

**SUMMARY OF PROVISO CHANGES FOR FY 2024-2025
AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

SECTION 1 - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1.2 AMEND (SDE: DHEC - Comprehensive Health Assessment) Requires school districts to seek reimbursement for health and social services provided in the Medicaid program. Prohibits reimbursements from being used to supplant existing funds.

WMC: AMEND proviso to remove DHEC from title.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.2. (SDE: ~~DHEC~~ - Comprehensive Health Assessment) All school districts shall participate, to the fullest extent possible, in the Medicaid program by seeking appropriate reimbursement for services and administration of health and social services. Reimbursements to the school districts shall not be used to supplant funds currently being spent on health and social services.

1.3 AMEND (SDE: State Aid Classrooms) States the General Assembly's intent to fully implement the EFA via the State Aid to Classrooms allocation and provide for the allocation of those funds. Updates the average per pupil funding projections and the estimated teacher salary schedule. Provides for the distribution of funds to the SC Public Charter School District. Requires the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to document annually the expenditure of all funds by each district and to post each school district's projections on their website and for each school district to also post their numbers. Requires the department and the EOC provide links to this information on their websites. Provides pupil classification weightings.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update total pupil count and funding per pupil. Updates the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule. Updates the salary cost amount and fiscal year references. Adds clarifying language and excludes revenue and local bond issues in the calculation of state funding sources. Allows districts to have flexibility to pay above the levels in the salary schedule. Requires the department to review the child count data and identify any district or charter school authorizer whose percentage of total enrolled students with IEPS is outside a typical range. Directs the department to conduct a review of the district's special education population to ensure students with disabilities are appropriately served.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.3. (SDE: State Aid to Classrooms) (A) For the current fiscal year, the total pupil count is projected to be ~~762,837~~ 769,703, which includes 719,354 traditional school districts, 49,649 charter school authorizers, and the 700 special school districts. ~~For the current fiscal year, the total pupil count for traditional school districts is projected to be 717,486, the total pupil count for the charter authorizers is projected to be 44,648, and the total pupil count for the special districts is projected to be 703. These funds represent~~ The total appropriations for State Aid to Classrooms represent an average per pupil appropriation of ~~\$5,377~~ \$5,763 ~~in State Aid to Classrooms.~~ The average total per pupil funding, excluding revenue and local bond issues, is projected to be ~~\$8,214~~ \$8,636 ~~from~~ state sources, ~~\$1,310~~ \$1,245 ~~from~~ federal sources, and ~~\$8,031~~ \$8,145 ~~from~~ local sources. This is an average total funding level of ~~\$17,555~~ \$18,026, excluding revenues of local bond issues.

(B) The State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule for the current fiscal year is as follows, and districts have flexibility to pay above these levels:

	CLASS 8	CLASS 7	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
	DR	MASTERS	MASTERS	BACHELORS	BACHELORS
YRS	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE

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EXP		+30 HRS		+18 HRS	
0	54,576	51,076	47,576	44,076	42,500
	4.80%	5.15%	5.55%	6.01%	6.25%
1	55,093	51,313	47,877	44,338	42,619
	4.75%	5.12%	5.51%	5.98%	6.23%
2	55,424	51,388	48,025	44,494	42,813
	4.72%	5.11%	5.49%	5.95%	6.20%
3	55,736	51,457	48,164	44,607	42,962
	4.70%	5.11%	5.47%	5.94%	6.18%
4	56,078	51,558	48,331	44,780	43,167
	4.67%	5.10%	5.45%	5.91%	6.15%
5	56,370	51,625	48,462	44,888	43,306
	4.64%	5.09%	5.44%	5.90%	6.13%
6	57,634	52,574	49,411	45,773	44,191
	4.53%	4.99%	5.33%	5.78%	6.00%
7	58,900	53,522	50,359	46,627	45,046
	4.43%	4.90%	5.22%	5.67%	5.88%
8	60,165	54,471	51,308	47,512	45,931
	4.34%	4.81%	5.12%	5.55%	5.76%
9	61,430	55,421	52,257	48,366	46,785
	4.24%	4.72%	5.02%	5.45%	5.65%
10	62,696	56,370	53,207	49,253	47,671
	4.15%	4.64%	4.93%	5.35%	5.53%
11	63,960	57,318	54,155	50,106	48,524
	4.07%	4.56%	4.84%	5.25%	5.43%
12	65,226	58,267	55,104	50,992	49,411
	3.99%	4.48%	4.75%	5.16%	5.33%
13	66,491	59,216	56,053	51,846	50,265
	3.91%	4.41%	4.67%	5.07%	5.23%
14	67,756	60,165	57,001	52,732	51,150
	3.83%	4.34%	4.59%	4.98%	5.14%
15	69,022	61,114	57,951	53,586	52,004
	3.76%	4.27%	4.51%	4.89%	5.05%
16	70,287	62,063	58,900	54,471	52,890
	3.69%	4.20%	4.43%	4.81%	4.96%
17	71,552	63,011	59,848	55,325	53,744
	3.62%	4.13%	4.36%	4.73%	4.88%
18	72,193	63,567	60,372	55,804	54,206
	3.59%	4.09%	4.32%	4.69%	4.84%
19	72,839	64,128	60,901	56,287	54,673
	3.55%	4.06%	4.28%	4.65%	4.79%
20	73,493	64,694	61,435	56,775	55,146
	3.52%	4.02%	4.24%	4.61%	4.75%
21	74,153	65,265	61,974	57,267	55,621
	3.49%	3.98%	4.20%	4.56%	4.71%
22	74,820	65,843	62,519	57,764	56,103
	3.46%	3.95%	4.17%	4.52%	4.66%

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23	75,493	66,427	63,070	58,267	56,589
	3.42%	3.91%	4.13%	4.48%	4.62%
0	\$55,000	\$52,500	\$51,000	\$47,500	\$47,000
1	\$55,500	\$52,750	\$51,250	\$47,750	\$47,250
2	\$56,000	\$53,000	\$51,500	\$48,000	\$47,500
3	\$56,500	\$53,250	\$51,750	\$48,250	\$47,750
4	\$57,000	\$53,500	\$52,000	\$48,500	\$48,000
5	\$57,500	\$54,000	\$53,000	\$49,500	\$49,000
6	\$58,000	\$54,500	\$53,500	\$50,000	\$49,500
7	\$59,000	\$55,000	\$54,000	\$50,500	\$50,000
8	\$60,500	\$55,500	\$54,500	\$51,000	\$50,500
9	\$62,000	\$56,000	\$55,000	\$51,500	\$51,000
10	\$63,250	\$57,000	\$56,000	\$52,500	\$52,000
11	\$64,500	\$58,000	\$56,500	\$53,000	\$52,500
12	\$65,750	\$59,000	\$57,250	\$53,500	\$53,000
13	\$67,000	\$60,000	\$58,000	\$54,000	\$53,500
14	\$68,250	\$61,000	\$58,750	\$54,500	\$54,000
15	\$69,500	\$62,000	\$59,500	\$55,000	\$54,500
16	\$70,750	\$63,000	\$60,250	\$55,500	\$55,000
17	\$72,000	\$64,000	\$61,000	\$56,000	\$55,500
18	\$72,500	\$64,500	\$61,750	\$56,500	\$56,000
19	\$73,000	\$65,000	\$62,750	\$57,500	\$57,000
20	\$73,750	\$65,500	\$63,250	\$58,000	\$57,500
21	\$74,500	\$66,000	\$63,750	\$58,500	\$58,000
22	\$75,250	\$66,500	\$64,250	\$59,000	\$58,500
23	\$75,750	\$67,000	\$64,750	\$59,500	\$59,000
24	\$76,000	\$67,500	\$65,250	\$60,000	\$59,500
25	\$76,250	\$68,000	\$65,750	\$60,500	\$60,000
26	\$76,500	\$68,500	\$66,250	\$61,000	\$60,500
27	\$76,750	\$68,750	\$66,500	\$61,250	\$60,750
28+	\$77,000	\$69,000	\$66,750	\$61,500	\$61,000

(C) For the current fiscal year, the funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms represent the State's contribution to the Aid to Classrooms program for direct instruction of students in kindergarten through grade twelve in our state, which is seventy-five percent of the total salary and employer contribution cost of funding one teacher salary for every ~~41.2~~ 11.23 students. The salary ~~cost~~ used to determine the amount of funding required for the state effort is based on ~~that~~ the cost of a teacher ~~having a master's degree and twelve years of experience, which equates to \$55,104 on the statewide minimum salary schedule with a salary of \$57,904~~ for the current fiscal year and including fringe benefits is ~~\$72,994~~ of \$18,854, for a total of \$76,758. The types of teachers used in the calculation of ~~teachers for every student ratio~~ student-teacher ratio includes those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b), ~~to include~~. This includes classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and audiologists in the school districts of the State. School districts are required to meet the statewide minimum salary schedule in the current fiscal year and are required to provide the annual step increase pursuant to Section 59-20-50. No school district is required to increase teacher salaries above the amount necessary

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to meet the statewide minimum salary schedule as prescribed in this act. For the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 59-20-50(3) of the 1976 Code, as amended, are suspended.

(D) To allocate the funds, the department will calculate the total number of weighted pupil units (WPU) in each school district and in the State. The funds appropriated herein for State Aid to Classrooms represent the state share of the total Aid to Classrooms program, which is seventy-five percent. The local required effort is twenty-five percent of the total program. The total Aid to Classrooms funding for each district is calculated based on the district's percentage of the total statewide weighted pupils multiplied by the total Aid to Classrooms program. The district's local share is calculated by multiplying the total local share by the district's imputed index of taxing ability, which is the district's relative fiscal capacity compared to that of all other districts in the State. The State Aid to Classrooms amount allocated to each district will be determined by subtracting the calculation of the district's local share from the calculation of the district's total Aid to Classrooms projected funding. The Statewide Public Charter School District and any approved institution of higher education authorizing charter schools shall receive one hundred percent of the Aid to Classrooms funding from the State. For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, no local match is required for the State Aid to Classroom EIA distributions for the base funding rolled up from the previous fiscal year.

(E) Each district will receive either the amount determined by this new methodology or the actual state funding received in Fiscal Year 2021-22 from State Aid to Classrooms, Aid School Districts, Student Health and Fitness, Guidance/Career Specialists, Handicapped – Profoundly Mentally, EIA - Aid to Districts, EIA - Students at Risk of School Failure, Allocations EIA – Teacher Salaries, Allocations EIA – Employer Contributions, EIA – Student Health and Fitness Act - Nurses, and EIA - South Carolina Public Charter Schools.

(F) To provide flexibility, each district may expend the funds as determined by the local school board of trustees to meet the educational needs of students as defined in Section 59-1-50, Chapter 18, Title 59, and as delineated in a child's Individualized Education Program (IEP). Pursuant to Section 59-20-80, each school board of trustees must make available by September first of each fiscal year its annual budget that includes state, local, and federal investments in education. The budget must be available on the district's website. The department, in collaboration with local school districts, will provide a template that each district must use in reporting its budget.

