

AMENDMENT: 1

Senator Hembree

1A.35. (SDE-EIA: EOC Partnerships for Innovation) Of the funds appropriated or carried forward from the prior fiscal year, the Education Oversight Committee is directed to participate in public-private partnerships to promote innovative ways to transform the assessment of public education in South Carolina that support increased student achievement in reading, *mathematics*, and college and career readiness. The Education Oversight Committee may provide financial support to districts and to public-private partnerships for planning and support to implement, sustain and evaluate the innovation and to develop a matrix and measurements of student academic success based on evidence-based models. ~~These funds may also be used to support the innovative delivery of science, technology, and genetic education and exposure to career opportunities in science, including mobile science laboratory programs, to students enrolled in the Abbeville equity school districts and students in high poverty schools. These funds may also focus on creating public-private literacy partnerships utilizing a 2:1 matching funds provision when the initiative employs research-based methods, has demonstrated success in increasing reading proficiency of struggling readers, and works directly with high poverty schools and districts. The committee will work to expand the engagement of stakeholders including state agencies and boards like the Educational Television Commission, businesses, and higher education institutions. The committee shall annually report to the General Assembly on the measurement results.~~

AMENDMENT: 2

Senator Hembree

1.estf. (SDE: Education Scholarship Trust Fund Assessment)
(A) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for the administration of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund Assessment (ESTF) program, \$250,000 must be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) for collection and reporting of data from education service providers and parents of students participating in the ESTF program. Approved education service providers who provide full-time academic instruction shall provide assessment results directly to the EOC. The EOC shall:

(1)ensure compliance with all student privacy laws;

(2)collect all test results;

(3)provide the test results, associated learning gains, and graduation rates at a state level to the public via a state website after the third year of test- and graduation-related data collection. The findings shall be aggregated by the students' grade level, gender, family income level, number of years of participation in the scholarship program, and race;

(4)provide rates for on-time high school graduation, college attendance the fall after high school graduation, persistence, and college graduation for participating students to the public via a State website after the third year of test and test-related data collection; and

(5)administer an annual parental satisfaction survey that shall ask parents of students receiving education savings accounts to express:

(a) their satisfaction with the program; and
(b) their opinions on other topics, items, or issues that the State finds would elicit information about the effectiveness of ESTF and the number of years their child has participated in the program.

(B) As a condition of participating in the ESTF program, students in grades three through eight must be administered annually the SC READY assessments for mathematics and English Language Arts or take a nationally norm-referenced summative assessment annually or a formative assessment at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the first semester, and at the end of the school year. The assessment must be aligned with state standards, include a linking study procured by the EOC, and be approved by the EOC before it can be used as an approved assessment for the ESTF program.

(C) Scholarship students in grades nine through twelve must take the State-approved End-of-Course Program (EOCEP) in English/language arts or mathematics or a nationally norm-referenced assessment, formative assessment, or assessment approved by the EOC that demonstrates the student's college or career readiness as is verified to meet state standards via a linking study procured by the EOC. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement.

AMENDMENT: 3

Senator Hembree

1.estfu. (SDE: ESTF Unbundlers) (A) For the current fiscal year, Sections 59-8-110(14)(n) and 59-8-115(H) are suspended.

(B) The department shall suspend any award of additional scholarships to those they have previously identified as “unbundlers”. The 958 “unbundlers” who received a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic school year may, if otherwise qualified under the program, continue to receive a scholarship in the 2026-2027 academic school year; provided, that they have completed all assessments by the end of the current academic school year. If an existing “unbundler” ceases to qualify, is removed from the scholarship program, or does not apply for the scholarship in the 2026-2027 school year, the department may not fill the scholarship slot with a new “unbundler” scholarship student to include a sibling. The department shall provide a list of the 2025-2026 “unbundler” students and addresses and a list of the returning 2026-2027 “unbundler” students and addresses within 15 days of the passage of the General Appropriations Act to the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC shall have access to the department’s source data systems to ensure compliance with this proviso.

