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PROVISO CHANGES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2026-27**

SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 23.4 DELETE** (MUSC: Blood Borne Virus Screening) Utilizes \$200,000 to develop a pilot program to improve screening and care for blood borne viruses. Directs the program to improve screening and identification of individuals with the viruses to reduce transmission rates. Requires a report to be submitted by June 30 on the effectiveness of the program.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Sponsor: Rep. Hewitt
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~23.4. (MUSC: Blood Borne Virus Screening) Of the funds appropriated for Blood Borne Virus Screening, the Medical University Hospital Authority, in conjunction with the Frontlines of Communities in the United States (FOCUS) Initiative, shall utilize at least \$200,000 to develop a pilot program to improve the screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care for blood borne viruses by routine screening services in hospital emergency departments. The pilot program shall lead to reduced transmission rates for South Carolinians by improving the early identification of undiagnosed infections, supporting the identification of individuals living with blood borne viruses who were previously diagnosed but are not participating in care, and providing linkage to care for individuals who would benefit from blood borne virus management or participating in preventative services. By June 30, 2025, the MUSC Hospital Authority shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Department of Public Health detailing the effectiveness of the program.~~

- 23.5 DELETE** (MUSC: Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Assessment) Directs the MUSC Hospital Authority to work with current alcohol and substance abuse treatment providers to evaluate the need for long-term inpatient rehab programs. Requires the Authority to submit a report outlining their efforts and proposed plan to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by September 30, 2025.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Medical University of South Carolina.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~23.5. (MUSC: Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Assessment) The MUSC Hospital Authority, in conjunction with existing service providers of alcohol and substance abuse treatment, shall assess the need in developing long term inpatient residential rehabilitation treatment programs. The MUSC Hospital Authority shall submit a report by September 30, 2025, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee detailing these efforts and its proposed plan.~~

SECTION 31 - J060 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- 31.47 DELETE** (DPH: Nursing Home Review) Directs DPH to conduct a study to examine the need for distinct requirements for memory care and assisted living facilities within nursing homes and evaluate and propose suitable staff-to-resident ratios to ensure adequate staffing for providing essential nursing care and services to all residents. Directs DPH to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee and the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee by January 1, 2026.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~31.47. (DPH: Nursing Home Review) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a study regarding separate requirements for memory care facilities and assisted living facilities within nursing homes. Additionally, the department shall assess and recommend appropriate staff to resident ratios to ensure a sufficient number of staff are available at all times to provide necessary nursing care and related services to each resident. A report detailing the findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee and the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee no later than January 1, 2026.~~

- 31.48 DELETE** (DPH: Florence Health Department HVAC) Redirects funds from Florence Health Department HVAC to be utilized for the Florence Office relocation and furniture.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~31.48. (DPH: Florence Health Department HVAC) The funds appropriated in Act 226 of 2024, Section 118.20(B)(26)(D) to the Department of Public Health for Florence Health Department HVAC shall be redirected for the Department of Public Health's Florence Office relocation and furniture.~~

- 31.49 CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (DPH: Disaster Readiness Fund) **WMC:** ADD proviso to establish an interest-bearing Disaster Readiness Fund within the Department of Public Health to support emergency response activities, including medical sheltering and Medical Equipment Power Shelters. All FY 2026–27 Disaster Readiness appropriations and any related funds must be deposited into the fund. Unexpended balances may be carried forward, and any reimbursements or cost recoveries must be returned to the fund for future disaster response needs. Requested by the Department of Public Health.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

31.49. (DPH: Disaster Readiness Fund) (A) There is established within the Department of Public Health (DPH) the Disaster Readiness Fund, which shall be interest bearing. Monies in the fund may be expended by the department exclusively for the purpose of supporting the department's emergency response responsibilities including, but not limited to, medical sheltering, Medical Equipment Power Shelters (MEPS), and other related disaster response activities.

(B) All funds appropriated for Disaster Readiness in Fiscal Year 2026–27 shall be deposited into the Disaster Readiness Fund as initial funding. The department may also deposit into the fund any other monies appropriated, received, or otherwise available for the same purpose.

(C) Fund balances shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Any reimbursements or recoveries of costs for expenditures made from the Disaster Readiness Fund must be deposited back into the fund to support ongoing availability of resources for future disasters.

- 31.50 CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (DPH: Health Systems Modernization) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct DOA's Office of Technology and Information Services to provide project oversight to the EHR system and seek to coordinate DPH and other agencies efforts to modernize EHR systems to promote cohesive care.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

31.50. (DPH: Health Systems Modernization) (A) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Public Health, the Department of Administration's Office of Technology and Information Services shall provide project oversight related to any upgrades to DPH's electronic health records (EHR) system and pharmacy tools; expansion of patient portals, virtual visits, and online tools; digitization of historical paper records; automating of workflows and ongoing system maintenance; and any other similar undertaking, including information technology related procurements of services, licenses, infrastructure, maintenance, support, etc. for DPH's Health Systems Modernization.

(B) As part of providing project oversight and guidance for DPH's efforts to implement a modernized EHR system, the Department of Administration's Office of Technology and Information Services should, to the extent possible, seek to coordinate DPH's efforts with other agencies' existing EHR systems or those agencies' efforts to implement new or modernized EHR systems to promote cohesive care through standardized platforms, data sharing and classification, common user interface, and security and privacy standardization for the benefit of clients receiving services from multiple agencies.

31.51 **ADD** (DPH: Perinatal Regionalization) **WMC:** ADD proviso to authorize the department to continue the existing designation of perinatal regions in the state and to renew contracts with RPCs to fulfill regional requirements.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

31.51. (DPH: Perinatal Regionalization) The Department of Public Health is authorized to continue the existing designation of perinatal regions in the State of South Carolina. The Department is additionally authorized to renew contracts with currently designated regional perinatal centers (RPCs) to enable fulfillment of the RPC regional requirements established in the perinatal regulations.

31.52 **ADD** (DPH: Blood Borne Virus Screening) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct DPH, in partnership with the Frontlines of Communities in the United States (FOCUS) Initiative and the South Carolina Hospital Association, to allocate up to \$200,000 to support hospital emergency department screening for blood borne viruses from funds appropriated for Critical Public Health Services. Sponsor: Rep. Hewitt

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

31.52. (DPH: Blood Borne Virus Screening) Of the funds appropriated for Critical Public Health Services, the South Carolina Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the Frontlines of Communities in the United States (FOCUS) Initiative and the South Carolina Hospital Association, shall allocate up to \$200,000 to continue screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care for blood borne viruses through routine screening services in hospital emergency departments. The funds should be used to reduce transmission rates for South Carolinians by improving the early identification of undiagnosed infections, supporting the identification of individuals living with blood borne viruses who were previously diagnosed but are not participating in care, and providing linkage to care for individuals who would benefit from blood borne virus management or participating in preventative services.

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SECTION 33 - J020 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

33.20 AMEND (DHHS: Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative) Directs the department to implement accountability and quality improvements initiatives for: (A) Community Health Improvement Initiative; (B) Community Health Alignment Initiative; (C) Improving Access Initiatives; (D) Quality Through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics (QTIP) Initiative; (E) Health Services Initiative; and (F) Primary Care Safety Net Initiative. Provides eligibility requirements. Directs the department to evaluate each initiative annually and report the results to the House Ways and Means Healthcare Budget Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Health and Human Services Subcommittee.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update method of distributing funding to local providers using a grants-based system for distribution of funds. Requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

33.20. (DHHS: Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department is authorized to implement the following accountability and quality improvement initiatives:

(A) Community Health Improvement Initiative - To improve community health, the department may explore various health quality outreach, education, patient wellness and incentive programs. The department may pilot health interventions targeting diabetes, smoking cessation, weight management, heart disease, and other health conditions. These programs may be expanded as their potential to improve health and lower costs are identified by the department.

(B) Community Health Alignment Initiative - The department shall contract with the Center for Community Health Alignment (CCHA) at the University of South Carolina in a collaborative effort to expand the community health worker program to hospital settings. The goal of this program shall be to improve health outcomes for individuals that do not have access to affordable health insurance by facilitating resource connections and access to safety net providers. The department shall facilitate the Center's coordination of placement and funding of qualified community health workers in hospital settings to achieve program goals. The Center must provide the department with patient, service, and other data to assist in the operation and ongoing evaluation of this initiative. The department may tie hospital reimbursements, as appropriate, to participation in this Community Health Alignment Initiative.

