropriated for the Battelle Alliance, twenty percent shall be allocated to South Carolina State University, forty percent to the University of South Carolina, and forty percent to Clemson University. The funds must be expended collaboratively to conduct research partnerships and develop workforce training programs designed to fill engineering, science, research, and management positions. The three universities shall provide the Battelle Alliance with accredited academic personnel, intellectual capital, and resources necessary to build out research capabilities and programs.~~

~~Prior to the allocation or expenditure of any funds, the three universities shall collaborate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education a comprehensive plan and timeline for how the funds will be utilized to further the mission and support of the Savannah River National Lab. The plan also must be reviewed by Battelle for alignment with laboratory missions and university goals. This collaborative plan must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education and approved by its Board of Commissioners. After approval of the plan, the commission shall submit the plan to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment and to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority for approval before any funds can be allocated or expended. If the plan~~

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is not approved by June 30, 2024 by the Commission on Higher Education, Joint Bond Review Committee, and State Fiscal Accountability Authority, all funds must then be remitted back to the general fund of the state. Funds allocated for this purpose shall not be transferred or utilized for any other purpose.

- 11.22** **ADD** (CHE: HEEEP Audit) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require CHE to conduct an audit on the HEEEP expenditures by September 1 and provide a result of the audit to the Chairmen of WMC and SFC by November 1.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

11.22. (CHE: HEEEP Audit) The Commission on Higher Education shall conduct an annual audit of the Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) expenditures from all receiving institutions. This audit must be completed by September first of the current fiscal year. The commission shall provide a report of the results of the audit to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by November first of the current fiscal year.

- 11.23** **ADD** (CHE: Review of Tuition Mitigation Calculations) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require CHE to review the calculation of tuition mitigation funding in collaboration with public research institutions, four-year public institutions, and systems of higher education, and report their findings by October 1.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

11.23. (CHE: Review of Tuition Mitigation Calculations) The Commission on Higher Education shall review the calculation of tuition mitigation funding to public institutions of higher education. The commission shall collaborate with representatives from each of South Carolina's public research institutions, four-year public institutions, and systems of higher education and report on suggested recommendations to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2025.

SECTION 19 – H240 – SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

- 19.1** **AMEND** (SCSU: ~~Truth Hall and Green Student Center~~ Facilities Maintenance, Repair, and Renovation) Allows carried forward and appropriated funds for the purpose of maintenance, repairs, and renovations to be expended on Truth Hall and Green Student Center. Allows funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purposes.

WMC: AMEND proviso to include Turner Hall, Whittaker Library, and Nance Hall in the authorized maintenance, repairs, and renovations with carried forward funds.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

19.1. (SCSU: ~~Truth Hall and Green Student Center~~ Facilities Maintenance, Repair, and Renovation) Any appropriations carried forward from prior fiscal years or received in the current fiscal year by South Carolina State University for maintenance, repairs, and renovations may be expended on Truth Hall and Green Student Center, Turner Hall, Whittaker Library, and Nance Hall. Any excess funds may be carried forward by the University and expended for the same purposes.

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- 19.2 CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD** (SCSU: Loan Forgiveness) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that the balance and all interest and costs associated with the loan issued to SCSU is forgiven.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

19.2. (SCSU: Loan Forgiveness) The principal balance and all associated interest and costs of the South Carolina Budget Control Board Operating Loan issued to South Carolina State University in 2015 are hereby forgiven.

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 20.3 AMEND** (USC: South Carolina Children's Advocacy Medical Response System) Establishes the minimum level of funding for the South Carolina Children's Advocacy Medical Response System at \$3,200,000 and prohibits USC from reducing the funds by more than a proportional amount of any mid-year or base reductions.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND proviso to update the name of the network.

20.3. (USC: South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network) Of the funds appropriated to the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, not less than \$3,200,000 shall be expended for the South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network. In addition, when instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds by a certain percentage, the university may not reduce the funds for the South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network greater than such stipulated percentage.