(C) To adequately provide for the current “unbundlers”, the department shall assume the role and responsibilities a school district would incur in Section 59-65-40, excluding subsection (A)(1)(5), (B), and (E). A parent who fails to cooperate or comply with the department in this regard shall be immediately terminated from the program.

(D) The department shall provide all previously required assessments as provided in this act to the EOC within 30 days of passage of the General Appropriations Act.

AMENDMENT: 4

Senator Young

117.pc. (GP: Pipeline Companies) The provisions of Section 58-7-10 and Chapter 2, Title 28 do not apply to private, for-profit pipeline companies, including publicly traded for-profit companies, that are not identified within this title as a public utility. These provisions are extended until June 30, 2027.

AMENDMENT: 5

Senators Alexander, Hembree, Peeler, and Rice

117.hea. (GP: Higher Education Annual Business Association Report)
(A) With the funds appropriated in this act every public institution of higher education, as defined by Section 59-103-5, shall establish and maintain a secure electronic reporting system for each employee to disclose annually any business with which he is associated. All employees, including full-time, part-time, temporary and contractual, shall report through the secure system. Employees must report on any business, trade, profession, membership, appointment, elected position or other commercial activity conducted by the employee for compensation, other than the employee's official duties with the institution.

(B) Each employee shall submit this disclosure through the reporting system by December 31st of the current fiscal year. The disclosure shall include: any business with which he is associated, the name of the business, and a general description of the type of work or services performed for the business.

(C) Each institution shall ensure that the reporting system maintains the confidentiality and security of all submitted information and shall adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement and enforce the requirements of this provision, including those addressing noncompliance. A copy of these policies and procedures shall be provided to the Chairmen of the Senate Education Committee and House Education and Public Works Committee upon their adoption and upon any subsequent amendments.

(D) Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit an employee from engaging in any outside business activities unless otherwise restricted by state law or institutional policy.

AMENDMENT: 6

Senator Corbin

1.sbs. (SDE: School Bus Speed Limits) Using funds appropriated, the department shall issue special event variances authorizing a speed limit of no higher than sixty-five miles per hour for district-owned activity buses, as defined by regulation of the State Board of Education, traveling to school-sponsored events requiring travel of greater than one hundred miles on interstate highways.

AMENDMENT: 8

Senator Alexander

118.at. (SR: Admissions Tax) For purposes of the admissions tax imposed pursuant to Sections 12-21-2410 and 12-21-2420, and notwithstanding any administrative interpretation, advisory opinion or revenue ruling of the Department of Revenue to the contrary, the term "paid admissions" shall be limited solely to the stated price of the ticket for the right or privilege to enter a place of amusement. The measure of the tax shall not include any separate or additional charges, regardless of whether such charges are mandatory or a condition of purchase including, but not limited to, service fees, convenience fees, processing fees, delivery fees, handling charges, credit card or payment processing fees, or fees associated with memberships or subscriptions required to purchase tickets. Any such charges shall be deemed incidental to the admission and not subject to the admissions tax.

AMENDMENT: 9

Senator Turner

118.cs. (SR: Sales Tax Assessments – Contract for Services) Notwithstanding any administrative interpretation, advisory opinion, or revenue ruling of the Department of Revenue to the contrary, sales tax assessments shall not apply to amounts paid for contracts for services entered into by the State, or political subdivisions thereof, for Emergency Services IP Network, also known as ESInet, in support of Next Generation 911 in South Carolina.

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Senator Turner

118.ip. (SR: Sales Tax Assessments – Insurance Products) Notwithstanding any administrative interpretation, advisory opinion, or revenue ruling of the Department of Revenue to the contrary, sales tax assessments shall not apply to insurance products purchased separately for a product purchased and which sales tax was collected. Any such products shall be deemed incidental and separate to the purchase and not subject to sales tax.