(G) To provide transparency, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs will document annually, through an online financial dashboard, the expenditure of all state, local, and federal funds by each district and by each charter school authorizer and other relevant data. To ensure that the public reporting meets the needs of educators, parents, citizens, and policymakers, the department, in conjunction with Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, will consult routinely with a group of educators, parents, citizens, and policymakers. District expenditures for the prior fiscal year must be published on the department's website for public disclosure by January 1.

(H) If a traditional school district, charter school authorizer, or special school district fails to submit expenditure data needed for the online financial dashboard, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office will notify the Department of Education. Within thirty days of such notification, the Department of Education must then withhold ten percent of all state payments to the district or authorizer until the district or authorizer complies and all payments will then be made.

(I) To ensure accountability, each district's annual audit that is submitted to the Department of Education pursuant to Section 59-17-100 must be conducted using an auditing firm from an approved list provided by the State Auditor. The State Auditor will develop standards and criteria

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for determining qualifying auditors. Each district's annual audit must be available on the district's website.

(J) For the current fiscal year the South Carolina Public Charter School District and any institution of higher education sponsoring a public charter school shall receive and distribute state Aid to Classroom funds to the charter school. Students enrolled in charter schools authorized by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or an institution of higher education will receive in addition to the base weight of 1.00 or in addition to the disability weight of 2.60 an additional weight based upon the type of charter school that they attend. These additional funds must support the provision of educational services for children served by a charter school that does not receive local revenues. These students are also eligible to receive additional weights for personalized instruction. The department will make any necessary adjustments to account for the state share for Charter and Special Districts.

(K) Three and four year old students with a disability, who are eligible for services under IDEA and enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or registered IHE, shall be included in student counts solely for the purposes of receiving the additional weighting for students attending a brick and mortar charter school.

(L) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, special districts and alternative schools will receive the amount received in the prior fiscal year from these funds.

(M) The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, must post in a prominent place on their website for each school district projections, including the per pupil state, federal and local revenues, excluding revenues of local bond issues, for the current fiscal year. Also, as soon as practicable, upon determining the exact numbers regarding pupil count and funding, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, shall also post on their website the one hundred thirty-five-day average daily membership for each school district and per pupil state, federal and local revenues, excluding revenues of local bond issues, based on the most recent audited financial statement as reported annually pursuant to Section 59-17-100. The Department of Education and the Education Oversight Committee shall provide in a prominent place on their internet websites a link to the information posted by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, including the projected numbers and the exact numbers.

(N) For the current fiscal year, the pupil classification weightings are as follows:

- (1) K-12 pupils or base students including homebound students 1.00

Students served in licensed residential treatment facilities (RTFs) for children and adolescents as defined under Section 44-7-130 of the 1976 Code shall receive a weighting of 2.10.

- (2) Weights for students with disabilities as documented by their Individualized Education ~~Plan~~ Program (IEP) 2.60

- (3) Precareer and Career Technology 1.20

- (4) Charter school students

- (a) Enrolled in brick and mortar school 1.25

- (b) Enrolled in virtual charter school 0.65

- (5) Additional weights for personalized instruction:

- (a) Gifted and Talented 0.15

- (b) Academic Assistance 0.15

- (c) Limited English Proficiency 0.20

- (d) Pupils in Poverty 0.50

(O) *The Department of Education will review the child count data for all of the districts and charter school authorizers in the State and identify any school district or charter school*

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authorizer whose percentage of total enrolled students with IEPs is outside of the typical percentage range based on national and state data. The department will then conduct a focused review of the district's special education population and provide technical assistance, as needed, to ensure that students with disabilities are being appropriately identified and served.

(P) Students in poverty are students who qualify for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or are homeless, transient, or in foster care.

(Q) Gifted and talented students are students who are classified as academically or artistically gifted and talented or who are enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge International courses in high school. Districts shall set-aside twelve percent of the funds for serving artistically gifted and talented students in grades three through twelve.

(R) Students in need of academic assistance are students who do not meet state standards in mathematics, English language arts, or both on state approved assessments in grades three through eight and high school assessments for grades nine through twelve. The additional weight generates funds needed to provide additional instructional services to these students.

(S) Students with limited English proficiency are students who require intensive English language instruction programs and whose families require specialized parental involvement intervention.

(T) Further, the Department of Education may use school district student counts for personalized instruction as collected in the same manner as the prior fiscal year, PowerSchool or other available existing data sources as determined by the department to calculate the school district add on weightings for the personalized instruction classifications and the determination of the school districts monetary entitlement. End of year adjustments shall be based on the one hundred thirty-five-day student average daily membership for all classifications. During the current fiscal year, the department will update PowerSchool calculations, reports, screen development, documentation, and training to incorporate the new pupil classification weightings and to make final district allocation adjustments by June 30. The department must provide districts with technical assistance with regard to student count changes in PowerSchool.

(U) Up to ten percent of any funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms at the end of the fiscal year may be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year and allocated to school districts, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, and an institution of higher education that authorizes charter schools pursuant to this provision. The additional funds must first support increases in student enrollment and any balance may be allocated proportionately utilizing weighted pupil units to districts. Any additional unexpended funds shall revert to the general fund or to the EIA Fund.

(V) With the funds that the Department of Education receives for health insurance for school districts, the department shall allocate the funds to school districts proportionately utilizing weighted pupil units. The department shall allocate to districts funds received for retirement benefits through the State Aid to Classrooms formula.

(W) In the event of a mid-year across-the-board budget reduction, which reduces the total appropriation of general funds for State Aid to Classrooms, the Department of Education is directed to first reduce the amount of funds allocated to traditional school districts, charter school authorizers, and the special school districts for proportional funding under this provision.

1.47 AMEND (SDE: Full-Day 4K) Provides guidelines for participation in and funding for the SC Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP). *Companion to EIA proviso 1A.26.*

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WMC: AMEND proviso to change a reference to CERDEP and expand the data collection. Requires certain data to be provided of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools for more accurate reporting. Requested by the Education Oversight Committee.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.47. (SDE: Full-Day 4K) (A) Eligible students residing in any school district or attending any charter school authorized by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or an approved institution of higher education may participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) pending the availability of space and funding. Student eligibility as defined by Section 59-156-130 of the 1976 Code is an annual family income of one hundred eighty-five percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines as promulgated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or a statement of Medicaid eligibility.

(B) A parent or guardian may choose to enroll their child in a public school participating in the program and approved by the Department of Education pursuant to Section 59-156-210 or in a private provider participating in the program and approved by the Office of First Steps pursuant to Section 59-156-200. A private provider includes, but is not limited to, a child care center, a military child care facility regulated by the United States Department of Defense, or a non-profit independent school. State funds appropriated for the provision of CERDEP services in military child care facilities may not be used to supplant existing federal child care funds. No school district can be denied participation in CERDEP or be denied CERDEP funding pursuant to the terms of this provision.

(C) 4K programs in public schools and non-profit independent schools participating in CERDEP are not required to be approved, registered, or licensed by the Department of Social Services in order to participate in CERDEP. Instead, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps are responsible for ensuring that providers deliver high-quality educational programs pursuant to Section 59-156-160.

(D) Public and private providers shall be funded for instructional costs at a minimum rate of \$5,100 per student enrolled. Eligible students enrolling during the school year or withdrawing during the school year shall be funded on a pro rata basis determined by the length of their enrollment. Private providers transporting eligible children to and from school shall also be eligible for reimbursement at a minimum of \$620 per eligible child transported. First Steps and the Department of Education must provide an equitable distribution above the minimum between public and private providers. First Steps and the Department of Education must provide a quarterly report beginning October 1 detailing funding above the minimum made to any provider to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. All providers who are reimbursed are required to retain records as required by their fiscal agent. New providers participating for the first time in the current fiscal year and enrolling between one and six eligible children shall be eligible to receive at a minimum of \$1,000 per child in materials and equipment funding, with providers enrolling seven or more such children eligible for funding at a minimum of \$10,000. The Department of Education and the Office of First Steps Readiness are authorized to utilize carry forward funds and federal funds to supplement the amount expended for materials and equipment. Providers receiving equipment funding are expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years will require the provider to return a portion of the equipment allocation at a level determined by

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the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. Funding to providers is contingent upon receipt of data as requested by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps. The Department of Education shall only provide funding for public school students whose complete records have been entered into PowerSchool based on the one hundred and thirty-five day student average daily membership. For the current fiscal year, providers may enroll pay-lunch children who score at or below the twenty-fifth national percentile on two of the three DIAL-3 subscales by July 1 if at least seventy-five percent of the total number of children eligible or the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program in a district or county are projected to be enrolled in that program, Head Start, or ABC Child Care Program as determined by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps, Child Early Reading Development and Education Program. Providers may receive reimbursement for these children if funds are available. The Department of Education is required to offer waivers allowing students with disabilities to be served in multi-categorical classroom settings based on similar cognition and abilities. Funding appropriated for CERDEP may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

(E) Annually, the Department of Education is directed to audit the annual allocations to public providers to ensure that allocations are accurate and aligned to the appropriate pro rata per student allocation, materials, and equipment funding. In the event the department, during the audit process determines that the annual allocations of the prior fiscal year are not accurate, the department must adjust the allocations for the current fiscal year to account for the audit findings. The department must provide the results of the annual audit findings to the General Assembly no later than December first. Likewise, in the event the Office of First Steps determines that the annual allocations of the prior fiscal year to private providers are not accurate, the Office of First Steps must adjust the allocations for the current fiscal year to account for the findings.

(F) Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina ~~Child Development Education Pilot Program~~ *Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP)* and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by March first of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine *and obtain* the data necessary and both public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the program, *including average daily attendance data, so that consistent enrollment may be determined*. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a *public or private provider including those funded by CERDEP, Head Start, SC Child Care Scholarships, EIA, Title I, district-funded, and all other federal, state, or local public sources*. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs. *To aid in the accurate reporting of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools in South Carolina, the Department of Education must provide to the EOC data related to four-year-olds served in*

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formal education programs funded with other state, local, or federal funds, including Title 1 and EIA-District-funded programs, denoting full- or partial-day status.

(G) For eligible children residing in school districts that do not participate in CERDEP, the Department of Education is required to develop and implement inter-district transfer policies that give parents or guardians the option of their eligible child attending an out-of-district school that participates in CERDEP.

(H) For the current fiscal year, the Office of First Steps may expend: (1) up to \$2,000,000 to pilot a program to provide higher reimbursement rates to high-quality providers. The reimbursement rate for students enrolled by child care providers rated B or higher in the ABC Quality System operated by the Department of Social Services may be increased by up to 10% of the per-student base following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps; and (2) up to \$250,000 to provide one-time supplemental, needs-based incentive grants in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for newly created and/or newly approved private providers proposing to expand service to ten or more CERDEP eligible children in communities unable to enroll all eligible students in a public, private, or Head Start setting during the prior fiscal year. These grants are designed to address building renovations, documented as necessary to bring proposed classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations, materials and staffing costs, and/or other obstacles currently preventing their participation in the program. The First Steps Board of Trustees shall develop and approve an application process that incorporates formal review and fiscal safeguards designed to ensure grant funds are used solely to address documented barriers to program participation. Providers receiving this one-time supplement shall be expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level determined by the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. First Steps shall submit a report detailing its process, expenditures and expanded enrollment to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by March 15.