SECTION 25 - H590 - STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

- 25.7 DELETE** (TEC: York Fund Repurpose) Redirects funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022 for the Board for the York Technical College Baxter Hood Center to be used for the York Technical College Health Science Building. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward for the same purposes.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

25.7. (TEC: York Fund Repurpose) ~~The \$28,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 239 of 2022, by proviso 118.19, Item (27)(y) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the York Technical College Baxter Hood Center shall be redirected to be used for York Technical College Health Science Building. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.~~

- 25.9 DELETE** (TEC: Denmark Technical Funds) Allows Denmark Tech to transfer funds from maintenance, renovation, and replacement appropriations to cover academic and workforce programmatic needs. Directs the President of the college to develop and implement a budget stabilization plan that must be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Way and Means Committee and members of the legislative delegation serving the college's service area by 9/1/24.

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SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE proviso.

~~25.9. (TEC: Denmark Technical Funds) Denmark Technical College is approved to transfer \$2,200,000 of the \$8,751,259 balance from maintenance, renovation, and replacement appropriations to cover academic and workforce programmatic needs. From the approved funds, the Denmark Technical College President shall, under the direction and advice of the State Technical College Board, the State Division of Human Resources, and the State Executive Budget Office, develop and implement a budget stabilization plan to ensure that Denmark Technical College's recurring expenses align with recurring state appropriations. The plan must include, but is not limited to, identification of administrative services and auxiliary operations to be shared with other technical colleges and may include a reduction in force which, upon approval of the State Division of Human Resources, is authorized by this provision. The plan must be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and to all members of the legislative delegation serving in the Denmark Technical College service area no later than September 1, 2024.~~

25.10 CONFORM TO FUNDING/AMEND NEW PROVISO (TEC: Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to create a public awareness campaign to promote understanding of the opportunities in manufacturing and related industries in SC. Provides the requirements of the funds and allows the funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING/AMEND new proviso to update the name of the program and delete references to using funds to hire a public relations agency and employing additional personnel.

~~25.10. (TEC: Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Make It In SC Public Awareness Campaign SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative, and in collaboration and consultation with trade associations representing manufacturing, the State Board shall develop, deploy, and manage a multi-year public awareness campaign to ensure that parents, students, and educators understand employment opportunities, workplace environments, and careers in manufacturing and related industries in South Carolina. Related industries include, but are not limited to, transportation, distribution, logistics, warehousing, construction, and information technology. Funds must be used to create, deploy, and otherwise develop and manage the awareness campaign, including, but not limited to, hiring a public relations agency and employing additional personnel. Unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.~~

25.11 DELETE (TEC: Emergency Medical Personnel) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to provide \$500,000 of the SCWINS appropriation to the SC EMS Association Foundation for scholarships for adults completing EMT, AEMT, and paramedic courses. Requires the association to provide a report by June 30 on the scholarship program.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

~~25.11. (TEC: Emergency Medical Personnel) Of the funds appropriated for South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS), the State Board shall provide the South Carolina EMS Association Foundation \$500,000 to fund scholarships for adults completing EMT, AEMT, and paramedic courses. The South Carolina EMS Association shall provide a~~

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~~report not later than June 30 on the number of individuals receiving scholarships, the number of courses completed, and certifications earned.~~

- 25.dtc** **ADD** (TEC: Denmark Technical College) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the State Technical College Board to provide quarterly reports on the financial health and budgetary status of Denmark Technical College, using information supplied by the college. Directs that these reports must be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee and all members of the legislative delegation for the college's service area.

***25.dtc.** (TEC: Denmark Technical College) Of the funds appropriated to the State Technical College Board for Denmark Technical College, the board shall report quarterly on the financial health and budgetary condition of the college. The college shall supply all relevant information requested by the board to fulfill these reporting requirements. The quarterly reports must be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and to all members of the legislative delegation serving in the Denmark Technical College service area.*

- 25.de** **CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD** (TEC: Dual Enrollment) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD new proviso to direct that the State Technical College Board is required to ensure that technical colleges certify dual enrollment courses are free for students taking at least six credit hours per semester. Colleges that do not certify this will not receive funding for dual enrollment.