AMENDMENT: 11

Senator Goldfinch

67.6. (DJJ: Juvenile Arbitration/Community Advocacy Program) (A) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for the Juvenile Arbitration Program shall be retained and expended by the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of providing juvenile arbitration services through the sixteen Judicial Circuit Solicitors' offices in the state and used to fund necessary administrative and personnel costs for the programs.

(B) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall contract with Solicitors to administer the Juvenile Arbitration Program and disburse up to ~~\$60,000~~ \$120,000 per Judicial Circuit based on services rendered. The amount payable to Solicitors may vary based on consistent adherence to established statewide program guidelines to assess program performance.

(C) The \$350,000 appropriated for the Community Advocacy Program ~~in the first Judicial Circuit~~ shall be equally distributed among the judicial circuits, and will be used to fund ~~necessary administrative and personnel costs for this status offender diversion program~~ programs. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall monitor and provide support to this program.

~~(D)~~ All unexpended funds may be retained and carried forward from the prior fiscal year to be used for the same purposes.

AMENDMENT: 12

Senators Alexander, Grooms, and Verdin

117.49.(GP: H.L. Hunley Museum Location) The General Assembly approves ~~the Patriots Point Development Authority~~ a suitable waterfront site in the Charleston Harbor or its tributaries as the permanent site of the H.L. Hunley Museum. This approval is contingent upon the negotiation and execution of necessary contracts between the State of South Carolina and ~~the Patriots Point Development Authority~~ owner of the approved location. The Hunley Commission is directed to expend funds from its account to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the State of South Carolina.

AMENDMENT: 13

Senator Bennett

1.113. (SDE: Capital Funding for Schools) (A) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Capital Funding for Schools, the Department of Education shall comprise a committee to establish and approve criteria to disburse funds.

(B) The committee shall be comprised of the following individuals:

(1) one individual with **significant** experience in educational facilities appointed by the State Superintendent of Education, who serves as **inaugural** chair;

(2) one individual with at least **ten five** years of economic development experience appointed by the Governor:

(3) one individual appointed by the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee:

(4) one individual appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee:

(5) one individual appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; and

(6) one individual appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

(7) **one individual appointed by the South Carolina Manufacturers and Commerce**

(C) No member of the committee shall serve on the committee if that member or immediate family is an employee, contractor, or board member of a school district, charter school, or other educational institution that has the potential to receive funds from the Capital Funding for Schools Committee. **No member of the General Assembly shall serve on the committee.**

(D) In order for a project to be considered by the committee, the applicant must provide information that includes at least the historical and projected student enrollment of the applicant and building information to include: square footage, both total and broken down by usable space, capacity of each space based on recommended square footage per student, and the age and condition of each building, if applicable.

~~(D) Prerequisites & Preference--Initial Sorting Criteria focuses on public schools and districts, charter schools and districts duration of operation, public schools and districts, charter schools and districts access, student need, sustainability, and public schools and districts, charter schools and districts viability:~~

~~(D-1) public schools and districts, charter schools and districts shall be open and operating no less than 5-years (full academic years) before eligibility begins~~

~~(D-2) A new public schools and districts, charter schools and districts shall be eligible if there is an established 5-year track record of operations in another state~~

~~(D-3) State//HE authorized schools/organizations/entities shall receive preference over district-authorized charter schools~~

~~(D-4) Non-profit schools/organizations/entities shall receive preference over for-profit schools/organizations/entities~~

~~(D-5) School projects serving more than 2/3 of students from high-need/underserved backgrounds shall receive preference~~

~~(D-6) School projects serving more than 2/3 of students from special education background shall receive preference~~

~~(D-7) public schools and districts, charter schools and districts with student populations above 500 students shall be higher priority for consideration~~

~~(D-8) public schools and districts, charter schools and districts with limited/lower debt levels shall be higher priority for consideration~~

~~(D-9) Any public schools and districts, charter schools and districts that has earned an Unsatisfactory rating over the previous five years shall be lower priority~~

~~(D-10) Any public schools and districts, charter schools and districts that has significantly underperformed its enrollment targets shall be lower priority~~

(E) Amongst eligible/preferred school/school projects screened above, the following criteria shall be considered:

1) Sustained Academic Performance: The committee shall consider the academic performance record of the applicant school or district. Priority shall be given to schools and districts that have demonstrated sustained academic success, including performance on State assessments and overall school or district ratings. Schools that have earned an Unsatisfactory or Below Average rating and districts that are designated as underperforming as defined in SC Code Section 59-18-1615 in any of the previous two years shall receive significantly lower priority; and for charter schools, schools that have earned an Excellent rating in any of the previous two years shall receive significantly higher priority.