(C) Improving Access Initiatives - The department may pursue Medicaid reimbursement and health care delivery methodologies to sustain and improve access to services particularly in underserved and designated rural areas. The department shall review existing reimbursement levels and, as funds are available, take measures to implement competitive rate structures that provide incentives for providers to treat Medicaid, uninsured, and underinsured individuals. These structures may include the use of disproportionate share, directed payments, and other supplemental payment programs. The department may adjust provider assessments to align with available supplemental funding not to exceed the safe harbor threshold under the federal hold harmless provision. Utilizing income, population, provider capacity, and other relevant data, the department may designate certain areas of the state as rural for Medicaid initiatives. To be eligible for these initiatives, the department may require providers to participate in quality, accountability, and reporting programs.

(D) Quality Through Technology and Innovation in Pediatrics (QTIP) Initiative – The department shall explore ways to enhance the existing QTIP program. The goal of this program

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is to improve quality measure outcomes, promote medical home concepts, and support mental health skill-building and integration through targeted quality improvement and technical assistance to pediatric practices.

(E) Health Services Initiative – The department may use available funds from the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) allotment to implement specific health service initiatives to improve the public health of children, including targeted low-income children and other low-income children as defined in 42 CFR 457.10. These initiatives may include preventive care and other interventions that improve the overall health and mental well-being of children. These initiatives may not supplant federal funds currently used to provide services under the state’s CHIP program.

(F) Primary Care Safety Net Initiative - The department shall formulate a separate methodology to allocate at least \$1,500,000 of funding to Free Clinics throughout the state, \$2,500,000 of funding for local alcohol and drug abuse authorities created under Act 301 of 1973, ~~and~~ as well as a grants-based process for distribution of up to \$4,000,000 for capital improvements to the Act 301 facilities ~~through~~ in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Substance Use Services, to ensure funds are provided on a needs based approach. The department may continue to develop and implement a process for obtaining encounter-level data that may be used to assess the cost and impact of services provided through this proviso.

(G) To be eligible for funds in this proviso, providers must provide the department with patient, service and financial data to assist in the operation and ongoing evaluation of both the initiatives resulting from this proviso, and other price, quality, transparency, and accountability efforts currently underway or initiated by the department. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall provide the department with any information required by the department in order to implement this proviso in accordance with state law and regulations.

(H) The department annually shall evaluate each initiative within this provision to measure its effectiveness in meeting expected goals. The department shall continually monitor all third-party contracts employed under this provision to ensure that appropriations are being efficiently and effectively utilized for their intended purpose. The department also shall annually report on the results of each evaluation to the House Ways and Means Healthcare Budget Subcommittee and the Senate Finance Health and Human Services Subcommittee.

33.31 CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND (DHHS: Children’s Hospital and Healthcare Innovation) Directs the department to establish the SC Children’s Hospital and Healthcare Innovation Program. Directs the SC Children’s Hospital Collaborative to annually submit funding priorities to the department for approval. Provides directives for utilization of funds and qualifications for the program. Directs the department to provide a report on disposition of funds and progress of priorities to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance by December 31 of each year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to include pediatric palliative care in specialty services with a minimum of \$2,500,000 to be utilized for these services. Sponsor: Rep. Hewitt

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND further to change “\$2,500,000” to \$1,000,000”.

33.31. (DHHS: Children’s Hospital and Healthcare Innovation) From the funds appropriated for South Carolina Children’s Hospital and Healthcare Innovation, the department shall ~~establish~~ continue the South Carolina Children’s Hospital and Healthcare Innovation Program. The purpose of the program is to make strategic investments to ensure that children have in-state access to state-of-the-art children’s hospitals and pediatric specialty services to

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include pediatric palliative care. The South Carolina Children’s Hospital Collaborative, the state children’s hospital association, will annually submit for approval by the department funding priorities for infrastructure, working in partnership with the department to additionally identify regional or statewide pediatric specialty service priorities. A minimum of ~~\$2,500,000~~ \$1,000,000 *shall be utilized for pediatric palliative care services while* 80% of *the remaining* funds shall be utilized for children’s hospital infrastructure priorities, being divided equally between the qualifying children’s hospitals unless otherwise agreed upon by the South Carolina Children’s Hospital Collaborative. Funds not allocated to *pediatric palliative care services and* children’s hospital infrastructure priorities will be utilized for *other* pediatric specialty service priorities agreed upon by the department and the South Carolina Children’s Hospital Collaborative. Qualifying children’s hospitals must be nonprofit systems providing comprehensive pediatric inpatient and outpatient services, serve as the regional perinatal center for their perinatal region, and serve as training sites for the Medical University of South Carolina or the University of South Carolina medical schools. Annually, and no later than December 31st, the department will provide to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee a report on the disposition of the funds and progress made on identified priorities.

33.bhb ADD (DHHS: Youth Behavioral Health Beds) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to conduct a review of the State’s youth behavior treatment capacity. Provides the requirements of the review and directs the department to identify areas of unavailable or insufficient services. Requires the department to submit a report of its findings by March 31.

33.bhb. (DHHS: Youth Behavioral Health Beds) The department, in coordination with existing service providers and other relevant state agencies, shall conduct a review of youth behavioral health treatment capacity in the State. The review shall include: (1) the number of beds currently available for inpatient treatment; (2) the estimated number of beds needed to meet demand for inpatient treatment; and (3) the availability of outpatient treatment facilities. The department shall also identify any geographic areas within the State where such services are unavailable or insufficient. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by March 31, 2027.

SECTION 34 – J080 – DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

34.10 AMEND (BHDD: Orangeburg Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility) Authorizes the department to use up to \$2,000,000 of its available one-time funds to secure a site in Orangeburg County and prepare it for licensure as a Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility. Directs the department to provide a status report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Medical Affairs, House Ways and Means, and Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committees by January 10, 2026. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to update proviso title and repurposes funding to be used in supportive housing rather than in behavioral care. **HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended. **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

34.10. (BHDD: Orangeburg ~~Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility~~ *Supportive Housing*) The Office of Mental Health, through its Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center, is authorized to

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utilize up to two million dollars of its available one-time funds to ~~secure an appropriate site for development, operations, or support of a Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility in Orangeburg County~~ collaborate with a housing complex/landlord in Orangeburg County to create a supportive housing program. The office shall provide a report on the status of its efforts to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committee by January 10, ~~2026~~2027.

34.20 **AMEND** (BHDD: Unlicensed Medication Providers) Authorizes the department to license or certify select unlicensed persons in community-based programs to provide select medications. Limits the medications allowed to be administered to oral and topical medications, regularly scheduled insulin, and prescribed anaphylactic treatments. Requires the department to establish curriculum and standards for training and oversight. Direct that this provision does not apply to a facility licensed as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual and/or related disability.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities for the allowance of specified tasks by designated unlicensed persons. Adds that the medications provided by unlicensed persons for conditions requiring evaluation or assessment of the patient of the use of medical judgement must be performed under the supervision of a licensed nurse within their scope of practice, and that the judgement, assessment, and supervision of an unlicensed person may be performed by a licensed nurse, pharmacist, or medical doctor via telehealth or in person. Sponsor: Rep. B. Newton

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

34.20. (BHDD: Unlicensed Medication Providers) The provision of selected prescribed medications and the performance of specified tasks may be performed by designated unlicensed persons in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities operated by the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and community-based programs sponsored, licensed or certified by the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, provided the unlicensed persons have documented successful completion of medication and/or task training and competency evaluation. Licensed nurses, licensed pharmacists and licensed medical doctors may train and supervise designated unlicensed persons to provide medications and perform specified tasks, and, after reviewing competency evaluations, may approve designated unlicensed persons for the provision of medications and performance of specified tasks. The provision of medications by designated unlicensed persons includes, but is not limited to, oral, sublingual, buccal, topical, inhalation and transdermal medications; ear drops, eye drops, nasal sprays, injections of regularly scheduled insulin and injections of prescribed anaphylactic treatments. The provision of medications by designated unlicensed persons ~~does not include rectal and vaginal medications,~~ for conditions requiring evaluation or assessment of the patient of the use of medical judgment including, but not limited to, sliding scale insulin or other injectable medications, must be performed under the supervision of a licensed nurse working within his or her scope of practice. A written or electronic record regarding each medication provided, including time and amount administered, is required as part of the provision of medication. ~~Provision of medication does not include~~ Judgment, evaluation, ~~or~~ and assessment ~~by the designated unlicensed persons~~ of the patient, as well as supervision of an unlicensed person, may be performed by a licensed nurse, licensed pharmacist, or licensed medical doctor in person or via the utilization of telehealth using audio/video technology. The designated unlicensed persons and the nurses, pharmacists, and medical doctors that train,

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approve, and supervise these staff shall be protected against tort liability provided their actions are within the scope of their job duties and the established medical protocol.

The Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities shall establish curriculum and standards for training and oversight.

~~This provision shall not apply to a facility licensed as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual and/or related disability.~~

- 34.22 DELETE** (BHDD: Debt Service Account) Allows the department to utilize uncommitted funds in the agency's debt service account for operations and services not funded in the Appropriation Act. Requires the department report by August 1st to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on the balance in the account and on the amounts purposes for which the funds were used in the prior fiscal year.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~34.22. (BHDD: Debt Service Account) The Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities shall utilize the uncommitted dollars in their debt service account, account E164660, for operations and services that are not funded in the appropriations bill. By August first, the office must report to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the remaining balance in this account and on the amounts and purposes for which the account was used in the prior fiscal year.~~

- 34.29 RESTORE** (BHDD: Gambling Addiction Services) Authorizes the Office of Substance Use Services through the local provider network to direct efforts in treating individuals with gambling addictions through the dissemination of information, education and referral services.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add that required training staff can also be provided with the funds.

Sponsor: Rep. B. Newton

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RESTORE original proviso.

~~34.29. (BHDD: Gambling Addiction Services) In that gambling is a serious problem in South Carolina, the Office of Substance Use Services through its local county commissions may provide, from funds appropriated to the office, information, education, and referral services to persons experiencing gambling addictions, as well as required training for staff.~~

- 34.35 CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (BHDD: Collaboration Technology) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct that before purchasing collaboration technology under Section 44-12-40(3), the department must consult with and obtain approval from the Department of Administration on the solicitation scope, specifications, award criteria, and evaluation panel. All other procurement requirements remain subject to the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code unless specifically exempted.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADOPT new proviso.

34.35. (BHDD: Collaboration Technology) (A) Prior to expending any funds appropriated or authorized in this act for the procurement of collaboration technology required by Section 44-12-40(3), the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall consult with the Department of Administration regarding the scope of work and selection criteria for

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potential vendors. The Department of Administration's consultation shall include, but not be limited to, review and approval of the general scope of any solicitation, the scope of work/specifications as supported by sufficient market research, and the award criteria contained in any Request for Proposals, or any other vendor selection method used by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the procurement of the required technology. No solicitation of any kind shall be published by or on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities without the Department of Administration's approval. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall also consult with the Department of Administration regarding the composition and number of members of any evaluation panel established to review vendor proposals received as the result of an approved solicitation.

(B) Unless expressly stated above, nothing in this proviso affects the application of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code to any procurement required by Section 44-12-40(3).

34.36 **ADD** (BHDD: FTE Management) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct that certain leadership and executive support FTE positions within the department are designated as at-will and exempt from Article 5, Chapter 17 of Title 8, in addition to any at-will exemptions already provided under permanent law.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

34.36. (BHDD: FTE Management) (A) The following Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions authorized and for which funds are appropriated in Part IA of this act serve in an at-will capacity and are exempt from the provisions of Article 5, Chapter 17, Title 8:

(1) any position, regardless of title or the organizational reporting structure for that position, functioning as the director or administrative head of an Office or Division of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities;

(2) any position that reports directly to a position functioning as the director or administrative head of an Office or Division of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and

(3) any position, regardless of title or organizational reporting structure, functioning as the director or administrative head of: (a) financial operations; (b) human resources; or (c) legal affairs for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(B) The exemptions established by this proviso are in addition to and should be read in conjunction with any permanent law regarding the at-will status of any other FTE position within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 38 - L040 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

38.14 **CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND** (DSS: Family Foster Care Payments) Establishes the amount of monthly foster care payments for children under the department's sponsorship and under kinship care.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update foster care payment amounts. Requested by the Department of Social Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

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38.14. (DSS: Family Foster Care Payments) *(A)* The Department of Social Services shall furnish as Family Foster Care payments for individual foster children under their sponsorship and under kinship care:

ages 0 – 5	\$ 700 733	per month
ages 6 - 12	\$ 818 856	per month
ages 13+	\$ 863 904	per month

(B) These specified amounts are for the basic needs of the foster children to include kinship care assistance. Basic needs within this proviso are identified as food (at home and away), clothing, housing, transportation, education, and other costs as defined in the U.S. Department of Agriculture study of “Annual Cost of Raising a Child to Age Eighteen”. Further, each agency shall identify and justify, as another line item, all material and/or services, in excess of those basic needs listed above, which were a direct result of a professional agency evaluation of clientele need. Legitimate medical care in excess of Medicaid reimbursement or such care not recognized by Medicaid may be considered as special needs if approved by the sponsoring/responsible agency and shall be reimbursed by the sponsoring agency in the same manner of reimbursing other special needs of foster children.

38.27 **AMEND** (DSS: Economic Services System Application Modernization) Authorizes the department to retain and carry forward unexpended funds for the ESSAM project.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct DSS to work with DOA’s Office of Technology and Information Services in design, development and implementation of the ESSAM application. Directs DSS to provide a project description and itemized spend information and project milestones to be reviewed by DOA.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

38.27. (DSS: Economic Services System Application Modernization) *(A) Of the funds appropriated in this act for the Department of Social Services’ Economic Service System Application Modernization (ESSAM), the Department of Social Services is directed to work with the Department of Administration’s Office of Technology and Information Services regarding the design, development, security and privacy controls, and implementation of the ESSAM application. Prior to the expenditure of any funds for the project, the Department of Social Services must provide an outlined description of the project proposal with itemized, detailed spend information and key project milestones and deliverables to be reviewed by the Department of Administration’s Office of Technology and Information Services through its information technology planning process.*

(B) Upon project commencement, the Department of Administration must be given access to a detailed project plan, work breakdown structure, budget versus actual project spend, project risk register, status reports, issue logs, and the project document repository.

(C) The department shall be authorized to retain and carry forward any unexpended funds appropriated for the ~~Economic Services System Application Modernization (ESSAM)~~ ESSAM Project.

38.28 **ADD** (DSS: Childcare Provider Fraud) **WMC:** ADD proviso to require the department to assess its efforts in childcare provider fraud for all providers who accept funding from state and federal resources or receive grants from the department. Directs the department to provide a report on the findings and submit it to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees, and the Governor by the last day of February. Sponsor: Rep. Bannister

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

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38.28. (DSS: Childcare Provider Fraud) The department shall assess its efforts to identify, report, and combat childcare provider fraud for all childcare providers who participate in and accept funding from state and federal sources, the South Carolina Child Care Scholarship Program, or receive any grants from the department. The department shall provide the results of these efforts in a report detailing fraud mitigation measures implemented, any incidents of fraud detected, corrective actions taken, funds recovered, and information pertaining to prosecutions of such cases, including plea agreements entered into, for the previous calendar year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and the Office of the Governor by the last day of February of the current fiscal year.

SECTION 39 - L240 - COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

- 39.5** **ADD** (BLIND: Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD proviso to allow the commission to carry forward funds for direct services to be expended for the same purpose.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT new proviso.

39.5. (BLIND: Carry Forward) The Commission for the Blind is authorized to carry forward any unspent funds appropriated for direct services into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose.