***25.de.** (TEC: Dual Enrollment) Of the funds appropriated to the State Technical College Board for dual enrollment, the board shall adopt policies that require each technical college to certify that there shall be no cost to students for dual enrollment courses, as long as the student is enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours per semester. Technical colleges that fail to make this certification shall be ineligible for dual enrollment funding.*

SECTION 83 - R600 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

- 83.7** **CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD** (DEW: Systemic Study of Higher Education) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DEW to use appropriated funds to contract state and national experts for a study assessing whether South Carolina's public higher education system and degree programs align with the state's current and future workforce needs. The study will analyze enrollment trends, campus space utilization, graduation rates, workforce alignment, system efficiency, and barriers to degree attainment, including cost comparisons with regional states. Directs public institutions of higher education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical College System to collaborate by providing data. Directs that DEW's procurement of experts is exempt from standard state purchasing procedures, though competition should be maximized. Directs that a final report is due by June 30, 2026 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, with a possible six-month extension upon approval.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

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83.7. (DEW: Systemic Study of Higher Education) (A) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW), DEW will contract with state and national experts, consultants, and advisors for a study that will determine if South Carolina's public higher education system and the postsecondary degree programs provided are meeting the current and future workforce needs of the State. The study shall address, but not be limited to, the following topics and analysis: (1) analysis of the impact of the declining birth rate on the current and future enrollment trends in public higher education from state and regional perspectives; (2) assessment of the utilization of existing physical space/buildings on existing campuses and projections of additional capital projects needed given enrollment trends and utilization of virtual technologies; (3) analysis of the graduation rates and credentials and diplomas earned in public higher education institutions compared to the workforce needs of the State; (4) recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our public higher education system; and (5) identification of barriers that prevent citizens from earning a postsecondary degree or credential, which must include an analysis of the cost of a postsecondary degree or credential compared to other states in our region. The thirty-three public institutions of higher education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the South Carolina Technical College System will collaborate with and provide data as requested by DEW.

(B) Procurements by DEW 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 DEW pursuant to this provision shall be made with as much competition as is practicable under the circumstances. DEW 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, 2026. In the event that DEW needs an extension of up to six months, the extension can be granted upon the approval of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.90 RESTORE (GP: USC Greenville Medical School) States the intent of the General Assembly to not appropriate general funds for the new medical school at USC Greenville during the current fiscal year and limits the amount and type of funds that may be transferred from USC to the new medical school.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the University of South Carolina.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RESTORE original proviso.

117.90. (GP: USC Greenville Medical School) It is the intent of the General Assembly that during the current fiscal year, no general funds shall be appropriated for the new medical school at the University of South Carolina in Greenville. In addition, no state funds may be transferred from state earmarked or restricted funds held by the University of South Carolina to the medical school except for grants, contributions, contractual payments, and tuition and required fees for students attending the new medical school at the University of South Carolina in Greenville that are specifically designated for the medical school at the University of South Carolina in Greenville.

117.130 DELETE (GP: Diverse Student Recruitment and Retention) Directs higher education institutions to use a portion of their appropriated or authorized funds to develop enrollment and

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retention programs to promote diversity in student population, to include African Americans, Hispanics, and other underrepresented minorities. Directs the institutions to report to CHE on the effectiveness of these programs and for CHE to include this information in their annual report.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

117.130. (GP: Diverse Student Recruitment and Retention) ~~Institutions of higher learning shall utilize a portion of the funds appropriated to or authorized for the institution to develop enrollment and retention programs to promote diversity in their student population, to include African Americans, Hispanics and other underrepresented minorities. Institutions are directed to report the effectiveness of these enrollment and retention programs to the Commission on Higher Education for inclusion in their annual report.~~

117.140 AMEND (GP: National Guard College Assistance Program) Allows members of the SC National Guard to qualify for college assistance program grants when taking more than one hundred thirty semester hours or related quarter hours. Allows service members to receive \$22,000 in grants to cover 100% of college tuition and fees. Directs that service members shall be required to meet all other requirements.