(I) If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines that appropriations will exceed expenditures, available funds may be used to fund an extended program and to increase the length of the program to a maximum of eight and a half hours per day or two hundred and twenty days per year or to fund summer programs. If a district chooses to fund summer enrollment, the program funding shall conform to the funding in this act for full year programs; however, it shall be reduced on a pro rata basis to conform with the length of the program. A summer program shall be no more than eight and a half hours per day and shall be not more than ten weeks in length. The per pupil allocation and classroom grant must conform with the appropriated amount contained in this act and end of year adjustments shall be based on the one hundred and thirty-five-day student average daily membership or later student average daily membership for districts choosing to extend the program past one hundred and eighty days. Funds may also be used to provide parent engagement, professional development, and quality evaluations of programs. No later than April first, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the expenditure of these funds to include the following information: the amount of money used and specific steps and measures taken to enhance the quality of the 4K program and the amount of money used for professional development as well as the types of professional development offered and the number of participants. The Office of First Steps is directed to determine if the provision of extended programs in private centers

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improves the ability of parents to enter the workforce or to pursue postsecondary training or industry credentials.

(J) On or before November 15, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall share data that identifies the total number of children enrolled in CERDEP in both public and private providers. If available appropriations exceed the instructional costs of serving children enrolled in the program and if a waiting list of eligible children can be documented by the Department of Education and by the Office of First Steps, then the Executive Budget Office may authorize the transfer of funds between the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps.

(K) The Office of First Steps and the Department of Education shall collaborate with the South Carolina Head Start State Collaboration Office to inform parents of all publicly funded full-day 4K programs including Head Start by participating in PalmettoPreK and First5SC.

- 1.49** **AMEND** (SDE: Interscholastic Athletic Association Dues) Provides criteria which an interscholastic athletic association, body or entity must meet in order for a state supported school district or school within that district to be permitted to use funds to associate with the organization. Directs that eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall not be more restrictive than they were on January 1, 2020.
WMC: AMEND proviso to include additional criteria that needs to be meet in order for a state supported school district or school within that district to be permitted to use funds to associate with the organization. Directs that the one-year waiting period for home school students to participate on a member school's team is waived if the student is academically qualified.
HOU: AMEND FURTHER to provide for the composition of the appellate panel. Requires the development and publication of a reorganization plan by 6/30/25. Allows a one-time transfer if a school does not offer a sort for students in middle school who transfers after establishing eligibility in the 7th grade and high school students after establishing eligibility in the ninth grade to a school outside of their attendance zone.

1.49. (SDE: Interscholastic Athletic Association Dues) (A) A public school district supported by state funds shall not use any funds or permit any school within the district to use any funds to join, affiliate with, pay dues or fees to, or in any way financially support any interscholastic athletic association, body, or entity unless the constitution, rules, or policies of the association, body, or entity contain the following:

(1) a range of sanctions that may be applied to a student, coach, team, or program and that takes into account factors such as the seriousness, frequency, and other relevant factors when there is a violation of the constitution, bylaws, rules, or other governing provisions of the association, body, or entity;

(2)(a) guarantees that private or charter schools are afforded the same rights and privileges that are enjoyed by all other members of the association, body, or entity. A private or charter school may not be expelled from or have its membership unreasonably withheld by the association, body, or entity or restricted in its ability to participate in interscholastic athletics including, but not limited to, state playoffs or championships based solely on its status as a private school or charter school. The association, body, or entity shall set reasonable standards for private or charter school admission. A private or charter school denied membership must be provided, in writing within five business days, the reason or reasons for rejection of its application for membership;

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(b) guarantees that a South Carolina home school athletic team that is a member of a home school athletic association may not be denied access to preseason and regular season interscholastic athletics including, but not limited to, jamborees and invitational tournaments, based solely on its status as a home school athletic team; other rules or policies of the association, body, or entity would apply;

(3)(a) an appeals process in which appeals of the association, body, or entity are made to a disinterested third-body appellate panel which consists of seven members who serve four year terms, ~~with one person appointed by the delegation of each congressional district;~~ Three members shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Education and Public Works Committee and three appointed by the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. Each Chair must appoint at least one member from the minority party and at least one appointed member must be female. The Governor shall appoint one member who shall serve as the panel's Chair. Existing members of the panel are removed, but may be reappointed in the manner prescribed above.

(b) a member of the panel serves until his successor is appointed and qualifies. A vacancy on the panel is filled in the manner of the original appointment;

(c) members of the appellate panel do not concurrently serve as officers of the association, body, or entity and may not have served as a member of the executive committee within the last three years. Principals and superintendents are able to appeal a ruling of the association, body, or entity to the panel. The appellate panel also must provide the final ruling in any appeal brought against a decision of the association, body, or entity;

(4) a procedure in place for emergency appeals to be held and decided upon in an expedited manner if the normal appellate process would prohibit the participation of a student, team, program, or school in an athletic event, to include practices; ~~and~~

(5) development and publication, by June 30, 2025, of a reorganization plan for classification that goes into effect for the next league realignment. The plan must include a multiplier system for the purpose of classification that takes into account a school's geographic location, student population, and performance in each sport in which it participates;

(6) a process and qualifications for a student attending a non-member private or public school to participate on a member school's team; provided that the student's private or public school does not offer the sport, the entity shall allow a one-time transfer to a student in middle school who transfers after establishing eligibility in the seventh grade and in high school after establishing eligibility in the ninth grade to a school outside of their attendance zone to play without penalty;

(7) a process for the completion of an annual accountability report that identifies key program area descriptions and expenditures and links those to key financial and performance results measures. This report must be posted on the entity's website by September 1 of each year; and

~~(5)(8)~~provisions, implemented within one year after the effective date of this section, that require the composition of the executive committee of the association, body, or entity be geographically representative of this State.

(B) In the event an association, body, or entity fails to include one of the items listed in this proviso, public school districts and schools must end their affiliation with the association, body, or entity prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year and are prohibited from paying dues or fees to the association, body, or entity.

(C) Eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be no more restrictive in language or application than the rules or policies of the association, body, or entity that were in effect on January 1, 2020.

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(D) For the 2024-2025 School Year, the one-year waiting period for home school students to participate on a member school's team is waived as long as the home school student is academically qualified to participate in athletic events sponsored, approved, or authorized by the entity.

- 1.52 AMEND** (SDE: Graduation Rates) Directs that if a high school has a graduation rate that is below 60%, the local school district board of trustees must provide a detailed report to the State Board of Education on a plan to increase the graduation rate in accordance with the EAA.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the graduation rate from below 60% to 70% percent or less.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.52. (SDE: Graduation Rates) For the current fiscal year, if a high school has a graduation rate ~~below sixty~~ *of seventy* percent *or less*, using appropriated funds a local school district board of trustees must provide a report detailing a plan to increase the graduation rate in accordance with the provisions of the Education Accountability Act to the State Board of Education.

- 1.70 AMEND** (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) States that the projected Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$58,048. Requires a local district board of trustees to provide a step increase for all eligible certified teachers. Requires districts to use the district salary schedule used in the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase. Suspends the requirement that districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year. *Companion to EIA proviso 1A.31*
WMC: AMEND to update the Southeastern average teacher salary and the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.70. (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year, the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~\$58,048~~ *\$59,866*. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using at a minimum the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ *2024-25*, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended.

For purposes of this provision, teachers shall be defined by the Department of Education using the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) System.

- 1.73 DELETE** (SDE: COVID-19 Emergency Powers) Authorizes Superintendent of Education to provide maximum financial flexibility, including the authority to carry forward cash balances to local districts adjusting to operations due to COVID-19. Authorizes department cash balances to be carried forward and allows the superintendent to transfer any department appropriations to assist local school districts to use summer reading camps and all other available tools to ensure

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satisfaction of learning needs in response to pandemic learning loss. Requires the superintendent to provide a report on the emergency powers exercised to the Senate Finance Committee, the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee by August 1, 2023.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~1.73. (SDE: COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (A) The Superintendent of Education is authorized to provide maximum financial flexibility including, but not limited to, the authority to carry forward any cash balances to local school districts adjusting to operations in response to COVID-19.~~

~~(B) The State Superintendent of Education is authorized to carry forward any cash balances maintained by the Department of Education. The superintendent is further authorized to transfer any appropriations within the department to assist local school districts to use summer reading camps and all other available tools to ensure appropriate time is spent by students to keep them on grade level and satisfy their learning needs in response to pandemic learning loss.~~

~~(C) On or before August 1, 2023, the State Superintendent of Education shall provide a report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee concerning the emergency powers exercised in this provision.~~

1.78 AMEND (SDE: Capital Funding for Schools) Outlines the allocation of Capital Funding for Schools appropriations by the Department of Education with distinct priorities. Directs up to \$20,000,000 is allocated for local school districts consolidating with others, covering consolidation-related costs contingent upon plan approval. States that an additional \$10,000,000 shall be expended for districts consolidating schools within themselves and \$20,000,000 shall be allocated for statewide K-12 school safety upgrades, including specific criteria for applications. Directs remaining funds to be set aside to create a state funding source for local school district infrastructure based on needs, with guidelines to be established considering factors like taxpaying ability and building conditions. Requires the department to be responsible for reporting annually to the General Assembly by June 30, detailing applications, approvals, and project costs. Allows funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purposes.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete items that direct appropriated funds to be utilized for consolidating school districts with others, within themselves, and for remaining funds to be set aside for the creation of a state funding source for local school district infrastructure. Amends title to delete "Capital" and add "Safety". Deletes the requirement to submit recommendations on guidelines to the infrastructure program and deletes the requirement that the department to report on the funds and costs. Updates calendar year references. Requested by the Department of Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

~~1.78. (SDE: Capital Funding for Schools Safety) (A) The funds appropriated for Capital Funding for Schools Safety shall be prioritized by the Department of Education pursuant to subsections (A), (B), and (C):~~

~~(A) Up to \$20,000,000 of the funds shall be made available first to a local school district or districts that is consolidating with another school district. The funds may be used to support costs directly related to the consolidation which shall include, but are not limited to, salary adjustments,~~

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~~facilities, debt mitigation, millage rate adjustments, transportation, technology, and other factors for which the district or districts demonstrates are necessary to complete consolidation. On or before August 1, the eligible districts must submit a preliminary plan and timeline for pursuing consolidation, including the use of the consolidation funds requested, to the Department of Education for review and approval. When the department has approved the final plan, the districts shall forward the plan to the local legislative delegation outlining the specific request that local legislation be enacted to effect the consolidation. The legislation may include, but is not limited to, composition of the consolidated board, transition procedures, and disposition and/or assumption of district assets and liabilities. Upon approval of a consolidation plan, the department shall make an initial allocation to the impacted districts and shall allocate remaining funds upon enactment of legislation formally consolidating the districts for the benefit of the consolidated district.~~

~~(B) Up to \$10,000,000 of the funds shall be made available to a local school district consolidating at least three schools within a single district into a single school campus and consolidating other district owned educational buildings or buildings that support district functions into a single building. The funds may be used to support costs directly related to the consolidation and other factors for which the district demonstrates are necessary to complete consolidation.~~