(2) Areas and Populations of Critical Need: Priority shall be given to projects located in counties designated as Tier III or Tier IV by the Department of Revenue pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 12-6-3360, or as otherwise defined by criteria reflecting local property wealth per student, per capita income, poverty, or other relevant measures of economic need. Priority shall be given to schools or districts in which more than two-thirds of the student population consists of students from high-need, underserved backgrounds or students receiving special education services.

3) Charter School Institutional Strength: (Charter Schools Only): For applications submitted by charter schools, the committee shall consider the institutional strength and operational track record of the applicant, including: (a) the duration of the school's continuous operation under its current charter, with preference given to schools that have operated for more than four consecutive years at the time of application; (b) a recommendation from the school's authorizing sponsor confirming that the proposed project is consistent with the purposes of the charter and the Charter Schools Act; (c) a certification from the authorizing sponsor that the school is in compliance with its charter and that no formal action to revoke or not renew the charter has been made as of the time of application; and (d) the nonprofit status of the entity holding the charter and the entity serving as the school operator, with significant priority given to nonprofit operators over for-profit operators. *The committee shall grant the highest level of preference to established networks and*

schools that already serve more than 1,000 students within the state or 2,500 students outside the state, and are seeking to add additional sites or increase enrollment within existing sites.

Additional priority shall be awarded to applicants that demonstrate both of the following:

i. High Poverty Concentration — At least 60% of enrolled students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch (FRL) under the National School Lunch Program, or at least 60% are identified as economically disadvantaged through direct certification, Medicaid eligibility, or an equivalent state-approved measure.

ii. Outstanding Academic Track Record — The applicant must demonstrate sustained, measurable academic performance, defined as meeting at least two of the following criteria over the most recent three consecutive school years:

- o Student proficiency rates in math and/or reading that meet or exceed the state average for comparable student populations
- o Year-over-year academic growth scores in the top quartile for schools serving similar demographics
- o A school performance rating of "B" or higher (or equivalent) under the applicable state accountability system
- o Graduation rates of 90% or above (for applicable grade configurations)

(4) School Safety: The committee shall incorporate the extent to which the proposed project addresses school safety, including the ability of the project to optimally use, close, consolidate, or replace existing facilities or consolidated districts in order to enhance student and staff safety and accommodate current and projected student enrollment.

(5) Project Viability: The committee shall evaluate the financial condition and long-term viability of the applicant and the proposed project. Criteria shall include the nature and scope of the proposed facilities project, the school's or district's demonstrated financial need for funding assistance, and the applicant's Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) as a potential indicator of the ability to service existing and proposed debt obligations. Schools and districts that have significantly underperformed their enrollment targets shall receive lower priority.

(6) Community Analysis: The committee shall consider the availability of other possible facility options, including the use of existing district or public buildings, and the extent to which the proposed project represents the most efficient and effective use of available resources. Local support for the project, as expressed by resolutions of the governing body of the school district or, for charter schools, by the charter school governing board, shall also be considered.

(E) In order for a project to be considered by the committee, the applicant must conduct a facility capacity study that includes at least the historical and projected student enrollment of the applicant and building information to include: square footage, both total and broken down by usable space; capacity of each space based on recommended square footage per student; and the age and condition of each building.