SECTION 40 - L060 - DEPARTMENT ON AGING

- 40.5** **AMEND** (AGING: Home and Community Based Services) Directs that Home and Community-Based Services state funds be used for services that most directly meet the goal of allowing seniors to live safely and independently at home. Defines allowable services; provides a methodology for allocating these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging; allows the AAAs to spend up to 10% for administrative services and the department to retain 1/4 of 1% to monitor and oversee the program; allows the department to retain up to 3% to be allocated for cases of a recognized emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor and directs that if the funds are not allocated they are to be treated as carry forward funds and reallocated to the AAA's; requires each AAA to submit a budget to the Department on Aging's for approval that indicates the services to be provided; authorizes these funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose; and prohibits the funds from being transferred and used for any other purpose.
WMC: AMEND proviso to direct resources to meals and transportation only if operating within funding constraints. Requested by the Department on Aging.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND further to change three percent to "\$350,000".

40.5. (AGING: Home and Community-Based Services) State funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services shall be used to fund those services that most directly meet the goal of allowing seniors to live safely and independently at home. Allowable services, as defined in the Department on Aging's State Plan, include programs to promote social connection, group dining, home delivered meals, transportation to group dining sites, transportation for essential trips, personal care, homemaker, home chore, home modification, legal assistance, assessments, dental services, and pest control. During funding emergencies, to include a midyear reduction, delay, or elimination of federal funding, services may be limited to

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meals and transportation only. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) may expend no more than ten percent for administrative services and one-quarter of one percent shall be retained by the Department on Aging to provide monitoring and oversight of the program. However, up to ~~three percent~~ \$350,000 of the annual state appropriation for Home and Community-Based Services may be retained at the Department on Aging to be allocated by the department to the affected regions in cases of an emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor. If these funds are not utilized in the fiscal year allocated, they are to be treated as carry forward funds and reallocated to the AAAs. The Intrastate Funding Formula shall be used as a guideline for the allocation of state funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services. The Department on Aging shall develop and implement a structured methodology to allocate the state Home and Community-Based Services funding. The methodology shall include flexibility to reallocate funds amongst the AAAs, and be composed of, at a minimum, the following factors: a minimum base amount, the fiscal year's federally allocated funds, federal and state carry forwards funds, and an appropriate weighted proportion that will achieve the mission of the Department on Aging to provide as many services as possible to the citizens of South Carolina. Each AAA shall submit a budget for approval by the Department on Aging indicating the services to be provided. Any unexpended Home and Community-Base Services funds in this program shall be carried forward by the Department on Aging and used for the same purposes. Funds may not be transferred from the Home and Community-Based special line item for any other purpose.

- 40.11 AMEND** (AGING: Reserve Funds) **WMC:** ADD proviso to direct that if federal funding is delayed or eliminated, the department may use General Fund carryforward reserves to support Area Agencies on Aging and maintain services. Any unspent funds may be returned to the department at the end of the current fiscal year. Requested by the Department on Aging.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND further to delete “subsequent”.

40.11. (AGING: Reserve Funds) In the event of a delay or elimination of federal funding during the fiscal year, the Department on Aging may allocate funds in its General Fund Carryforward reserve account to Area Agencies on Aging to ensure that services continue to be provided. Should these reallocated funds not be fully expended by the end of the current ~~or subsequent~~ fiscal year, the Department on Aging may return the unused funds to other agency reserves.

- 40.12 DELETE** (AGING: Grant Forgiveness) **WMC:** ADD proviso to forgive the grant awarded to the Town of Pacolet in 2013 for the renovation of the Pacolet Mill Cloth Room.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DELETE new proviso.

~~*40.12. (AGING: Grant Forgiveness) The Senior Center Permanent Improvement Grant awarded to the Town of Pacolet in 2013 for the renovation of the Pacolet Mill Cloth Room is hereby forgiven.*~~

SECTION 55 – P500 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 55.22 DELETE** (DES: York Water Filtration Fund) Transfers funds appropriated to DES for the York Water Filtration Plant to be used for the Lincoln Road Sidewalk Project.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Environmental Services.

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HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~55.22. (DES: York Water Filtration Fund) Funds remaining of the \$700,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 118.19 (B)(83)(h) to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the York Water Filtration Plant shall be transferred and used for the Lincoln Road Sidewalk Project.~~

- 55.23 AMEND** (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) Creates the PFAS removal evaluation fund and pilot program. Provides the requirements of the program and requires a progress report to be submitted by June 30.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

55.23. (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) There is established within the Department of Environmental Services the PFAS Removal Evaluation Fund. The Department of Environmental Services shall use the fund to create and implement the PFAS Removal Evaluation Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate and facilitate the implementation of emerging technologies to remove PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. The department will establish the selection criteria, terms, and conditions for participation in the pilot program. A progress report on the viability of the piloted technologies and their effectiveness in PFAS removal shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

- 55.25 AMEND NEW PROVISO** (DES: State Water Plan Funds) **WMC:** ADD proviso to utilize previously allocated funds for statewide water planning and implementation activities, in continued support of the SC State Water Plan. Requested by the Department of Environmental Services.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to include a fiscal year reference.

55.25. (DES: State Water Plan Funds) In the current fiscal year, all funds previously allocated for State Water Planning purposes may be utilized for statewide water planning and implementation activities. These funds shall support the continued development, completion, and implementation of the South Carolina State Water Plan. Expenditures shall be made in the order in which funds were received until fully expended.

- 55.26 CONFORM TO FUNDING / ADD** (DES: AI Pilot Program) **WMC:** ADD proviso to create a pilot program of artificial intelligence solutions that improve environmental permitting. Allows the department to utilize internships and other personnel and partnership strategies to support any implementation.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

55.26. (DES: AI Pilot Program) From the funds appropriated, the Department of Environmental Services shall develop and implement a framework to identify, pilot, and scale artificial intelligence solutions that improve efficiency, transparency, and service delivery in environmental permitting. The framework shall support modernization of environmental permitting by enabling a range of innovative use cases such as streamlining application review,

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leveraging advanced data analytics, and improving applicant interactions while ensuring security and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. To support implementation, the department may utilize internships, fellowships, time-limited positions, or other personnel strategies in collaboration with academic institutions and workforce partners. All activities should prioritize innovation and adaptability to meet evolving program needs.

55.pcn **ADD** (DES: Permit Central – Nuclear) **SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** ADD proviso to direct DES to establish “Permit Central—Nuclear” to develop a roadmap for coordinating and streamlining permitting of advanced nuclear technologies and medical isotope activities under existing law. Directs that the roadmap must cover a broad range of reactor types and nuclear lifecycle activities, evaluate current state and federal regulatory frameworks, and identify opportunities to support efficient deployment in South Carolina. DES may use existing staff and collaborate with federal agencies, industry, and academic partners. Directs that report with findings and recommendations be submitted to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

55.pcn. (DES: Permit Central – Nuclear) (A) With funds appropriated in the current fiscal year, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) shall establish Permit Central—Nuclear to develop a roadmap for the coordination and streamlining of permitting processes for advanced nuclear technologies and medical radioactive isotope harvesting activities under existing state authority.

(B) The roadmap shall address advanced reactor technologies, including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), molten salt reactors, microreactors, and fusion systems, as well as nuclear lifecycle facilities and activities, which may include, but are not limited to, fuel cycle facilities, advanced manufacturing, testing, integration, deployment, operations, transportation, fuel management, and decommissioning, and use of radioactive isotopes for medical, research, and industrial applications.

(C) In developing the roadmap, DES, through Permit Central—Nuclear, may review the existing state and federal regulatory framework, coordinate with applicable federal authorities including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy, and identify opportunities to position South Carolina to support advanced nuclear deployment efficiently and effectively under existing law.

(D) Permit Central—Nuclear may utilize existing DES full-time equivalent positions, internships, fellowships, time-limited positions, or other personnel strategies, and may collaborate with industry expertise, including the Savannah River National Laboratory Regulatory Center of Excellence, academic institutions, and nuclear industry experts.

(E) DES, through Permit Central—Nuclear, shall submit a report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, outlining the roadmap and any recommended administrative or statutory considerations. Nothing in this proviso shall be construed to expand DES regulatory authority beyond that provided by existing law.

SECTION 99 – E190 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

99.1 **AMEND** (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-16-38 for the current fiscal year.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

99.1. (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, Section 9-16-380, relating to the solicitation and the bid for a fiduciary audit, is suspended.