WMC: AMEND proviso to deletes \$22,000 grant money that can be received and allows members to receive college assistance benefits up to an amount equal to 100% of tuition and fees not to exceed \$12,000 for the year. Directs that the lifetime maximum shall not exceed \$25,000. Allows members to complete the FAFSA to receive eligible scholarships and grants. Requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND further to delete the allowance of members to complete the FAFSA to receive eligible scholarships and grants.

117.140. (GP: National Guard College Assistance Program) For the current fiscal year, a member of the SC National Guard may qualify for college assistance program grants for more than one hundred thirty semester hours or related quarter hours. Additionally, service members may receive ~~a total of twenty-two thousand dollars in total grants to cover~~ college assistance program benefits up to an amount equal to one hundred percent of college tuition and fees not to exceed twelve thousand dollars for the academic year. The lifetime maximum amount received shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. Tuition and fees are defined as the amount charged for registering for credit hours of instruction, costs of textbooks, and other fees and charges associated with attendance at an eligible institution. Service members shall be required to meet all other requirements. ~~Service members may complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive all eligible federal and state scholarships and grants.~~

117.152 CONFORM TO FUNDING/AMEND (GP: In-State Tuition Mitigation) States that specific recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher education to mitigate tuition and mandatory fee increases. Requires institutions, in order to retain these funds, to certify to CHE by August 15, 2023, that, except for tuition increases due to required pension and state health plan increases, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2023-24 academic year. Directs any institution proposing a mandatory fee increase to include an analysis of the necessity of the increase. Directs CHE to develop a certification process and requires any institution that is unable to provide the certification to remit their recurring allocation listed in this provision to the General Fund by September 15, 2024. Directs CHE, by November 1, 2024, to report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees and to EBO the

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institutions that did not meet the certification requirement and directs EBO to reduce the recurring appropriation for non-compliant institutions.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update tuition mitigation amounts. Directs that there will be no undergraduate tuition or mandatory fee increase on in-state continuing students. Updates calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING/AMEND further to restore the exclusion of increases in auxiliary fees and add athletic fees. Deletes reference to student activity fees regarding E&G activities.

117.152. (GP: In-State Tuition Mitigation) (A) The following recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher learning to mitigate tuition and fee increases for in-state undergraduate students:

(1) The Citadel	\$ 2,667,821 <u>3,081,444</u> ;
(2) Clemson University	\$ 12,692,729 <u>10,196,972</u> ;
(3) University of Charleston	\$ 3,984,195 <u>2,752,554</u> ;
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$ 3,057,122 <u>2,456,003</u> ;
(5) Francis Marion University	\$ 2,850,186 <u>2,289,757</u> ;
(6) Lander University	\$ 2,638,877 <u>2,119,998</u> ;
(7) South Carolina State University	\$ 2,293,851 <u>1,842,814</u> ;
(8) University of South Carolina-Columbia	\$ 15,480,000 <u>12,436,186</u> ;
(9) University of South Carolina-Aiken	\$ 2,940,000 <u>2,361,911</u> ;
(10) University of South Carolina-Upstate	\$ 3,300,000 <u>3,173,940</u> ;
(11) University of South Carolina-Beaufort	\$ 1,341,312 <u>1,077,571</u> ;
(12) University of South Carolina-Lancaster	\$ 756,180 <u>597,278</u> ;
(13) University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie	\$ 512,832 <u>411,995</u> ;
(14) University of South Carolina-Sumter	\$ 855,000 <u>686,882</u> ;
(15) University of South Carolina-Union	\$ 757,402 <u>608,475</u> ;
(16) Winthrop University	\$ 2,564,926 <u>2,330,588</u> ;