~~(F)~~ Amongst eligible/preferred school/school projects screened above, the following categories shall be considered:

- ~~(1) Sustained Academic Performance: Charter school projects can earn higher ratings based their academic performance (30% weighting)~~
- ~~(2) Student Need: Charter school projects can earn higher ratings based upon serving higher-need areas/populations (30% weighting)~~
- ~~(3) Track Record/Community Institution: Charter School projects can earn higher marks for duration/track record (10% weighting)~~
- ~~(4) School Financial Status: The nature/status of the school/project's financials shall be considered/scored by the committee (10% weighting)~~
- ~~(5) Project Viability: The nature/scope of the facilities/cap project proposed shall be considered and scored by the committee (10% weighting)~~
- ~~(6) Community Analysis: The availability of other possible facility options (including district buildings) shall be considered (10% weighting)~~

~~(G)~~(E) Funds may only be used for school buildings whose primary purpose must be for K-12 in-person classroom instruction, state-funded full-day 4K, or other public school secondary in-person classroom instruction. School buildings shall not include unimproved real property, centralized district administration facilities, or other facilities, including those normally identified with interscholastic sports activities.

~~(H)~~(G) Eligible costs for projects include preliminary engineering, traffic and revenue studies, environmental studies, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction management, and facilities.

~~(I)~~(H) The committee shall issue a report to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee Chairman, and the House Ways and Means Committee Chairman no later than June 30, 2027. The report shall include the districts and charter schools funded, the amount, and the purpose of the award.

~~(J)~~(I) All unexpended funds appropriated for Capital Funding for Schools may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department, school districts, and charter schools.

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AMENDMENT: 14

Senator Davis

117.scr. (GP: Scout Motor Site Cost Review) (A) With the funds appropriated in this act, the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) shall jointly review cost overruns associated with the Scout Motors manufacturing site in Blythewood, Richland County, for which the Department of Commerce has requested a \$150 million general fund appropriation.

(B) The review shall address: (1) the accuracy of the \$150 million figure and the risk of further cost growth; (2) the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's original environmental due diligence and consultant qualifications; (3) when the Department of Commerce or its agents received notice that the original mitigation package was inadequate, and what action was taken; (4) the prudence of commencing upland construction before the federal wetlands permit issued, including the decision to retain rather than demobilize heavy equipment during the five-month permit suspension; (5) the itemized basis for the road overruns, distinguishing scheduling disruption from estimation error; (6) whether the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, or House Ways and Means Committee were informed of the overrun before the January 2026 public disclosure by the Department of Commerce; (7) whether the incentive contract or any professional liability remedy provides a basis to recover overrun costs from responsible parties; and (8) what systemic reforms to the Department of Commerce's project management, environmental due diligence, and legislative reporting practices are needed to prevent recurrence.

(C) The LAC and OIG shall also determine: (1) a complete payment schedule identifying each payee, the legal basis, amount, and deadline for each obligation; (2) the amount owed to South Carolina Department of Transportation and whether that interagency obligation warrants the same urgency as payments to private parties; (3) the amount attributable

to future environmental remediation, its projected payment schedule, and whether a phased appropriation would satisfy all contractual obligations; (4) whether any portion of the \$150 million reflects contingent or unincurred costs; and (5) whether any obligations are in default or at imminent risk of default and the amount required to cure or prevent that default.

(D) All state agencies shall cooperate fully and produce requested records within fifteen days. The LAC and OIG shall have access to all contracts, invoices, correspondence, consultant reports, and permitting and communications records related to the project.

(E) Where evidence of potential legal liability is found, the LAC or OIG shall make appropriate referrals to the Attorney General, State Ethics Commission, or other authorities and notify the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means within ten days.

(F) A joint written report shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means, the Governor, and the Attorney General within 120 days of the effective date of this act. No funds shall be expended to satisfy the \$150 million request until the report has been delivered and the General Assembly has enacted specific authorizing legislation approving the expenditure of such funds outside of the annual Appropriations Act.