~~(C) Up to \$20,000,000 of the funds shall be made available for the direct benefit of all children of South Carolina enrolled in K-12 schools by funding facilities upgrades aligned with school safety priorities. The department shall allocate these funds to the public school districts and charter school districts. Eligible school facility upgrades shall include: (a) classroom/internal door locks; (b) secure school entry points and access control; (c) window covers; (d) bulletproof glass or bulletproof film for windows; and (e) electronic or other technology. School facilities eligible for safety upgrades under this subsection are defined as locations with daily student attendance and shall not include unimproved real property, centralized district administration facilities, or other facilities, including those normally identified with interscholastic sports activities.~~

~~(B) The department shall develop an application process for public and charter school districts to request funding for facilities upgrades aligned with school safety priorities and establish policies, procedures, and priorities for the making of grants pursuant to this subsection. Criteria for prioritizing the awarding of grants shall include, but not be limited to, percentage of students enrolled from low-income families, the age and condition of the existing school facilities to be upgraded as well as the ability to commence construction in a timely matter and the quality of the application. The criteria must also require that all proposed projects do not create new recurring annual expenses and comply with local, state, and federal building codes.~~

~~(C) Applications must be submitted to the department by September 1, ~~2023~~ 2024. Upon receipt of applications pursuant to the application process adopted by the department, the department shall prioritize the eligible projects with the greatest need using the established criteria and shall submit a list of recommended grant awards to the State Board of Education no later than November 30, ~~2023~~ 2024. Grants shall be awarded upon an affirmative vote of the State Board.~~

~~(D) The financial assistance provided pursuant to this provision must be used for the eligible school facility project. The department is responsible for establishing policies and procedures to ensure that funds are expended in a manner consistent with this provision. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes by the department and grant recipients. Following the close of the fiscal year, the department shall submit a report of approved~~

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projects to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

~~(D) The remaining funds shall be set aside by the department to create a source of state funding for local school district infrastructure based on need. Additional funds may be appropriated by the General Assembly with either recurring or non-recurring funds from the General Fund, EIA, or lottery. Federal funds authorized by a federal agency or authorized by the General Assembly may also be included in this fund. The fund may also accept gifts from private sources.~~

~~The department shall submit recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to establish guidelines for the program consisting of award criteria, conditions for the awards and any match requirements by December 31. Criteria shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of a district's index of taxpaying ability, consideration of a district's or county's per capita income and the age and condition of the district's existing academic buildings as well as the ability to commence construction in a timely matter and the quality of the application.~~

~~For purposes of this provision, school infrastructure shall not include unimproved real property, centralized district administration facilities, or other facilities, including those normally identified with interscholastic sports activities.~~

~~(E) The Department of Education must submit to the General Assembly by June 30 of each year a report documenting, at a minimum, the number of applications received and approved, information on the types of infrastructure supported by these funds, and the projected and final costs of each project.~~

~~(E) Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department and school districts.~~

- 1.80** **AMEND** (SDE: Retired Teacher Salary Negotiation) (SDE: Retired Teacher Salary Negotiation) Allows school districts to negotiate salaries below the salary schedule when hiring retired teachers for the 2023-24 school year.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update school year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.80. (SDE: Retired Teacher Salary Negotiation) With funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms, when hiring retired teachers for the ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25 School Year, school districts uniformly may negotiate salaries below the school district salary schedule.

- 1.85** **AMEND** (SDE: Education Data Dashboard) (SDE: Education Data Dashboard) Directs the EOC to pilot an Education Data Dashboard. Requires the dashboard to interface with existing systems to provide information on district, school, and system progress and use existing data to document educational growth and financial expenditures.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "pilot" and insert "maintain".
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.85. (SDE: Education Data Dashboard) The Education Oversight Committee is directed to ~~pilot~~ maintain an Education Data Dashboard. The data dashboard must interface with existing systems to provide school districts, schools, policymakers, families, and the public with meaningful information on school district, school, and system progress. The Education Data Dashboard would use existing data to document educational attainment and growth as well as

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financial expenditures of state, local, and federal funds. The Department of Education and public school districts shall provide accountability and financial data as requested by the committee for the establishment of the dashboard.

- 1.88** **AMEND** (SDE: Surplus Property) (SDE: Surplus Property) Directs a school district to transfer or to offer for sale a lease a property which has been vacant for the previous four school years and has not been approved for use before July 1, 2023. Directs school districts to publish the list of properties on their website by September 15, 2023. Directs the district to transfer property by December 31, 2023 to a governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation to accept the property for public use. States that if no subdivision or state agency accepts the property, the district is directed to offer the property for sale or lease at fair market value. Directs that 5% of state payments be withheld if a district fails to comply.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.88. (SDE: Surplus Property) (A) A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, ~~2023~~ 2024, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.

(B) A school district shall comply with the requirements of this provision by transferring such property to another governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation of an intent to accept the property for public use by December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024. Any governmental subdivision or state agency providing such written confirmation must comply with all requirements related to the acquisition of real property or surplus property, and/or requirements related to the establishment of permanent improvement projects prior to accepting property transferred pursuant to this provision.

(C) If no governmental subdivision or state agency confirms an intent to accept the property, the district shall offer the property for sale or lease at fair market value as determined by a neutral appraiser and in compliance with existing law providing for sale or lease of such property by a school district. If a school district fails to comply with this provision, the Department of Education must withhold five percent of all state payments to the district until the district complies.

- 1.89** **AMEND** (SDE: Competency-Based Education) (SDE: Competency-Based Education) Allows districts to submit a waiver application to the department when seeking to implement competency-based education. Defines competency-based education. Directs the department to create evaluation criteria and guidelines. Directs a participating school to submit data for a biennial review on a form developed by the department. Requires a report summarizing the reviews to be distributed to the Governor and member of the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2024.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.89. (SDE: Competency-Based Education) (A) In the current fiscal year, districts seeking to implement competency-based education may submit a waiver application to the State

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Board of Education in a format developed by the State Department of Education. For purposes of this proviso, competency-based education refers to a comprehensive learning approach for a student to master competencies and related standards along a personalized, self-paced, and flexible pathway. As part of the waiver application, districts may include in-person instruction, virtual instruction, self-guided learning, and experiential learning through approved off-campus educational opportunities in calculating instructional hours and may offer the required instructional days at any time during the school year, consistent with the law.

(B) Of the funds appropriated to the department, the State Department of Education shall create evaluation criteria and guidelines for schools that are operating under a waiver pursuant to this proviso. A participating school shall submit required data for a biennial cyclical review on a form developed by the department. A report summarizing the reviews including the waivers requested and how they hindered implementation must be distributed to the Governor and members of the General Assembly no later than June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

- 1.90** **DELETE** (SDE: First Steps Transfer Plan) Directs the Office of First Steps to work with DOA and EBO, in consultation with SDE, to develop a plan to operate independently from SDE. Includes plan requirements and directs that a report be submitted to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means and the Governor by 12/1/23.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by First Steps.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1.90.** (SDE: First Steps Transfer Plan) The Office of First Steps shall work with the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop a plan to operate independently from the Department of Education. The plan should include, but is not limited to, proposed program structure, the amount of personal services, operating expenses, employer contributions funding which shall be transferred from the Department of Education, and personnel required to perform human resource and accounting functions. A report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor by December 1, 2023.~~

- 1.91** **DELETE** (SDE: Career Readiness Assessments) Directs the EOC and State Board of Education to create a waiver by 7/1/23 for districts and high schools to request an exemption from reporting student performance on the career readiness assessment for the 2022-2023 school year if the student is taking the assessment a second time and when it is different from the assessment taken in 11th grade.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Education Oversight Committee.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1.91.** (SDE: Career Readiness Assessments) For the current fiscal year, the Education Oversight Committee and the State Board of Education are directed to create a waiver form by which school districts and high schools may request an exemption from reporting student performance on the career readiness assessment for the 2022-23 school year only for students who are taking the career readiness assessment for the second time and when the career readiness assessment is different from the career readiness assessment the student took in 11th grade. The exemption form must be available for schools no later than July 31, 2023.~~

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1.94 **AMEND** (SDE: Reporting Requirements) (SDE: Reporting Requirements) Suspends the college freshman reporting requirements of Section 59-101-130. Directs SDE and EOC to use existing data to report on the in-state and out-of-state college enrollment, persistence, and post-secondary completion of high school graduates from South Carolina. Requires SDE to streamline data collection timelines and processes. Extends legislatively mandated due dates for school, district, and state plans to June 30, 2024.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.94. (SDE: Reporting Requirements) (A) For the current fiscal year, the college freshman reporting requirements of Section 59-101-130 are suspended. The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Oversight Committee, is authorized to use data that is already collected to report on the in-state and out-of-state college enrollment, college persistence, and post-secondary completion of South Carolina's high school graduates.

(B) The Department of Education shall work to streamline data collection timelines and processes to reduce burden and increase efficiency of data collection and reporting. For the current fiscal year, legislatively mandated due dates for school, district, and state plans including, but not limited to, District Strategic and School Renewal Plans, Read to Succeed Reading Plans, Academic Recovery Plans, District ADEPT Plans, and School Turnaround Plans are extended at the discretion of the Department of Education, but shall be due by June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

1.98 **AMEND** (SDE: Read to Succeed Endorsement) Directs that the requirement for teachers and administrators to obtain the Read to Succeed endorsement as a requirement for recertification is suspended for 6th-12th grade teachers not teaching ELA, special education, and middle and secondary administrators.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "2023-24" and insert "current".

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.98. (SDE: Read to Succeed Endorsement) For the ~~2023-2024~~ current fiscal year, and with funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the requirement for teachers and administrators to obtain the Read to Succeed endorsement as a requirement for recertification is suspended for sixth through twelfth grade teachers who are not teaching English Language Arts or special education and middle and secondary administrators. Certified faculty and staff working outside of a school setting are exempt from having to earn the literacy endorsement to maintain certification.

1.99 **ADD** (SDE: Abstinence Education Grant) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds made available pursuant to Title V, Section 510 only may be awarded through a competitive grant process.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.99. (SDE: Abstinence Education Grant) For the current fiscal year, funds made available to the State of South Carolina under the provisions of Title V, Section 510, only may be awarded to other entities through a competitive grant process.

1.100 **ADD** (SDE: Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use the "Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Programs" special item

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funds to award a 12 month grant for abstinence-until-marriage emerging programs to nonprofits that meet all the A-H Title V, Section 510 definitions of Abstinence Education and to use a competitive bidding process and provide procedures for the awarding of the grant.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.100. (SDE: Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Programs) (A) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Education in this act as a Special Item and titled "Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Programs", the department shall award a twelve-month grant for abstinence-until-marriage emerging programs. This funding shall be awarded by the department only to nonprofit 501(c)(3) agencies meeting all the A-H Title V, Section 510 definitions of Abstinence Education, as defined in the 2017 Social Security Act.

(B) Grants must be awarded utilizing a competitive grant process.

(C) Applicants must provide a budget and budget narrative to the department that explains how the funds will be used.

(D) Prior to application, proposed programs/curricula must be certified by the National Abstinence Education Association (NAEA) as meeting and being in compliance with all of the Title V, Section 510 A-H requirements for abstinence-until-marriage education programs.

(E) The department shall determine and develop the necessary application for awards.