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SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

- 108.1 RESTORE** (PEBA: Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance) Allows Lottery Commissioners, Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members, magistrates, if the magistrate's county participates in the plan, and eligible dependents, to participate in the State Health and Dental Plan upon payment of full premium costs.
WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that municipal court judges and their dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RESTORE original proviso.

108.1. (PEBA: Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance ~~Eligibility~~) South Carolina Lottery Commissioners and South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. If a county is participating in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, magistrates and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon the magistrate paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. ~~Municipal court judges and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.~~

- 108.5 CONFORM TO FUNDING / AMEND** (PEBA: State Health Plan) Directs that for Plan Year 2025 there shall be an employer premium increase of 4.6% and a subscriber increase of 0%. Authorize PEBA to adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions during Plan Year 2026 to ensure the plan remains fiscally stable.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the employer increase to 0% and update the calendar year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: CONFORM TO FUNDING.

108.5. (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2), an employer premium increase of ~~4.6~~ zero percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent will result for the standard State Health Plan for Plan Year ~~2026~~ 2027. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2026~~ 2027 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

- 108.11 DELETE** (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) Suspends the provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2), relating to the establishment and administration of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund, for the current fiscal year. Directs that funds that would have been transferred to the SC Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund may remain in the operating account for the employee health insurance program.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Public Employee Benefit Authority.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

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108.11. (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) ~~The provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2) are suspended for Fiscal Year 2025-26, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during Fiscal Year 2025-26, funds that would otherwise have been transferred to the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund from the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program pursuant to Section 1-11-705(I)(2) may remain in the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program.~~

108.12 AMEND (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-4-40 and bid solicitation for the fiduciary audit for the current fiscal year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

108.12. (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27, Section 9-4-40, relating to solicitation of the bid for the fiduciary audit, is suspended.

108.14 RESTORE (PEBA: PORS Return to Work) Directs that if a member of PORS chooses to participate in the Return to Work program, they shall not lose their license or be unable to perform officer duties from their twelve month period off of duties. Requires officers to meet continuous education and training requirements.

HOU: AMEND proviso to direct that the earnings limitation does not apply if the compensation received is for employment in a critical needs law enforcement position. Directs that the Law Enforcement Training Council must review and approve documentation that no qualified, nonretired member is available for employment and meets the requirements. Requires the Council to submit a report to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees of the positions requested. Directs the Council to develop guidelines and curriculum for officer recertification. Sponsor: Reps. Pope, Gilliam, and Wooten

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RESTORE original proviso.

108.14. (PEBA: PORS Return to Work) ~~(A)~~ If a member of the Police Officer Retirement System chooses to engage in the Return to Work program, their twelve month period spent not engaging in officer duties shall not cause a member to lose their license or be unable to perform the duties of a police officer. Officers participating in the Return to Work program shall be required to meet continuous training and education requirements of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Academy.

~~(B) For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if compensation received by the retired member from the covered employer is for employment in a critical needs law enforcement position as determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council. For this provision to apply, the Law Enforcement Training Council must review and approve, from the documentation provided by the covered employer, that no qualified, nonretired member is available for employment in the position, and that the member selected for employment meets the requirements of this provision. No later than January 1st of the current fiscal year, the Law Enforcement Training Council must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the positions requested for inclusion in the earnings limitation exception under this provision. The earnings limitation exception in this provision only applies to those positions approved by action of the General Assembly for the fiscal year in response to the report submitted by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The Law Enforcement Training Council shall develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified.~~

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SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.112 AMEND (GP: South Carolina Telemedicine Network) Directs the MUSC Hospital Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to develop the SC Statewide Telemedicine Network. Directs DHHS to report on policy and benefit changes it introduced to improve telehealth services sustainability and to submit a report by October 1, 2019, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees on how they intend to broaden their service-based coverage to align with the federal changes and to improve sustainability of telehealth services.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the reporting requirement related to COVID-19. Requested by the Department of Health and Human Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.112. (GP: South Carolina Telemedicine Network) From the funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina for the MUSC Hospital Authority for Telemedicine and the funds appropriated and authorized for the Department of Health and Human Services, the agencies must continue the development of the South Carolina Statewide Telemedicine Network. The South Carolina Telehealth Alliance shall submit a proposal to the MUSC Hospital Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services to determine which hospitals, clinics, schools or other entities are best suited for Telemedicine partnerships.

(A) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop or continue a program to leverage the use of teaching hospitals to provide rural physician coverage by expanding the use of Telemedicine, to include new applications such as School Based Telehealth, and Tele-ICU. The department shall also amend its policy related to reimbursement for telemedicine to add Act 301 Behavioral Health Centers as a referring site for covered telemedicine services.

(B) During the current fiscal year the Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with the MUSC Hospital Authority in the amount of \$5,000,000 to lead the development and operation of a statewide, open access South Carolina Telemedicine Network. At the request of the department, MUSC shall provide the department with all information and materials necessary to seek federal medical assistance for this contract. The MUSC Hospital Authority shall contract with each Regional Support Hub to ensure funding and support of strategic plans submitted by the Regional Support Hubs and approved by both the MUSC Hospital Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services. Institutions and other entities participating in the network must be afforded the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the development of any annual refining to the initiative's strategic plan. Working with the department, the MUSC Hospital Authority shall collaborate with Palmetto Care Connections to pursue this goal. No less than \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be allocated toward support of Palmetto Care Connections and other hospitals in South Carolina. The MUSC Hospital Authority must provide the department with quarterly reports regarding the funds allocation and progress of telemedicine transformation efforts and networks. These reports must include an itemization of the ultimate recipients of these funds, whether vendors, grantees, specific participating institutions, or the Medical University of South Carolina, and must distinguish between funds allocation to the university as a participating institution as opposed to those retained and used by the university in its capacity as the administering entity for the network.

(C) The Department of Health and Human Services shall continue to identify and implement telehealth benefits and policies that are evidence-based, cost efficient, and aligned with the needs of the Medicaid population. ~~The department must also continue to review the temporary telephonic and telehealth flexibilities it has adopted to address the COVID-19 public health~~

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~~emergency and make permanent those that are suitable for inclusion in the Medicaid benefit. No later than October 1, the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on policy and benefit changes it has introduced in the furtherance of this goal and as part of its ongoing effort to improve the sustainability of telehealth services.~~

- 117.114. AMEND** (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Directs that the funds allocated to PEBA for the SCRS or PORS Trust Funds be credited toward contributions due from participating employers in those systems; directs that no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special purpose districts, joint authorities, non-profits, hospitals, participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e), relating to retirement systems definitions, and state employees whose salaries are paid with federal funds. Directs that the SC Ports Authority, the SC Public Service Authority, and the Medical University Hospital Authority are excluded from this prohibition. Directs PEBA to collaborate with DOA, EBO, and RFA to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally funded state employees.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.114. (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Unless otherwise provided in Paragraphs A through D of this provision, the funds appropriated to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the South Carolina Retirement System Trust Fund and the Police Officers' Retirement System Trust Fund in Part IA, Section 108 of this act shall be credited toward the contributions due from participating employers in SCRS and PORS for Fiscal Year ~~2025-26~~ 2026-27. Each employer's credit shall be determined at the same rate as calculated by PEBA for the pension funding allocation credit for Fiscal Year 2017-18. A participating employer shall not receive a credit that exceeds the employer contributions due from the employer.

(A) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special purpose districts, joint authorities, or non-profit corporations; however, this provision does not apply to the South Carolina State Ports Authority and the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(B) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of hospitals; however this provision does not apply to the Medical University Hospital Authority.

(C) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e) of the 1976 Code.

(D) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for state employees who are funded with federal funds. The Public Employee Benefits Authority shall collaborate with the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally-funded employees of state agencies.

- 117.164 AMEND** (GP: Prostate Cancer Study Committee) Creates the Prostate Cancer Study Committee. Provides the initiatives that the study committee shall address and the requirements for the appointed members of the committee. Directs that the chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Requires the committee to continuously meet and provide a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 31, 2025 on its findings and recommendations.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND further to add the fiscal year reference, and to allow the study committee to provide feedback or consultations during the implementation of its recommendations. Removes the reporting requirement.