AMENDMENT: 16

Senator Gambrell

117.aed. (GP: Good Faith AED Use) For the current fiscal year, a person who, in good faith and gratuitously, renders emergency care or treatment through the use of an automated external defibrillator is entitled to the immunity from civil liability provided in Section 44-76-40, and such immunity shall apply regardless of whether the person has received prior training; provided, however, the person acts without gross negligence, recklessness, or wilful misconduct.

AMENDMENT: 17

Senator Climer

84.edf. (DOT: Transportation Economic Development Fund) In order to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for construction, design, improvement, or right-of-way acquisition of roads that provide access to industrial areas and facilitate the development or expansion of industry within the State, there is established within the Department of Transportation the Transportation Economic Development Fund. The fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the General Assembly and any other funds made available for this purpose. Grants from the fund may be awarded only to state agencies, counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the State and must be approved by the department after receiving recommendations from the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. The department and the Department of Commerce shall jointly develop criteria for awarding grants from the fund, and the Coordinating Council for Economic Development shall provide recommendations prior to implementation. In developing the criteria, the departments shall consider: (1) the economic benefits of the proposed road improvements; (2) the amount of matching funds provided by outside sources; and (3) the number of jobs created or retained by the proposed investment. Any unexpended at the end of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the department for the same purposes. No funds shall be awarded for any projects promulgated under Act 3 of 2023.

AMENDMENT: 18

Senator Alexander

113.ss. (AS-TREAS: Salary Supplements) The salary supplements for Clerks of Courts, Probate Judges, Coroners, Register of Deeds, and Sheriffs provided in Part IA, Section 113 are in addition to the salary and other benefits currently paid by the county for those officials. No county may use any portion of the salary supplement provided in Part IA to supplant the current salary and other benefits paid by the county to those officials. The State Treasurer shall ensure that each county has complied with this proviso.

AMENDMENT: 22

Senator Verdin

109.17. (DOR: Emergency Commodity Assistance Program) ~~For Fiscal Year 2025-26-27,~~ federally earned emergency commodity assistance program funds from the United States Department of Agriculture are exempt from state income taxes. For the current fiscal year, payments received from state or federal agricultural producer commodity assistance programs are exempt from state income tax.

AMENDMENT: 23

Senator Peeler

117.pbm. (GP: Pharmacy Benefit Managers Study Committee) (A) There is created the Pharmacy Benefit Managers Study Committee to examine the role, practices, and impact of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) operating in South Carolina.

(B) The study committee shall be comprised of six members as follows: three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members appointed by the President of the Senate. The Speaker and the President of the Senate shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as co-chairs of the committee.

(C) The General Assembly shall provide staffing and administrative support to the committee. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may receive per diem and mileage as provided by law for members of boards, commissions, and committees.

(D) The Department of Insurance, the SC Public Employee Benefit Authority, and other agencies as necessary shall provide documentation and data as requested by the study committee.

(E) The committee's work shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) a review of current PBM practices in South Carolina and nationally, including spread pricing, rebate retention and passthrough, direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fees, clawbacks, formulary management, and steering practices;

(2) an analysis of the impact of PBM practices on prescription drug costs for patients, employers, state employee health plans, Medicaid, and other public programs;

(3) an assessment of the effects of PBM practices on pharmacies, including independent, rural, and community

pharmacies, with respect to reimbursement rates, financial viability, and patient access to medications;

(4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing state laws and regulations governing PBMs, including any gaps in transparency, oversight, or enforcement;

(5) a comparison of PBM regulatory frameworks in other states and any best practices or model legislation that could be adapted for South Carolina; and

(6) specific legislative, regulatory, or policy recommendations to increase transparency, reduce overall prescription drug costs, protect patient access, ensure fair reimbursement to pharmacies, and promote competition in the PBM marketplace.

(F) The committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee no later than January 15, 2027.

AMENDMENT: 24

Senator Davis

20.bcc. (USC: Beaufort Convocation Center) For Fiscal Year 2026-27, of the funds previously appropriated to the University of South Carolina-Beaufort for the design and construction of a convocation center and sports complex, up to \$2,000,000 shall be used to complete a full architectural and engineering design that will produce final construction documents, refined cost certainty, and permitting readiness. The remaining previously appropriated funds shall be held by the University of South Carolina pending completion of the architectural and engineering design.