(F) The programs implemented by the entity awarded a grant pursuant to this provision may not violate any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act when implemented in a school setting. An entity that violates any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act must reimburse the State for all funds disbursed. Organizations or individuals awarded grants must provide quarterly reports on expenditures and participation to the Department of Education and the Department of Social Services within forty days of the end of each quarter.

(G) Grantees failing to submit reports within forty days of the end of each quarter will be terminated.

1.101 **ADD** (SDE: Abstinence-Until-Marriage Evidence-Based Programs Funding) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use "Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention" funds to award contracts to separate private, non-profit 501(c)(3) entities to provide Abstinence Until Marriage teen pregnancy prevention programs and services that meets all A-H Title V, Section 510 definition of Abstinence Education; requires a competitive bidding process be used; and provides procedures for the awarding of contracts.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.101. (SDE: Abstinence Until Marriage Evidence-Based Programs Funding) From the monies appropriated for the Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, grants must be awarded to separate private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) entities to provide Abstinence-Until-Marriage teen pregnancy prevention programs and services within the State that meet all of the A-H Title V, Section 510 definitions of Abstinence Education, as defined in the 2017 Social Security Act. Grants must be awarded utilizing a competitive grant process. Proposed programs/curricula must be certified by the National Abstinence Education Association (NAEA) as meeting and being in compliance with all of the Title V, Section 510 A-H requirement for abstinence-until-marriage education programs. Applicants must provide a budget for the proposed project for which the application is being made. Monies will be paid over a twelve month basis for services rendered. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward for the purpose of fulfilling the department's grant

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award notification. The programs implemented by the entity awarded a grant pursuant to this proviso may not violate any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act when implemented in a school setting. An entity that violates any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act must reimburse the State for all funds disbursed.

- 1.102** **ADD** (SDE: SC Future Makers and Tallo) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds appropriated to the Educational Oversight Committee be used for middle and high school students and technical and four-year college students to access SC Future Makers and Tallo.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.102. (SDE: SC Future Makers and Tallo) With the funds appropriated to the Educational Oversight Committee, the committee shall disburse funds to support the opportunity for middle and high school students, technical college students, and four-year college students to access SC Future Makers and Tallo to discover careers, apprenticeships, or internships in careers in advanced manufacturing and logistics and supply change management.

- 1.103.** **ADD** (SDE: Anti-Bullying/School Safety) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct school districts to implement a policy that prohibits the use of personal electronic devices by students during classroom instruction to receive state funds allocated for State Aid to Classrooms.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.103. (SDE: Anti-Bullying/School Safety) To receive state funds allocated for State Aid to Classrooms, a school district must implement a policy that prohibits the use of personal electronic communication devices by students during direct classroom instructional time. For purposes of this provision, a personal electronic communication device is considered to be a device not authorized for classroom use by a student, utilized to access the Internet, wi-fi, or cellular telephone signals.

- 1.104** **ADD** (SDE: District Accounting Systems and Best Practices) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Department of Education to convene a study committee to examine and propose revisions to improve district accounting systems and best practices. Establishes the membership and duties of the committee. Directs the committee to provide a report of potential reforms by May 31, 2025 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.104. (SDE: District Accounting Systems and Best Practices) (A) The Department of Education shall convene a study committee to examine and propose necessary revisions for improving district accounting systems and best practices.

(B) The study committee shall be comprised of the following individuals who each should have background and expertise in education finance:

(1) one member appointed by the Governor; who shall serve as Chair of the task force;

(2) the State Superintendent of Education or their designee;

(3) the Chief Financial Officer of the State Department of Education;

(4) one member of the South Carolina House of Representatives appointed by the Chair of the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee;

(5) one member of the South Carolina Senate appointed by the Chair of the Senate Education Committee;

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(6) one member appointed by the Chair of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee;

(7) one member appointed by the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee;

(8) one member appointed by the Chair of the Board of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;

(9) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators;

(10) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina School Boards Association; and

(11) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials.

(C) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation but may receive per diem and mileage from the South Carolina Department of Education as provided for boards and commissions.

(D) The task force must submit recommendations for potential reforms to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate no later than May 31, 2025. Recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

(1) increased transparency for school district personnel, stakeholders, and policymakers;

(2) ensuring alignment to accounting standards across the State;

(3) ease of reporting;

(4) consolidation of multiple reports into a streamlined reporting format;

(5) consistency of data across districts; and

(6) increased efficiency for school district financial staff.

1.105. ADD (SDE: Charter School Transfer) WMC: ADD new proviso to allow a charter school to transfer its charter to a different authorizer if its current authorizer is operating under a warning of noncompliance with core requirements or standards, is on probation, or if it ceases operations. Directs that the authorizer cannot withhold any unspent appropriated funds owed to the charter and may not charge any fees to the charter when moving to another authorizer. Outlines responsibilities of receiving authorizer. Directs that if a charter school ceases to operate, its assets become the property of the department, and the department shall adopt and implement a closure protocol.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.105. (SDE: Charter School Transfer) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, a charter school that is authorized or chartered by an institution of higher education, or entity owned by or affiliated with an institution of higher education, may transfer its charter to a different authorizer provided that its current authorizer is operating under a warning of noncompliance with any core requirements or significant noncompliance of other standards or is on probation by its accrediting body for degree-granting higher education institutions. Furthermore, a charter school may apply to transfer its charter to a different authorizer if its current authorizer ceases operations. An authorizer under warning, on probation, or ceasing operation shall not demand or withhold any unspent appropriated funds held by or owed to a charter school. Furthermore, the authorizer may not charge any fees associated with the school moving to another authorizer. The receiving authorizer may deny a transfer application made under this section, and the decision of the receiving authorizer to accept or deny a transfer

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application is final and may not be appealed. The receiving authorizer may require a transferring school to execute a new charter school contract or amend its charter for the time remaining on them or execute new ten-year charter and contract. The receiving authorizer is not bound by the terms or conditions of a transferring school's charter contract or charter. If a charter school ceases to operate for any reason as a result of this provision, then its assets become the property of the State Department of Education immediately upon closure and the State Department of Education shall be responsible for adopting and implementing a closure protocol to ensure an orderly closure in this situation.

- 1.106** **ADD** (SDE: Charter School Expenditures) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that a charter school authorizer shall not spend appropriated funds for any purpose than those authorized pursuant to Chapter 40, Title 59. Directs that the authorizer cannot withhold any unspent appropriated funds owed to the charter and may not charge any fees to the charter when moving to another authorizer. Outlines responsibilities of receiving authorizer. Directs that if a charter school ceases to operate, its assets become the property of the department, and the department shall adopt and implement a closure protocol.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.106. (SDE: Charter School Expenditures) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, a charter school authorizer shall not expend any state appropriated funds, or funds realized as a result of its operations, for any purposes other than those listed in Chapter 40, Title 59. If the Superintendent of Education discovers a violation of this provision, she may declare that the authorizer no longer has the authority to charter or authorize schools and all schools may apply to transfer to a different authorizer. Furthermore, the authorizer shall not demand or withhold any unspent appropriated funds held by or owed to a charter school that is leaving under the provisions of this item and may not charge any fees associated with the school moving to another authorizer. The receiving authorizer must agree to accept the charter school may deny a transfer application made under this section, and the decision of the receiving authorizer to accept or deny a transfer application is final and may not be appealed. The receiving authorizer may require a transferring school to execute a new charter school contract or amend its charter for the time remaining on them or execute new ten-year charter and contract. The receiving authorizer is not bound by the terms or conditions of a transferring school's charter contract or charter. If a charter school ceases to operate for any reason as a result of this provision, then its assets become the property of the State Department of Education immediately upon closure and the State Department of Education shall be responsible for adopting and implementing a closure protocol to ensure an orderly closure in this situation.

- 1.107** **ADD** (SDE: Military Dependent Enrollment) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that a charter school may offer enrollment preference to dependents of active-duty military personnel.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.107. (SDE: Military Dependent Enrollment) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, a charter school may offer enrollment preference to dependents of active-duty military personnel.

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- 1.108** **ADD** (SDE: Charter School Pupils in Poverty) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to appropriate an additional \$1,000 in per pupil funding for each qualifying charter school. Provides for the schools' qualifications.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

1.108. (SDE: Charter School Pupils in Poverty) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, each charter school authorized by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or an institution of higher education shall receive an additional \$1,000 in per pupil funding from the funds appropriated for each qualifying school level. For purposes of this provision, qualifying school level is defined as an elementary, middle, or high school that includes 75% or more pupils in poverty based on the statewide 135th day pupils in poverty index for Academic Year 2023-2024 and for which the charter school received a rating of good or excellent on the academic achievement indicator on the South Carolina State Report Card for Academic Year 2022-2023.

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- 1A.9** **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) Provides guidelines for distributing teacher supply reimbursement of up to \$350 each school year to offset the expenses teachers have incurred for teaching supplies and materials. Allows any classroom teacher, including those at a S.C. private school that are not eligible for this reimbursement, to claim a refundable income tax credit on their 2023 tax return.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the reimbursement credit of teacher supplies to \$400 and update the calendar year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.9. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) (A) All certified and non-certified public school teachers identified in PCS, certified special school classroom teachers, certified media specialists, certified guidance counselors, and career specialists who are employed by a school district, a charter school, or lead teachers employed in a publicly funded full day 4K classroom approved by the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness, as of November thirtieth of the current fiscal year, based on the public decision of the school board may receive reimbursement of ~~\$350~~ \$400 each school year to offset expenses incurred by them for teaching supplies and materials. Funds shall be disbursed by the department to School districts by July fifteenth based on the last reconciled Professional Certified Staff (PCS) listing from the previous year. With remaining funds for this program, any deviation in the PCS and actual teacher count will be reconciled by December thirty-first or as soon as practicable thereafter. Based on the public decision of the school district and no later than May fifteenth annually, the district shall notify all individuals entitled to receive these funds the manner in which the funds will be disbursed. Funds may be disbursed to each teacher via check in a manner separate and distinct from their payroll check on the first day teachers, by contract, are required to be in attendance at school for the current contract year, or the funds may be disbursed to each teacher via direct deposit as long as the funds are handled in a manner to be separate and distinct from their payroll check. This reimbursement shall not be considered by the state as taxable income. Special schools include the Governor's School for Science and Math, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Felton Lab, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District. Funds distributed to school districts or allocated to schools must not supplant existing supply

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money paid to teachers from other sources. If a school district requires receipts for tax purposes the receipts may not be required before December thirty-first. Districts that do not wish to require receipts may have teachers retain the receipts and certify for the district they have received the allocation for purchase of teaching supplies and/or materials and that they have purchased or will purchase supplies and/or materials during the fiscal year for the amount of the allocation. Districts shall not have an audit exception related to non-retention of receipts in any instances where a similar instrument is utilized. Any district requiring receipts must notify any teacher from whom receipts have not been submitted between November twenty-fifth and December sixth that receipts must be submitted to the district. Districts may not add any additional requirement not listed herein related to this reimbursement.