117.164. (GP: Prostate Cancer Study Committee) (A) For ~~the current fiscal year~~ *Fiscal Year 2026-27*, the South Carolina Prostate Cancer Study Committee ~~shall continue to address, but is not limited to addressing,~~ *may provide feedback or consultation if requested during any implementation of recommendations made in its February 2026 report regarding* the following initiatives:

- (1) the best methods to ensure timely screening, accurate diagnosis, and treatment of prostate cancer;
- (2) the need for and viability of a continuum of care for those diagnosed with and in remission from prostate cancer;
- (3) reviewing and evaluating best practices for education and awareness about prostate cancer;
- (4) identifying areas in South Carolina with a high incidence of prostate cancer or poor outcomes;
- (5) researching the latest and proven methods for screening, diagnosing, and treating prostate cancer; and
- (6) reviewing current efforts to promote prostate cancer awareness and screening in South Carolina and how best to improve those efforts.

(B) In addition to two Senators appointed by the President of the South Carolina Senate and two members of the House of Representatives as appointed by the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, the committee shall consist of:

- (1) one Urology or Oncology Specialist from the MUSC School of Medicine;
- (2) one Urology or Oncology Specialist from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine;
- (3) three Urology or Oncology Specialists who are not affiliated with the MUSC School of Medicine or the University of South Carolina School of Medicine appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the South Carolina Hospital Association;
- (4) three Urology or Oncology Specialists who are not affiliated with the MUSC School of Medicine or the University of South Carolina School of Medicine appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the South Carolina Medical Association;
- (5) the Director of the Hollings Cancer Center or his designee;
- (6) the Director of the South Carolina Office of Rural Health or his designee;
- (7) the Director of the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare or his designee;
- (8) the Director of Clemson Rural Health or his designee;
- (9) the Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health or his designee;
- (10) one representative from the American Cancer Society;
- (11) one patient advocate, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; and
- (12) one patient advocate, to be appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

(C) No member of the study committee shall be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement.

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~~(C)~~(D) From the membership of the committee, a Chairman shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

~~(D)~~(E) Any administrative services or support for the study committee shall be provided by staff of the General Assembly.

~~(E)~~(F) ~~No later than December 31, 2025/2026, the study committee shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee with a report on its findings and recommendations on the initiatives contained in this provision.~~

117.195 AMEND (GP: JUUL Settlement) WMC: ADD proviso to direct the annual JUUL Settlement payment received by the Office of the Attorney General to be transferred to the Department of Public Health Tobacco Prevention and Control Unit for statewide tobacco prevention and control efforts. Requires DPH to follow the CDC’s Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs guidelines in carrying out these efforts and to requires a report to be submitted on the use of the funds to the by June 30 of the current fiscal year.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to change “fund” to “agreement”, and to add carry forward authority for the settlement funds.

117.195. (GP: JUUL Settlement) In the current fiscal year, the annual payment received by the State of South Carolina, Office of Attorney General, from the JUUL Settlement Fund Agreement shall be transferred to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Tobacco Prevention and Control Unit to support and increase the work of tobacco prevention and control efforts statewide. The DPH Tobacco Prevention and Control Unit shall follow the Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in its mission to prevent and reduce tobacco use through partnerships around the state. Settlement funds the agency is unable to utilize in the current fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. DPH shall provide a report on the use of funds to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by June 30 of the current fiscal year.

117.199 AMEND (GP: Hospital Emergency Bed Placement) WMC: ADD proviso to allow a hospital to place patient beds in hallways, corridors, or other means of egress during a determined and documented justified emergency. Provides the criteria of the approval of the bed placements and the form they must submit created by the Department of Public Health. Requires hospitals to maintain records and provide copies to DPH and states they shall maintain clear pathways and exits. Allows the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to promulgate emergency regulations to implement the provision. Defines relevant terms. Sponsor: Rep. Hewitt

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AMEND new proviso to change the reference to the onsite emergency physician to a designated member of the emergency’s leadership team and directs the developed form to be electronic. Removes the ability of LLR to promulgate emergency regulations or issue interpretive guidance.

117.199. (GP: Hospital Emergency Bed Placement) (A) For the current fiscal year with the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Public Health, and notwithstanding any other provision of law or applicable fire or building code, during a justified emergency, a hospital may place patient beds in hallways, corridors, or other means of egress when ~~the on-site emergency department physician~~ a designated member of the emergency department’s leadership team, as provided for in the hospital’s written policies and procedures, determines

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and documents, within seven calendar days of the start of the justified emergency, on ~~an~~ an electronic form developed by the Department of Public Health that:

- (1) all other appropriate treatment space in the hospital has been exhausted; and
- (2) the health and safety of patients is jeopardized without the use of patient beds in these areas.

(B) The form required pursuant to item (A) shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) the beginning date and time of the justified emergency;
- (2) the ending date and time of the justified emergency;
- (3) the nature of the justified emergency as described in item (A);
- (4) an indication that all other appropriate treatment space in the hospital has been exhausted;

(5) an indication that the health and safety of patients is at increased risk without the use of patient beds in hallways, corridors, or other means of egress; and

(6) the signature of the ~~emergency department physician on site~~ designated member of the emergency department's leadership team at the onset of the justified emergency.

(C) Hospitals shall maintain records required pursuant to item (B) and shall provide copies of the form described in item (B) no less than quarterly to the Department of Public Health documenting each instance in which a justified emergency has been determined and patient beds have been used in hallways, corridors, or other means of egress.

(D) When not in use for the care and treatment of patients during a justified emergency, hospitals shall remove any beds from hallways, corridors, or means of egress.

(E) To provide for the safety of hospital staff, patients, and visitors during a justified emergency, hospitals shall maintain a clear pathway in hallways, corridors, and means of egress and shall not block exits. Hospitals shall not erect or construct partitions or structures that obstruct the building's fire protection systems, including automatic sprinkler systems or fire alarm and detection system components.

(F) Hospitals shall develop written protocols governing justified emergency conditions and shall require all employees responsible for the care or treatment of patients to familiarize themselves with these protocols.

~~(G) The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation may promulgate emergency regulations or issue interpretive guidance as necessary to implement this provision. The Department of Public Health shall monitor compliance and take enforcement action as authorized by law.~~

(H)(1) For purposes of this provision, a "justified emergency" means any of the following:

- (a) a declared state of emergency;
- (b) a natural or manmade disaster;
- (c) a mass transit accident;
- (d) an industrial or construction accident;
- (e) a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear event;
- (f) an act of crowd, spree, or terrorist violence resulting in injuries;
- (g) an acute outbreak of contagious or infectious disease; or
- (h) the exhaustion of all available treatment space in an emergency department due

to the number of patients being treated at that time.

(2) "Hospital" means a facility that is organized and administered to provide overnight medical or surgical care or nursing care for an illness, injury, or infirmity and must provide on-campus emergency services; that may provide obstetrical care; and in which all diagnoses, treatment, or care is administered by or under the direction of persons currently licensed to practice medicine, surgery, or osteopathy. This shall include all hospitals that convert to Rural Emergency Hospitals pursuant to 42 CFR Part 485 Subpart E and Section 125 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

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(3) "Hallways," "Corridors," and other "Means of egress" shall have the same definitions as provided in the codes and standards in effect at the time of the incident, as identified in Section 1-34-20 and adopted by the Building Codes Council pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 9.

SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

118.20 DELETE (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) Appropriates nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2025-26, generated from specific sources.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT deletion.