AMENDMENT: 25

Senators Davis and Bennett

108.pcc. (PEBA: Pharmacist Clinical Care Pilot Program) For Fiscal Year 2026–2027, the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) is authorized to establish and administer a pilot program within the State Health Plan to evaluate the impact of expanded pharmacist-provided clinical services on access to care, health outcomes, cost containment, and community pharmacy sustainability.

(A) PEBA may permit licensed pharmacists participating in the State Health Plan network to provide specified clinical services for purposes of this pilot. For purposes of implementing the pilot program, the provisions of Sections 40-43-30(50) and 40-47-200, are suspended with respect to pharmacists and pharmacies participating in the pilot to the extent necessary to allow the services authorized under the program.

(B) PEBA shall consult with the deans of the accredited schools of pharmacy in this State to develop the scope of services and protocols for the pilot program. The scope may include, but is not limited to, pharmacist-provided services related to:

(1) comprehensive medication management for chronic conditions;

(2) initiation, modification, or discontinuation of medication therapy pursuant to the protocols;

(3) ordering and interpretation of laboratory tests; and

(4) ongoing disease-state monitoring and follow-up care.

(C) PEBA may limit participation to pharmacists and pharmacies meeting credentialing, training, and quality

standards established by PEBA in consultation with the deans of the accredited schools of pharmacy in this State. PEBA is encouraged to include independent community pharmacies, particularly those serving rural or underserved areas, as pilot participants.

(D) Of the funding appropriated to PEBA, up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) may be used to plan, develop, implement, administer, and evaluate the pilot program including, but not limited to, contracting, data collection, systems support, and reporting requirements.

(E) PEBA may establish reimbursement methodologies for services provided under the pilot, including alternative payment models or value-based arrangements, provided that total State Health Plan expenditures are not increased as a result of the pilot.

(F) PEBA shall evaluate the pilot program using measurable outcomes, which must include, at a minimum:

(1) access to care impacts, particularly in rural and underserved areas;

(2) patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes;

(3) health care utilization and cost benefit analysis;

(4) participation, financial impacts, and service capacity of independent community pharmacies participating in the pilot; and

(5) the feasibility of expanding the program.

(G) PEBA shall submit a report no later February 28, 2027, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee. The report must include findings, cost impacts, and recommendations regarding continuation, modification, or expansion of the pilot.

AMENDMENT: 26

Senator Bennett

1A.67. (SDE-EIA: Developmental Education and Therapy Services)
Of the funds appropriated for Developmental Education and Therapy Services for students with multiple documented disabilities, ~~\$651,501~~ \$736,486 shall be allocated to the Meyer Center, ~~\$1,648,499~~ \$1,724,514 shall be allocated to Pattison's Academy, and ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$839,000 shall be allocated to the ~~SC Public Charter School District~~ for Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center, subject to execution of a written contract that gives the Center the ability to serve as an adult education center or adult high school under authority of an entity accredited to award high school diplomas to adults. The funding allocated to the ~~Public Charter School District~~ Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center is estimated to serve ~~150~~ 125 students. If less students are served, the money must be retained and not expended by the ~~Public Charter School District~~ Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center on a pro rata basis. ~~Funds shall be disbursed by the department to the district Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center in full not later than December 1, and the district shall remit the total allocation to the schools within 30 calendar days.~~ Funds shall be disbursed by the department Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center in equal monthly installments once a written contract is executed. Funds shall be disbursed by the department to the district for the Meyer Center and Pattison's academy in full not later than December 1, and the district shall remit the total allocation to the schools within 30 calendar days.

If the required written contract is not fully executed on or before December 1 of the current fiscal year, or if at any time the Center is no longer operating under such a contract, any unexpended funds shall be returned to the Department of Education. Any funds previously disbursed and expended in violation of this proviso shall be subject to recoupment by the Department of Education. The Department is

authorized to withhold or claw back such funds and shall reallocate them for purposes consistent with this proviso.