(B) Any classroom teacher, including a classroom teacher at a South Carolina private school, that is not eligible for the reimbursement allowed by this provision, may claim a refundable income tax credit on the teacher's ~~2023~~ 2024 tax return, provided that the return or any amended return claiming the credit is filed prior to the end of the fiscal year. The credit is equal to ~~\$350~~ \$400, or the amount the teacher expends on teacher supplies and materials, whichever is less. If any expenditures eligible for a credit are made after December thirty-first, the teacher may include the expenditures on his initial return or may file an amended ~~2023~~ 2024 return claiming the credit, so long as the return or amended return is filed in this fiscal year. The Department of Revenue may require whatever proof it deems necessary to implement the credit provided by this part of this provision. Any person receiving the reimbursement provided by this proviso is ineligible to take the income tax credit allowed by this proviso.

- 1A.26** **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Full-Day 4K) Provides guidelines for participation in and funding for the SC Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP). *Companion to 1.48*
WMC: AMEND proviso to change a reference to CERDEP and expand the data collection. Requires certain data to be provided of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools for more accurate reporting. Requested by the Education Oversight Committee.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.26. (SDE: Full-Day 4K) (A) Eligible students residing in any school district or attending any charter school authorized by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or an approved institution of higher education may participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) pending the availability of space and funding. Student eligibility as defined by Section 59-156-130 of the 1976 Code is an annual family income of one hundred eighty-five percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines as promulgated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or a statement of Medicaid eligibility.

(B) A parent or guardian may choose to enroll their child in a public school participating in the program and approved by the Department of Education pursuant to Section 59-156-210 or in a private provider participating in the program and approved by the Office of First Steps pursuant to Section 59-156-200. A private provider includes, but is not limited to, a child care center, a military child care facility regulated by the United States Department of Defense, or a non-profit independent school. State funds appropriated for the provision of CERDEP services in military child care facilities may not be used to supplant existing federal child care funds. No school district can be denied participation in CERDEP or be denied CERDEP funding pursuant to the terms of this provision.

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(C) 4K programs in public schools and non-profit independent schools participating in CERDEP are not required to be approved, registered, or licensed by the Department of Social Services in order to participate in CERDEP. Instead, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps are responsible for ensuring that providers deliver high-quality educational programs pursuant to Section 59-156-160.

(D) Public and private providers shall be funded for instructional costs at a minimum rate of \$5,100 per student enrolled. Eligible students enrolling during the school year or withdrawing during the school year shall be funded on a pro rata basis determined by the length of their enrollment. Private providers transporting eligible children to and from school shall also be eligible for reimbursement at a minimum of \$620 per eligible child transported. First Steps and the Department of Education must provide an equitable distribution above the minimum between public and private providers. First Steps and the Department of Education must provide a quarterly report beginning October 1 detailing funding above the minimum made to any provider to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. All providers who are reimbursed are required to retain records as required by their fiscal agent. New providers participating for the first time in the current fiscal year and enrolling between one and six eligible children shall be eligible to receive at a minimum of \$1,000 per child in materials and equipment funding, with providers enrolling seven or more such children eligible for funding at a minimum of \$10,000. The Department of Education and the Office of First Steps Readiness are authorized to utilize carry forward funds and federal funds to supplement the amount expended for materials and equipment. Providers receiving equipment funding are expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years will require the provider to return a portion of the equipment allocation at a level determined by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. Funding to providers is contingent upon receipt of data as requested by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps. The Department of Education shall only provide funding for public school students whose complete records have been entered into PowerSchool based on the one hundred and thirty-five day student average daily membership. For the current fiscal year, providers may enroll pay-lunch children who score at or below the twenty-fifth national percentile on two of the three DIAL-3 subscales by July 1 if at least seventy-five percent of the total number of children eligible or the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program in a district or county are projected to be enrolled in that program, Head Start, or ABC Child Care Program as determined by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps, Child Early Reading Development and Education Program. Providers may receive reimbursement for these children if funds are available. The Department of Education is required to offer waivers allowing students with disabilities to be served in multi-categorical classroom settings based on similar cognition and abilities. Funding appropriated for CERDEP may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

(E) Annually, the Department of Education is directed to audit the annual allocations to public providers to ensure that allocations are accurate and aligned to the appropriate pro rata per student allocation, materials, and equipment funding. In the event the department, during the audit process determines that the annual allocations of the prior fiscal year are not accurate, the department must adjust the allocations for the current fiscal year to account for the audit findings. The department must provide the results of the annual audit findings to the General Assembly no later than December first. Likewise, in the event the Office of First Steps determines that the

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annual allocations of the prior fiscal year to private providers are not accurate, the Office of First Steps must adjust the allocations for the current fiscal year to account for the findings.

(F) Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina ~~Child Development Education Pilot Program~~ *Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP)* and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by March first of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine and obtain the data necessary and both public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the program, including average daily attendance data, so that consistent enrollment may be determined. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a public or private provider including those funded by CERDEP, Head Start, SC Child Care Scholarships, EIA, Title I, district-funded, and all other federal, state, or local public sources. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs. To aid in the accurate reporting of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools in South Carolina, the Department of Education must provide to the EOC data related to four-year-olds served in formal education programs funded with other state, local, or federal funds, including Title I and EIA-District-funded programs, denoting full- or partial-day status.

(G) For eligible children residing in school districts that do not participate in CERDEP, the Department of Education is required to develop and implement inter-district transfer policies that give parents or guardians the option of their eligible child attending an out-of-district school that participates in CERDEP.

(H) For the current fiscal year, the Office of First Steps may expend: (1) up to \$2,000,000 to pilot a program to provide higher reimbursement rates to high-quality providers. The reimbursement rate for students enrolled by child care providers rated B or higher in the ABC Quality System operated by the Department of Social Services may be increased by up to 10% of the per-student base following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps; and (2) up to \$250,000 to provide one-time supplemental, needs-based incentive grants in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for newly created and/or newly approved private providers proposing to expand service to ten or more CERDEP eligible children in communities unable to enroll all eligible students in a public, private, or Head Start setting during the prior fiscal year. These grants are designed to address building renovations, documented as necessary to bring proposed classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations, materials and staffing costs, and/or other obstacles currently preventing their participation in the program. The First Steps Board of Trustees shall develop and approve an application process that incorporates formal review and fiscal safeguards designed to ensure grant funds are used solely to address documented barriers to program participation. Providers receiving this one-time supplement shall be expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion

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of the supplemental allocation at a level determined by the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. First Steps shall submit a report detailing its process, expenditures and expanded enrollment to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by March 15.

(I) If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines that appropriations will exceed expenditures, available funds may be used to fund an extended program and to increase the length of the program to a maximum of eight and a half hours per day or two hundred and twenty days per year or to fund summer programs. If a district chooses to fund summer enrollment, the program funding shall conform to the funding in this act for full year programs; however, it shall be reduced on a pro rata basis to conform with the length of the program. A summer program shall be no more than eight and a half hours per day and shall be not more than ten weeks in length. The per pupil allocation and classroom grant must conform with the appropriated amount contained in this act and end of year adjustments shall be based on the one hundred and thirty-five-day student average daily membership or later student average daily membership for districts choosing to extend the program past one hundred and eighty days. Funds may also be used to provide parent engagement, professional development, and quality evaluations of programs. No later than April first, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the expenditure of these funds to include the following information: the amount of money used and specific steps and measures taken to enhance the quality of the 4K program and the amount of money used for professional development as well as the types of professional development offered and the number of participants. The Office of First Steps is directed to determine if the provision of extended programs in private centers improves the ability of parents to enter the workforce or to pursue postsecondary training or industry credentials.

(J) On or before November 15, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall share data that identifies the total number of children enrolled in CERDEP in both public and private providers. If available appropriations exceed the instructional costs of serving children enrolled in the program and if a waiting list of eligible children can be documented by the Department of Education and by the Office of First Steps, then the Executive Budget Office may authorize the transfer of funds between the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps.

(K) The Office of First Steps and the Department of Education shall collaborate with the South Carolina Head Start State Collaboration Office to inform parents of all publicly funded full-day 4K programs including Head Start by participating in PalmettoPreK and First5SC.

1A.31 AMEND (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) States that the projected Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$58,048. Requires a local district board of trustees to provide a step increase for all eligible certified teachers. Requires districts to use the district salary schedule used in the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase. Suspends the requirement that districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year. *Companion to General Education proviso 1.70.*

WMC: AMEND to update the Southeastern average teacher salary and the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.31. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) *(A)* The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as

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projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year, the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$58,048 \$59,866. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

(B) Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using at a minimum the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended.

(C) For purposes of this provision, teachers shall be defined by the Department of Education using the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) System.

1A.41 **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: EOC-South Carolina Autism Society) Directs that \$500,000 of the EIA funds appropriated for Partnerships, Education Oversight Committee (A85) be transferred quarterly from the EOC to the South Carolina Autism Society for the Autism Parent-School Partnership Program. Requires the society, on or before August 1, 2023, to provide an audit of the society's books from the previous fiscal year to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees. Directs that the society provide an updated audit to the Chairmen on or before June 30, 2024.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.41. (SDE-EIA: EOC-South Carolina Autism Society) *(A)* Of the funds appropriated in Section 1A, VIII.F. Partnerships, Education Oversight Committee (A85), \$500,000 must be transferred in quarterly installments from the Education Oversight Committee to the South Carolina Autism Society for the Autism Parent-School Partnership Program. No more than ten percent of these funds may be used for central office related administrative purposes, with the remaining funds used to directly provide services through the Parent-School Partnership Program.

(B) On a quarterly basis, the South Carolina Autism Society shall submit to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee a comprehensive report concerning the society's finances. The report must include, but is not limited to:

- (1) All income derived during the quarter from any source;
- (2) An itemized list of all expenditures for the quarter, including the amount of each expenditure;
- (3) A list of employees, independent contractors hired by the society, and any other person or entity that provides goods or services to the society, including the amount paid to each; and
- (4) Any other such information that aids in fully understanding the fiscal health of the society.

(C) On or before August 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, the society shall provide the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee an audit of the society's books from the society's previous fiscal year. On or before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, the society shall provide an updated audit to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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1A.45 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive) Creates a program within CERRA to recruit and retain classroom educators in rural and underserved districts that annually experience excessive teacher turnover. Requires CERRA report by July 31st of the current fiscal year to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House on the incentives that have been developed and to make recommendations for attracting and retaining high quality teachers. Authorizes Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to require EOC to evaluate the allocated funds and their impact on the Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive. Requires the evaluation to be submitted to the WMC, SFC, House and Senate Education Committees, and the Governor's Office by December 15th. Requested by the Education Oversight Committee.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.45. (SDE-EIA: Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive) (A) There is created a program within the South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) to recruit and retain classroom educators in rural and underserved districts experiencing excessive turnover of classroom teachers on an annual basis.

(B) During the current fiscal year CERRA shall publish eligibility requirements and applications for individual educators, school districts, and institutions of higher education not inconsistent with existing licensure requirements for each, but also including:

(1) Eligible districts identified by CERRA as experiencing greater than eleven percent average annual teacher turnover, as reported on the districts' five most recent district report cards issued by the South Carolina Department of Education and are not one of the fifteen wealthiest districts based on the index of taxpaying ability, may make application to participate in the program.

(2) Individuals eligible for incentives shall be willing to provide instructional services in an eligible district in exchange for participation in an incentive detailed in item (C) of this section, pursuant to the obligations and restrictions stated for each.

(3) Institutions of higher education eligible to receive education funding as a component of recruiting incentives created pursuant to item (C) of this section shall not be excluded from participation in Teaching Fellows Program.