and

(17) Medical University of South Carolina	\$ 9,500,000 <u>4,809,000</u> .
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(B) In order to retain the above appropriations, each institution of higher learning listed above must certify to the Commission on Higher Education by August 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, there is no ~~in-state~~ undergraduate tuition or ~~in-state undergraduate~~ mandatory fee increase, ~~excluding increases in auxiliary fees, for the 2024-25 academic year on in-state continuing students, excluding increases in student activity fees, health and wellness fees, and other auxiliary fees, including athletic fees, for the 2025-26 academic year. For purposes of this subsection, a continuing student is defined as a student currently enrolled who was also enrolled in the previous regular semester (fall or spring). Student activity fees includes both dedicated non-E&G fees as well as student activity fees supporting E&G activities.~~

(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall develop the process by which institutions provide the certification. Certification of any institution proposing an in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase must include analysis as to the necessity of the increase and all cost savings measures that have been undertaken to minimize them. Any institution unable to provide such certification to the commission shall remit their respective above recurring allocation to the General Fund by September 15, ~~2024~~ 2025.

(D) By November 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Executive Budget Office the institutions that failed to certify that the in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase met the guidelines outlined in this provision. The

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Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.

- 117.192 ADD** (GP: Mandatory Health Insurance) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to prohibit public colleges and universities, including technical colleges, from using state funds to require undergraduate domestic students to have health insurance for application or enrollment in the current fiscal year. These institutions must update or create policies to avoid mandating insurance, prevent automatic enrollment in insurance plans without student consent, and refrain from charging fees for non-participation.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

117.192. (GP: Mandatory Health Insurance) In the current fiscal year, public colleges and universities, including public technical colleges, shall not expend any state appropriated funds to mandate or require undergraduate domestic students to have health insurance as a condition of application or enrollment. The institutions shall revise or adopt policies to prevent such mandate or requirement, and shall not automatically enroll undergraduate domestic students in any health insurance plan or program without the student's prior authorization and consent, or charge or assess a fee for not participating or enrolling in any such plan or program.

- 117.194 ADD** (GP: Educational Scholarships for In-State Students) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that institutions of higher learning may offer up to an additional 4% of educational fee waivers to benefit undergraduate in-state students.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

117.194. (GP: Educational Scholarships for In-State Students) For the current fiscal year, institutions of higher learning may offer up to, but may not exceed, an additional four percent of educational fee waivers, provided that additional waivers, if any, are limited exclusively to the benefit of undergraduate South Carolina in-state students.

- 117.icr CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD** (GP: Indirect Cost Recovery) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** CONFORM TO FUNDING/ADD new proviso to direct that the collection of indirect cost recovery from teaching and training grants awarded to universities and colleges is suspended. Directs that the funds will be retained by the institutions for all grants in the teaching and training categories.

117.icr. (GP: Indirect Cost Recovery) For the current fiscal year, the collection of indirect cost recovery from teaching and training grants awarded to universities and colleges in South Carolina is suspended. This suspension shall apply to all grants that fall under the teaching and training categories, and these funds shall be retained by the institutions.

- 117.dtp ADD** (GP: Dependent and Spouse Tuition Pilot Program) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to create a pilot program to allow public institutions of higher education to provide financial assistance for educational expenses to the spouses and dependent children of their permanent faculty and staff. Requires an interim and a final report to be submitted to the Chairmen of SFC, Senate Education, WMC, and House Education Committees on the success of the program.

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117.dtp. (GP: Dependent and Spouse Tuition Pilot Program) Of the funds appropriated to the state's public institutions of higher education, these institutions are authorized to pilot a program to provide assistance for educational expenses, including the payment, reimbursement, or remission of tuition or fees, to the spouses and dependent children of their permanent faculty and staff. The assistance authorized by this provision is not considered a perquisite of office or employment. An interim report shall be provided by each institution of higher education that pilots this program to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee by February 1, 2026, on the implementation, parameters, and effectiveness of the pilot program. A final report shall be provided to the same chairmen and committees by June 30, 2026 detailing the final findings on the implementation, parameters, and effectiveness of the program.