~~118.20. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following sources:~~

- ~~(1) \$332,294,362 from Contingency Reserve Fund;~~
- ~~(2) \$1,226,554,400 from Fiscal Year 2024 25 Projected Surplus;~~
- ~~(3) \$34,054,856 from Litigation Recovery Account;~~
- ~~(4) \$1,643,873 from Fiscal Year 2024 25 Projected Debt Service Lapse;~~
- ~~(5) \$109,752,745 from Fiscal Year 2025 26 Debt Service Appropriated Above Obligations;~~
- ~~(6) \$2,290,000 from Fiscal Year 2024 25 Governor Vetoes;~~
- ~~(7) \$6,254,723 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;~~
- ~~(8) \$4,000,000 from Workers' Compensation Commission Overage of IT Project;~~
- ~~(9) (5,079,000) for Fiscal Year 2024 25 Incremental Income Tax Reduction; and~~
- ~~(10) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.~~

~~Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2024 25 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2025 26.~~

~~This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2025 26 after September 1, 2025, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2024 25.~~

~~(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.~~

~~The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations on February 20, 2026, for the purposes stated, with the exception of items (1) and (68)(b) which shall be disbursed by September 30, 2025.~~

- ~~(1) F010 General Reserve Fund
General Reserve Fund Contribution \$99,695,200;~~
- ~~(2) H630 Department of Education
(a) Education Scholarship Trust Fund \$15,000,000;
(b) High Quality Instructional Materials \$41,585,026;
(c) School of Workforce Innovation Pilot Phase 2 \$ 5,000,000;~~
- ~~(3) H620 First Steps
Innovation Investments \$ 2,500,000;~~
- ~~(4) H710 Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
(a) Student Recreational \$ 125,000;
(b) Building and Office Maintenance \$ 600,000;~~

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(5) H750 School for the Deaf and the Blind	
(a) CLRC Roof Repairs	\$ 1,000,000;
(b) Walker Hall Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 500,000;
(c) HVAC Memminger Hall, CLRC, and Dobson House	\$ 1,000,000;
(6) L120 Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe	
(a) De la Howe Hall Site Work	\$ 2,000,000;
(b) Campus Security Cameras Phase 2	\$ 400,000;
(c) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery	\$ 4,000,000;
(d) Remodel Hester Cottage	\$ 600,000;
(7) H670 Educational Television Commission	
(a) HVAC Replacement	\$ 5,000,000;
(b) Combined Control Room Modernization	\$ 2,000,000;
(c) Fire Suppression	\$ 400,000;
(d) Facility Security Update	\$ 1,000,000;
(8) H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities	
(a) Film Equipment for New Art Program	\$ 100,000;
(b) Gallery/Flexible Instructional Space	\$ 1,000,000;
(9) H650 Governor's School for Science and Mathematics	
Replacement of 6 Des Champs HVAC Units for Residence Halls	\$ 1,850,000;
(10) H090 The Citadel	
(a) Engineering Building Replacement	\$12,900,000;
(b) Renovation of Workforce Housing	\$ 2,000,000;
(c) Deas Hall Renovation	\$ 7,000,000;
(11) H120 Clemson University	
(a) NextGen Computing Complex	\$40,000,000;
(b) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,000,000;
(12) H150 University of Charleston	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,000,000;
(13) H170 Coastal Carolina University	
Wheelwright Auditorium Renovation	\$ 4,488,000;
(14) H180 Francis Marion University	
(a) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building Renovation	\$ 2,000,000;
(b) Hyman Fine Arts Center Building Renovation	\$ 5,000,000;
(c) Highway 327 Crosswalks Project: Securing Safe Passage for FMU Students and Staff	\$ 750,000;
(15) H210 Lander University	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,000,000;
(b) Marion Carnell Learning Center Renovation	\$ 8,000,000;
(16) H240 South Carolina State University	
(a) Replacement of Smith Hammond Middleton Convocation Center	\$ 5,000,000;
(b) Renovation of Dr. Maceo O. Nance Hall (Establishment of the New College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science)	\$15,000,000;
(17) H270 University of South Carolina—Columbia	
(a) Battery Center Facility	\$13,200,000;
(b) Maintenance Repair and Renovation: Coker College Maintenance Renovation	\$ 2,000,000;

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(18) H290 University of South Carolina—Aiken	
Science Building Enhancement and Modernization	\$ 8,350,000;
(19) H340 University of South Carolina—Upstate	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$10,000,000;
(b) Recreation and Tourism Management Center	\$ 6,000,000;
(20) H360 University of South Carolina—Beaufort	
New Convocation Center	\$ 9,250,000;
(21) H370 University of South Carolina—Lancaster	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 1,320,000;
(22) H380 University of South Carolina—Salkehatchie	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 1,400,000;
(23) H390 University of South Carolina—Sumter	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,000,000;
(b) Facilities Management Center	\$ 3,000,000;
(c) Collaboration Lab	\$ 5,506,900;
(24) H400 University of South Carolina—Union	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,000,000;
(25) H470 Winthrop University	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,000,000;
(b) Administrative Building Renovation	\$ 4,620,000;
(c) Academic Renovations & New Strategic Academic Programs	\$ 2,309,996;
(26) H510 Medical University of South Carolina	
(a) College of Medicine Academic Building	\$25,000,000;
(b) Southeastern Health AI Consortium	\$ 6,600,000;
(c) Lancaster Medical Center Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program	\$ 5,802,000;
(27) H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	
(a) SC WINS	\$34,232,473;
(b) readySC	\$ 4,000,000;
(c) Make It In SC	\$ 1;
(d) SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative	\$ 500,000;
(e) Aiken Technical College	
(i) Equipment Funding	\$ 1,818,550;
(ii) ITC Roof Replacement	\$ 594,000;
(iii) Demolition of the 100/200 and 300 buildings	\$ 606,000;
(iv) Parking Lot Refurbishment	\$ 792,000;
(v) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,900,000;
(f) Central Carolina Technical College	
(i) Kershaw Campus Expansion	\$ 5,000,000;
(ii) Technical High School Workforce Center	\$15,000,000;
(iii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 3,500,000;
(g) Denmark Technical College	
New Building—Cybersecurity, Energy, Healthcare	\$ 1;
(h) Florence-Darlington Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,000,000;
(i) Greenville Technical College	
(i) Center for Industrial Cyber Security and AI	\$16,000,000;
(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 8,000,000;
(j) Horry-Georgetown Technical College	
(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,000,000;

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	(ii) Equip Grand Strand Speir Healthcare Building	\$ 6,000,000;
(k)	Midlands Technical College	
	(i) Advanced Trades Center	\$16,000,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$12,500,000;
(l)	Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College	
	(i) Health Sciences Building	\$ 5,086,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 2,800,000;
(m)	Piedmont Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 7,000,000;
(n)	Spartanburg Community College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 9,200,000;
(o)	Technical College of the Lowcountry	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 1,000,000;
(p)	Tri County Technical College	
	(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 511,666;
	(ii) Forestry Technician Program Facility	\$ 6,000,000;
	(iii) Diesel Mechanic Training Facility	\$ 2,500,000;
(q)	Trident Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,271,487;
(r)	Williamsburg Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 1,000,000;
(s)	York Technical College	
	(i) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 4,000,000;
	(ii) Trades Program Expansion	\$12,000,000;
(28)	H790 Department of Archives and History	
	(a) SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission	\$ 4,000,000;
	(b) Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion	\$ 1,250,000;
(29)	H910 Arts Commission	
	Support Grants for Community Arts Organizations	\$ 1,000,000;
(30)	H950 State Museum Commission	
	(a) Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement Project	\$20,000,000;
	(b) Security Alarm System & Wayfinding Emergency Public Announcement System	\$ 300,000;
	(c) Imagery Server Repository and Backup Expansion	\$ 100,000;
(31)	H960 Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission	
	(a) International Aspect of the American Civil War Exhibit	\$ 750,000;
	(b) Conrad Wise Chapman Paintings	\$ 150,000;
	(c) South Carolina Vietnam Veterans' Oral Interviews	\$ 30,000;
	(d) Main Gallery Exhibits Updates	\$ 500,000;
(32)	J060 Department of Public Health	
	(a) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies	\$ 1,600,000;
	(b) Modernizing IT Infrastructure Support Systems	\$10,000,000;
(33)	H730 Department of Vocational Rehabilitation	
	(a) Evaluation VR Center / State Office Repaving	\$ 150,000;
	(b) ITTC/Rehabilitation Engineering Building Repaving	\$ 150,000;
	(c) Dorm Building VR Center Heat Pump Unit Replacement	\$ 73,750;
(34)	J020 Department of Health and Human Services	
	(a) Children's Hospital Collaborative	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) Statewide Pediatric Bed Enhancements	\$ 2,000,000;