(4) Any incentives requiring individuals to relocate into an eligible district to provide instructional services shall not be made available to individuals providing instructional services in other eligible districts.

(C) Pursuant to item (A), CERRA shall develop a set of incentives including, but not limited to, salary supplements, education subsidies, loan forgiveness, professional development, and mentorship to be provided to classroom educators that offer instructional services in eligible districts and shall provide incentive options for eligible individuals at all stages of their careers, including high-school and college or university students interested in entering the teaching profession and including individuals entering the field through an alternative certification pathway to include, but not limited to, PACE, ABCTE, Teach for American, and CATE Work-Based Certification.

At a minimum, the incentives shall include:

(1) Development of a program for forgiveness of undergraduate student loans, not to exceed \$5,000 per year, for up to 7 years, for teachers participating in this incentive that achieve certification through an alternative pathway or who have a loan from an institution other than the

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South Carolina Student Loan Corporation or program other than the South Carolina Teachers Loan Program.

(2) Development of a forgivable loan program for individuals pursuing graduate coursework in furtherance of a teaching career, including enrollment in graduate-level coursework necessary to seek additional credentialing or certification relevant to the participant's teaching practice, or individuals seeking an alternative pathway to certification as a teacher.

(3) Support for the establishment and maintenance of a teaching mentorship program, including salary supplements for teaching mentors not to exceed \$2,500 per year.

(4) Other technical support and recruiting incentives as developed by CERRA in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Education Oversight Committee consistent with the objectives of this section.

(D) In addition to eligibility and application requirements, CERRA shall develop a process for recovering an amount equal to the incentives given to individual participants who fail to comply with the obligations associated with a relevant incentive in which they participate including, but not limited to, failure to complete a prescribed course of study, failure to obtain a relevant certification or licensure upon completion of a course of study, or failure to provide instructional services in an eligible district for a prescribed period of time.

(E) CERRA shall report by July thirty-first of the current fiscal year to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House on the incentives developed pursuant to item (C) of this section and make recommendations for attracting and retaining high quality teachers in rural and underserved districts. The report shall contain at a minimum eligibility requirements and application processes for districts and individuals, descriptions of and proposed budgets for each incentive program and an analysis of the number and demographics of individuals potentially eligible for each.

(F) Funds appropriated or transferred for use in the Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive may be carried forward from prior fiscal years and used for the same purpose.

(G) The Education Oversight Committee is required to complete an evaluation of the impact of the funds and incentives related to the Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive. A completed evaluation is due to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the Governor's Office no later than December 15 of the current fiscal year.

1A.51 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Career and Technology Education) Provides for the distribution and use of Career and Technology Education funds to school districts and multi-district career centers. Requires the district plan contain certain information on other available career and technical equipment and to include charter schools offering at least one career and technical education completer program. Authorizes school districts and career centers to carry forward these funds for the same purpose. Directs that \$125,000 be allocated to the Palmetto Partners for Science and Technology for robotics competition, curriculum, and support.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.51. (SDE-EIA: Career and Technology Education) Of the funds appropriated for Career and Technology Education, multi-district careers centers that received funds in Fiscal Year ~~2022-23~~ 2024-25 from the State Aid to Classrooms line item shall receive in the current fiscal year at least \$2,750,000. The balance of funds appropriated for Career and Technology Education will be distributed to school districts and multi-district career centers based on the

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prior year actual student enrollment for career and technology education courses, with no district or multi-district career center receiving less than \$50,000. Funds may be expended for the purchase of career and technical equipment, the up fitting of facilities and the purchase of consumables, regional career specialists, and such evidence-based initiatives like High Schools that Work and Project Lead the Way. Each district must include in the district plan submitted to the Office of Career and Technology Education information on other career and technical equipment available. The district must include, at a minimum, equipment located at the career center and at the technical college, information on the alignment of equipment to current industry jobs and needs in the state as recommended by career and technical program advisory committees. District plans must include charter schools within the school district offering at least one career and technical education complete program. School districts and career centers may carry forward unexpended funds to be used for the same intended purposes to up fit career and technical facilities and replace career and technical program consumables. In addition, \$125,000 of the funds appropriated shall be allocated to the Palmetto Partners for Science and Technology for robotics competition, curriculum, and support.

1A.59 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Teacher Recruitment Program) Provides for the allocation of \$750,000 of Rural Teacher Recruitment funds to USC's College of Education (COE) to develop and implement a new teacher recruitment pilot program to be administered by the COE in partnership with the Center for Teaching Quality.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "Center for Teaching Quality" and add "Mira Education".

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.59. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Recruitment Program) On or before September 30th of the current fiscal year, following the development of accountability metrics, \$750,000 of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Education for "Rural Teacher Recruitment" shall be allocated to the University of South Carolina's College of Education (COE) for the development and implementation of a new teacher recruitment pilot program to be administered by the COE in partnership with the ~~Center for Teaching Quality (CTQ)~~ *Mira Education*. The purpose of the pilot program shall be the employment of innovative and cost-effective teacher recruitment strategies, customized training for new teachers, and dedicated, ongoing mentoring support. The pilot program shall compliment and/or enhance the state's ongoing rural teacher recruitment initiatives such as those supported pursuant to Proviso 1A.45 of this act. At minimum, the pilot program must assist no fewer than ten school districts to include at least four districts along the 1-95 corridor and serve no fewer than 250 teacher candidates. The pilot program shall stipulate reasonable fees for participating candidates and districts and districts shall agree to release time for required on site mentors who shall be experienced, practicing teachers within the district for the purposes of co-teaching with and supporting candidates' development. Within participating districts, the pilot program shall emphasize high-need schools and within selected schools, the emphasis shall be on developing teacher candidates teaching in high-need subject areas to include, but not be limited to, STEM and special education with all candidates receiving training in literacy skills. The pilot program design shall be based on emerging empirical evidence of effective teacher education as well as best practices from recent innovations in university-based and alternative certification and residency programs for the dual purpose of recruiting needed candidates with equal focus on retaining accomplished, experienced teachers utilizing, in part, a model which contains intensive mentoring and support for candidate teachers. For purposes of maximizing the impact of this pilot program in identifying qualified teacher candidates as

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required herein, subject area assessment requirements as they relate to permitted standard deviation tolerances shall mirror those of State Department of Education requirements for traditionally prepared candidates. The pilot program shall assess the certification outcomes of candidates in relation to these tolerances. Before any funds are disbursed to the COE, the COE and CTQ shall develop accountability metrics for the pilot program that must include, at minimum, employment outcome indicators such as job placement and retention statistics as well as survey instrumentation in order to measure candidate, mentor, and principal satisfaction with the pilot program. No later than June 30th, program data and evidence collected as a result of this accountability requirement must be shared in report form with the Department of Education, the Education Oversight Committee, the South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement, the Commission on Higher Education, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

1A.60 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Bridge Program) Directs that \$1,400,000 of Rural Teacher Recruitment funds be transferred to SC State University to implement and enhance a BRIDGE program to recruit minority high school students along the I-95 corridor into the teaching profession. Directs SC State to use \$400,000 of these funds to partner with one or more higher education institutions to establish a similar bridge program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.60. (SDE: Bridge Program) Of the funds appropriated for “Rural Teacher Recruitment” in Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, \$1,400,000 shall be transferred to South Carolina State University for the implementation and enhancement of a BRIDGE program to recruit minority high school students along the I-95 corridor into the teaching profession by offering them, while still in high school, access to counseling, mentoring, on campus summer enrichment programs, and opportunities for dual enrollment credits at South Carolina State University for the purpose of preparing these students to major in education and to become future teachers along the I-95 corridor. South Carolina State University must utilize \$400,000 of these funds to partner with one or more institutions of higher education to establish a similar bridge program.

1A.63 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Surplus) Requires and provides guidelines for the expenditures of the EIA cash funds and EIA funds of prior fiscal year, not appropriated or authorized to be carried forward.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the itemized appropriations and update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.63. (SDE-EIA: Surplus) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, EIA cash funds from the prior fiscal year and EIA funds not otherwise appropriated or authorized must be carried forward and expended on the following items in the order listed:

1. SDE Grants Committee	\$ 16,500,000;
2. Instructional Materials	\$ 30,000,000;
3. Carolina Collaborative for Alternative Preparation(H270)	\$ 450,000;

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4. SC TEACHER (H270).....	\$ 1,500,000;
5. SC TEACHER Working Conditions Survey (H270).....	\$ 500,000;
6. High Intensity Tutoring (H630).....	\$ 15,000,000;
7. School Bus Lease/Purchase.....	\$ 20,631,000;
8. Capital Funding for Schools.....	\$ 120,000,000;
9. Literacy Instruction Program.....	\$ 39,000,000;
10. ESA Trust Fund Startup Admin.....	\$ 2,073,300;
11. Instructional Support for Districts (LMS, LOR, and AMS).....	\$ 10,240,000;
12. Artificial Intelligence (H630).....	\$ 3,000,000;
13. RESERVED	
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15. First South Carolina (SC First Lego League).....	\$ 150,000;
16. Due West Robotics.....	\$ 200,000;
17. Laurens Co. School District 55 and 56 CATE Center.....	\$ 2,500,000;
18. The Next IT Girl.....	\$ 300,000;
19. Teachers Up & Kids Club.....	\$ 500,000;
20. Reading Partners.....	\$ 500,000;
21. The Bridge Tech.....	\$ 75,000;
and	
22. Union County School District Leader in Me Program.....	\$ 47,000.

Up to \$5,000,000 in additional funds carried forward and not otherwise appropriated or authorized may be used for instructional materials and school bus purchase.

1A.64 AMEND (SDE-EIA: National Board Certification Incentive) Directs that a \$7,500 salary supplement be paid to public school classroom teachers, including special schools, who are certified by the State Board of Education and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards if they completed the application process before July 1, 2010 and a \$5,000 salary supplement if they completed the application process after July 1, 2010 as long as they maintain their national board certification. Authorizes these funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. Directs that excess funds be distributed to school districts based on the EFA formula.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the carry forward authority and the excess appropriations distribution to school districts.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.64. (SDE EIA: National Board Certification Incentive) (A) Public school classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the special schools or classroom teachers who work with classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the special schools who are certified by both the State Board of Education and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), shall be paid an annual salary supplement of either \$7500 or \$5000. When all other criteria included in this provision are met, the amount of the supplement shall be determined by

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the teacher's date of application to NBPTS and the length of the national certificate as described below.

~~(A)(1)~~ A salary supplement of \$7500 shall be paid to National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) who made an initial application before July 1, 2010, and who hold a ten-year national certificate.

~~(B)(2)~~ A salary supplement of \$5000 shall be paid to NBCTs who made an initial application before July 1, 2010, and who hold a five-year national certificate.

~~(C)(3)~~ A salary supplement of \$5000 shall be paid to NBCTs who made an initial application after July 1, 2010, and who hold either a five-year or a ten-year national certificate.

(B) The salary supplement shall begin in the year the teacher achieves national certification, be added to the teacher's annual pay, and continue as long as the teacher is certified by both the State Board of Education and NBPTS and employed as a public school classroom teacher as described above. However, the supplement shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis for the teacher's FTE and paid to the teacher in accordance with the districts payroll procedure.