Any funds due to Palmetto Goodwill Excel Center through the normal aid to classroom formula shall be offset by the allocation granted and paid under this proviso.

AMENDMENT: 28

Senator Young

117.pc. (GP: Petroleum Pipeline Companies) The provisions of Section 58-9-2030 as granted under Section 58-7-10 and Chapter 2, Title 28 do not apply to private, for-profit petroleum pipeline companies, including publicly traded for-profit companies, that are not identified within this title as a public utility. These provisions are extended until June 30, 2027.

AMENDMENT: 29

Senators Martin, Gambrell, and Garrett

117.202. (GP: Redirect of Funds) Funds previously appropriated are redirected as follows:

(1) The \$750,000 appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, by proviso 118.19(86)(wwwwww) to the Town of McColl for Downtown Improvements shall be redirected to be used for the purpose of historical buildings preservation in the city of Dillon. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.

(2) Funds remaining of the \$2,750,000 appropriated in Act 94 of 2021, by proviso 118.18(51)(e) to the Law Enforcement Training Council Criminal Justice Academy for Emergency Generator for Academy Main Building shall be redirected to be used in the East Dorm Restroom and HVAC System Replacement. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.

(3) The \$100,000 appropriated in Act No. 284 of 2016, by proviso 118.16(23)(dd) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the York Technical College - Western York Campus shall be redirected for workforce equipment. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.

(4) The \$5,086,000 appropriated in Act No. 69 of 2025, by proviso 118.16(27)(l)(i) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Health Sciences Building shall be redirected for construction of an Advanced Manufacturing Facility. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.

(5) Funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(B)(56)(G) to the Department of Corrections for Goodman Classroom and Mental Health Services Modular Buildings shall be redirected for the construction of a mental health building at the Graham (Camille Griffin) Correctional Institution.

~~(6) Funds remaining of the \$500,000 appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, Section 118.19(B)(86)(a) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the American Legion Post 250 Indian Land Veterans Parks shall be redirected to the Land United Foundation.~~ Funds remaining of the \$250,000 appropriated in Act 226 of 2024, Section 118.20(B)(85)(oooo) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the Town of Blackville – Signage and Street Cameras shall be redirected for critical repairs and replacement of the wastewater system.

(7) Of the \$100,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, by proviso 118.19(93)pp Enoree Community Revitalization , \$36,000 shall be redirected to Jonesville Fire

Station, \$30,000 shall be redirected to the Buffalo Volunteer Fire District and \$34,000 shall be redirected to Glenn Springs Fire Department in Pauline.

(8) The \$500,000 appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, by proviso 118.19(86)(qqqqq) Town of Iva Train Depot shall be redirected to Anderson County to be utilized for recreational and historical projects.

(9) The \$9,340 appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, by proviso 118.19(86)(CCCCC)Promised Land Community Association shall be redirected to the Greenwood Food Bank.

AMENDMENT: 30

Senator Alexander

118.af. (SR: ARPA Funds) (A) To ensure that the State of South Carolina maximizes the use of federal funds authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), beginning July 15 of the current fiscal year, the Director of the Department of Administration is authorized to reallocate any unused authorization in a particular enumerated item in Act 239 of 2022, Act 244 of 2022, Act 6 of 2023, or any other act through which ARPA funds were appropriated to any enumerated item of the aforementioned acts for which approved reimbursements exceed the authorization. The Director shall reallocate any unused authorization according to the following prioritization:

- (1) Department of Public Health;
- (2) Department of Transportation;
- (3) Department of Environmental Services;
- (4) Office of Regulatory Staff;
- (5) Office of Resilience; and
- (6) Rural Infrastructure Authority.

(B) Applicants for Water and Sewer Infrastructure grants administered by the Rural Infrastructure Authority may exceed ten million dollars per project or application.