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(35) J120	Department of Mental Health	
	(a) Berkeley and Orangeburg County Jail Based Programs	\$ 800,000;
	(b) Alternative Transportation Program	\$ 2,500,000;
	(c) Inpatient Services Capital Needs	\$ 9,370,000;
(36) J160	Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	
	(a) Residential Services	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative	\$ 1,000,000;
(37) L040	Department of Social Services	
	(a) Economic Services System Application Modernization (ESSAM) — DDI Phase	
	\$ 18,590,812;	
	(b) SNAP Employment and Training Funding	\$ 400,000;
(38) L080	Department of Children's Advocacy	
	IT Operations	\$ 77,000;
(39) L320	Housing Finance and Development Authority	
	First time Homebuyers Workforce Housing	\$ 5,000,000;
(40) P120	Forestry Commission	
	(a) Mechanic Recruitment and Retention & Vehicle and Supplies	\$ 63,000;
	(b) Forest Health Capacity	\$ 52,000;
	(c) Prescribed Fire Capacity	\$ 1,852,000;
(41) P160	Department of Agriculture	
	(a) Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,400,000;
	(b) Regional Farmers Markets	\$ 2,000,000;
(42) P200	Clemson University Public Service Activities	
	PSA Planned Maintenance and Critical Infrastructure	\$ 3,000,000;
(43) P210	SC State University Public Service Activities	
	(a) Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development	\$ 650,000;
	(b) Agriculture Innovation Research	\$ 500,000;
	(c) Business Development Training and Assistance	\$ 525,000;
	(d) New Beginner Farmer Assistance	\$ 600,000;
	(e) Future Farm Planning	\$ 250,000;
	(f) Animal Research & Education Center (AREC)	\$ 2,500,000;
(44) P240	Department of Natural Resources	
	(a) Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance	\$ 1,500,000;
	(c) Statewide Flood Inundation Map Modeling	\$ 1,500,000;
	(d) Field & Regional Building Maintenance & Construction	\$ 2,000,000;
	(e) State Lakes High Hazard Dams and Spillway Repair	\$27,755,000;
	(f) Disaster Relief Grant Match Funding	\$13,333,333;
	(g) Waterways Protection Fund (S.367)	\$ 750,000;
(45) P280	Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	
	(a) Agency Property Development	\$15,000,000;
	(b) Sports Marketing	\$ 4,000,000;
	(c) Destination Specific Marketing Grants	\$ 6,000,000;
	(d) Beach Renourishment Grants	\$ 1,524,000;
	(e) State Park Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 3,000,000;
	(f) Film Incentives	\$ 4,000,000;
	(g) SCATR Regional Promotions	\$ 1,100,000;
	(h) Tourism Development	\$ 9,000,000;
(46) P320	Department of Commerce	
	(a) LocateSC Site Readiness	\$80,000,000;

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- (b) Airport Enhancements \$80,000,000;
- (c) Irish Trade Commission \$ 250,000;

(46.1) ~~The funds in item (46)(b) shall be distributed to primary commercial airports as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which had a minimum of 100,000 enplanements per calendar year 2023 data available from the FAA. The funds shall be distributed pro-rata based on 2023 FAA data based on fifty percent enplanements and fifty percent cargo with a minimum distribution per eligible airport of two million dollars. Further, the Secretary of Commerce may utilize up to ten million dollars of these funds for the purposes of airport enhancements to further aviation industry economic development at non-primary commercial airports owned by a subdivision of the State of South Carolina.~~

- (47) P400 ~~SC Conservation Bank~~
 - (a) Conservation Grant Funding \$25,000,000;
 - (b) Working Ag Lands Grant Funding \$ 8,000,000;
 - (c) State Resource Agency Strategic Land Acquisition \$20,000,000;
- (48) P450 ~~Rural Infrastructure Authority~~
 - (a) Rural Infrastructure Fund \$12,000,000;
 - (b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund \$15,000,000;
- (49) P500 ~~Department of Environmental Services~~
 - (a) Electrical Utilities Permitting \$ 4,700;
 - (b) PFAS Pilot Program \$ 350,000;
- (50) B040 ~~Judicial Department~~
 - Case Management System Modernization \$25,000,000;
- (51) E200 ~~Attorney General's Office~~
 - (a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program \$19,452,149;
 - (b) Legal Fees \$ 6,000,000;
- (52) E210 ~~Prosecution Coordination Commission~~
 - Agency Operations \$ 16,375;
- (53) D100 ~~State Law Enforcement Division~~
 - (a) Agency Operating \$ 1,000,000;
 - (b) Personnel Equipment \$ 500,000;
 - (c) Agency IT Operating \$ 1,000,000;
- (54) K050 ~~Department of Public Safety~~
 - (a) School Safety Program \$ 8,324,448;
 - (b) Law Enforcement Equipment \$ 1,000,000;
 - (c) 9-1-1 IVR costs for SCDPS Implementation \$ 1,000,000;
 - (d) Radio Replacement Life Cycling \$ 500,000;
 - (e) DMV Headquarters Ground Floor HVAC Renovation \$ 2,400,000;
- (55) N040 ~~Department of Corrections~~
 - (a) Cell Phone Interdiction \$ 3,500,000;
 - (b) Prison Industries Operating Costs \$ 1,000,000;
 - (c) Security Equipment Replacement \$ 500,000;
 - (d) Deferred Maintenance \$ 2,500,000;
- (56) N080 ~~Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services~~
 - (a) IT Modernization \$ 750,000;
 - (b) Agency Fleet Cost \$ 350,000;
- (57) N120 ~~Department of Juvenile Justice~~
 - IT Ongoing Security Assessment and Remediation \$ 1,300,000;
- (58) R200 ~~Department of Insurance~~
 - Safe Homes Program \$ 3,000,000;
- (59) R600 ~~Department of Employment and Workforce~~

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	(a) Statewide Education & Workforce Development Portal	\$10,300,000;
	(b) Graduation Alliance.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(60)	U120 Department of Transportation	
	(a) Bridge Modernization.....	\$200,000,000;
	(b) Off State Litter	\$ 1,000,000;
	(c) Hurricane Helene.....	\$35,000,000;
(61)	U150 Infrastructure Bank Board	
	Act 37 Adjustments	\$ 1,300,000;
(62)	U300 Division of Aeronautics	
	Airport Safety and Development	\$ 5,000,000;
(63)	A010 The Senate	
	Operating Expenses	\$ 500,000;
(64)	A050 House of Representatives	
	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000,000;
(65)	A170 Legislative Services Agency	
	Enterprise Software System.....	\$ 8,000,000;
(66)	A200 Legislative Audit Council	
	Government Efficiency RFP Review	\$ 10,000;
(67)	D300 Office of Resilience	
	(a) Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund Replenishment ..	\$40,000,000;
	(b) MUSC Charleston Medical District Elevated Walkway	\$18,000,000;
	(c) Data Collection/Coordination.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(d) Watershed Coordination & Planning.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(68)	D500 Department of Administration	
	(a) Modernized IT Service Management Platform	\$ 9,000,000;
	(b) Independent Compliance Consultant.....	\$ 1,800,000;
	(c) State Owned Buildings Security Upgrades	\$ 2,929,318;
	(d) State Facilities Master Planning	\$ 725,000;
(69)	E240 Adjutant General's Office	
	(a) Armory Revitalization	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) SCEMD—Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(c) SCEMD—SC Public Assistance Program.....	\$ 3,000,000;
	(d) Graniteville Land Purchase	\$ 185,000;
	(e) SCEMD—Declared Disasters Relief	\$ 1;
	(f) Wireless Network support to NG Armories and key facilities .	\$ 1,963,800;
(70)	E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs	
	(a) Military Enhancement Fund.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) E. Roy Stone State Veteran Home Facility Maintenance Improvements	\$ 2,000,000;
(71)	E280 Election Commission	
	(a) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant.....	\$ 200,000;
	(b) Statewide voting system upgrade	\$10,970,755;
	(c) Annual Election Costs	\$708,000; and
(72)	E550 State Fiscal Accountability	
	Authority SCPro Procurement Module.....	\$ 3,200,000.

(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.

(D) For the purpose of all items in this provision, funds shall not be disbursed until verification that receiver's organization is registered as a business, nonprofit, or charitable organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State's office. This requirement does not apply

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~~to governmental entities or entities created by statute. Upon receipt and verification of all requirements in this act, the funds shall be transferred directly to the grant recipients within ten business days.~~

~~(E) For the purpose of this provision, the Executive Budget Office may authorize the transfer of items among state agencies upon request of the agencies after in consultation with the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee.~~