(C) The special schools include the Governors School for Science and Math, Governors School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District 1.

(D) Public school classroom teachers who are certified by NBPTS shall enter a recertification cycle for their South Carolina certificate consistent with the length of the recertification cycle for National Board Certification. Teachers who are certified by NBPTS moving to this State who hold a valid standard certificate from their sending state are exempted from initial certification requirements and are eligible for a professional teaching certificate and continuing contract status. Their recertification cycle will be consistent with the length of the recertification cycle for National Board Certification. ~~The department is authorized to carry forward funds and only expend them for the same purpose. Appropriations in excess of applicable expenditures shall be distributed to school districts based on the EFA formula.~~

1A.73 AMEND (SDE-EIA: Foundational Literacy Skill Training) Directs SDE to provide training in foundational literacy skills to public school educators who work with students in kindergarten through third grade. Requires each school district to participate in the implementation of this training and requires the districts and SDE to create an implementation plan. Directs that select educators shall participate in foundational literacy skills training provided and paid for by the department. States that successful completion of the training satisfies the requirements of the literacy teacher endorsement and directs that those teachers shall receive a monetary stipend upon completion. Directs SDE to identify reliable and valid universal reading screeners as potential replacements for the readiness assessment and allows the screeners to be utilized by school districts to screen and monitor kindergarten through second grade student progress. Provides for the requirements of the screeners. Details the requirements of each district's Reading Proficiency Plans. Defines "Foundational literacy skills", "Science of Reading", and "Structured Literacy".

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference and direct that SDE extend training to educators and aids working with children in CERDEP and to the staff of First Steps. Directs that school districts shall not recommend reading materials that employ the three-cueing model of reading, visual memory for teaching word recognition or reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues. Allows SDE to carry forward and expend funds for the same purpose.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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1A.73. (SDE-EIA: Foundational Literacy Skill Training) *(A)* Beginning with the current fiscal year, the Department of Education shall provide training in foundational literacy skills to public school educators working with students in kindergarten through grade three, pending the availability of funding and space. The Department of Education shall deliver professional development that has demonstrated success in establishing deep knowledge of evidence-based foundational literacy skills grounded in the science of reading and promoting student reading achievement. Beginning in the 2024-25 Fiscal Year with funds available, the Department of Education will extend the training to public school educators and class aides working with children in South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) and to staff of the Office of First Steps to School Readiness.

(B) Each school district shall participate in the implementation of this foundational literacy skills training. The department and school districts shall create an implementation plan to include educator cohorts to begin in the fall and spring of the ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25 school year, with a goal of state-wide implementation for every educator working with students in kindergarten through grade three certified in early childhood, elementary, and special education. Elementary administrators should also be included in the foundational literacy skills training.

(C) School districts shall not purchase, utilize, or recommend reading or literacy materials that employ the three-cueing system model of reading, visual memory as the primary basis for teaching word recognition, or the three-cueing system model of reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues.

(D) Selected educators shall participate in foundational literacy skills training provided and paid for by the Department of Education. Successful completion of this training shall satisfy the requirements of the literacy teacher endorsement. Educators who successfully complete the training, as determined by the department, shall receive a monetary stipend.

(E) The Department of Education shall identify reliable and valid universal reading screeners as potential replacements for the readiness assessment required under Section 59-155-150. The identified screeners may be selected and used by school districts to screen and monitor kindergarten through second grade student progress in foundational literacy skills, and to identify or predict those who may be at risk for poor reading outcomes. Each identified universal reading screener must:

(1) provide screening and diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress in reading;

(2) measure, at a minimum, phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension; and

(3) identify students with a reading deficiency, including identifying students with characteristics of dyslexia.

(F) In its annual Reading Proficiency Plan, each district shall:

(1) document how the reading and writing curriculum, instruction, and assessment for all PK-5 students are aligned with the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational skills. PK-5 textbooks or instructional materials that employ the three-cueing system model of reading, visual memory as the primary basis for teaching word recognition, or the three-cueing system model of reading based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual, which is also known as “MSV”, shall not be used in reading instruction;

(2) document the number of first and second grade students who are projected to score “Does Not Meet” on the statewide summative reading assessment;

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(3) document how scientifically-based supplemental interventions are provided to struggling readers who fail to demonstrate grade-level proficiency as demonstrated by a score of “Meets or Exceeds Expectations”; and

(4) explain how the district will provide teacher training in the science of reading, structured literacy, and foundational literacy skills.

(G) As used in this provision:

(1) “Foundational literacy skills” means phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. This definition of foundational literacy skills specifically excludes the “Three-cueing system”, which is any model of teaching students to read based on meaning, structure and syntax, and visual cues, which may also be known as “MSV”.

(2) “Science of Reading” means the body of research that identifies evidence-based approaches of explicitly and systematically teaching students to read, including foundational literacy skills that enable students to develop reading skills required to meet state standards in literacy.

(3) “Structured Literacy” means an evidence-based approach to teaching oral and written language aligned to the science of reading founded on the science of how children learn to read and characterized by explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic instruction in phonology, sound-symbol association, syllable instruction, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

(H) The Department of Education is authorized to carry forward and expend any balance of funds authorized in the prior fiscal year for training for the same purposes in the current fiscal year.

SECTION 3 - H660 - LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

3.5 DELETE (FY 2023-24 Lottery Funding) Directs expenditure of lottery funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~3.5. (LEA: FY 2023-24 Lottery Funding) There is appropriated from the Education Lottery Account for the following education purposes and programs and funds for these programs and purposes shall be transferred by the Executive Budget Office as directed below. These appropriations must be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for education. For cash flow purposes, the Executive Budget Office may facilitate limited transfers from the general deposits of the state for the exclusive purpose of ensuring the timely distribution of scholarships and tuition assistance payments as provided below. Any use of this transfer allowance must include full reimbursement from the Education Lottery Account to the general deposit accounts of the state prior to the close of the fiscal year.~~

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

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

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For Fiscal Year 2023-24, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2021-22 certified surplus, and Fiscal Year 2022-23 projected surplus and undesignated fund balance are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Commission on Higher Education—LIFE Scholarships as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59 \$ 201,194,944;
 - (2) Commission on Higher Education—HOPE Scholarships as provided in Section 59-150-370..... \$ 12,574,147;
 - (3) Commission on Higher Education—Palmetto Fellows Scholarships as provided in Section 59-104-20 \$ 67,328,890;
 - (4) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—Tuition Assistance \$ 51,100,000;
 - (5) Commission on Higher Education—Need-Based Grants \$ 80,000,000;
 - (6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission—Tuition Grants..... \$ 20,000,000;
 - (7) Commission on Higher Education—SC National Guard College Assistance Program as provided in Section 59-111-75..... \$ 6,200,000;
 - (8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship..... \$ 93,739,407;
 - (9) South Carolina State University \$ 2,500,000;
 - (10) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment..... \$ 7,000,000;
 - (11) Commission on Higher Education—College Transition Program Scholarships \$ 4,105,597;
 - (12) Commission on Higher Education—Nursing Initiative..... \$ 10,000,000;
 - (13) Commission on Higher Education—PASCAL..... \$ 1,500,000;
 - (14) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—readySC..... \$ 2,000,000;
 - (15) USC System—Carolina Internship Pilot Program \$ 4,500,000;
 - (16) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—South Carolina Youth and Small Businesses Grant..... \$ 3,500,000;
 - (17) Medical University of South Carolina—SC First Scholarship \$ 3,500,000;
 - (18) State Department of Education—School Bus Lease Purchase \$ 4,000,000;
 - (19) Commission on Higher Education—Technology—Public Four Year, Two Year, and State Technical Colleges \$ 8,000,000;
 - (20) Clemson University—Student Experiential Learning..... \$ 3,500,000;
 - (21) Commission on Higher Education—Coker University—Jim Lemke Endowment \$ 150,000;
 - (22) Commission on Higher Education—Morris College—Partnership with U.S. Military \$ 450,000;
 - (23) Commission on Higher Education—Voorhees University—Rebranding Efforts..... \$ 100,000;
 - (24) Commission on Higher Education—SCHH Program..... \$ 700,000;
- and
- (25) Commission on Higher Education—Claflin University—Nursing Scholarships \$ 1,000,000.

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services—

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Gambling Addiction Services	\$ 100,000;
(2) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education— High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(3) Commission on Higher Education— Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program.....	\$ 10,500,000;

and

(4) Department of Education— School Bus Lease/Purchase	\$ 4,400,000.
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Any unclaimed prize funds available in excess of the Board of Economic Advisors estimate of \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated as follows:

Department of Education— School Bus Lease/Purchase and Instructional Materials	\$All remaining equally split.
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If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2023-24 is less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided in Section 59-150-360. Annually, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.

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

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

Fiscal Year 2023-24 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for Fiscal Year 2023-24 are fully funded.

If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2023-24 certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2022-23 projected surplus, and Fiscal Year 2021-22 certified surplus and the undesignated fund balance are less than the amounts appropriated, the Executive Budget Office is authorized to use surplus lottery proceeds accumulated in the lottery account from previous fiscal years to fully fund appropriations from the lottery authorized by the General Assembly. If a revenue shortfall still exists once the fund balance has been exhausted, then the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis, except that a reduction must not be applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

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

Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for College Transition Scholarships, the commission shall provide scholarships to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established College Transition Program (CTP) that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The commission, in consultation with the CTPs, shall develop guidelines establishing scholarship eligibility, retention, and/or renewal requirements in accordance with this paragraph. Scholarships shall be awarded to each South

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~~Carolina resident student enrolled in an established public CTP in an amount of at least \$2,500 per semester, not to exceed \$10,000 per academic year (including summer semester), and no student may receive a scholarship for more than eight semesters in total. In addition, the limitations of Proviso 11.12 notwithstanding, individual CTPs shall have the discretion to allocate a portion of their aggregate funding provided pursuant to this provision for need-based grants to eligible students. This discretion is allowable only to the extent that the funding for need-based grants for eligible CTP students provided pursuant to Proviso 11.12 has first been fully exhausted. The commission, in cooperation with the CTPs, shall collect and report the number of scholarship recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. The commission shall provide this report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than September 30. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and used for the same purpose, except that up to \$250,000 may be used by the CTP consortium (known as The South Carolina Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium) to be used collaboratively by the consortium to promote better awareness of CTP programs statewide as an option for youth with intellectual disabilities after high school through dedicated support for activities such as, but not necessarily limited to, student recruitment, development and maintenance of a consortium website and associated materials, and the provision of strategic informational events for prospective students and families across the State. Additionally, unexpended or carried forward funds may be used by individual college transition programs in partnership with third party providers for technology resources for students participating in these programs. Not more than \$1,000,000 of total unexpended funds may be used for this purpose among all CTPs. The commission shall establish the criteria for which these funds will be allocated.~~

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for Need-Based Grants, public colleges and universities must submit requests to carry forward Need-Based Grants to the Commission on Higher Education by June 30, 2024, and final invoices for Need-based Grants by a date determined by the commission. For Fiscal Year 2023-24, all eligible students must be awarded up to the maximum allowable amount prior to any Need-Based Grant funds being carried forward. Funds only shall be carried forward if all eligible Need-based Grant students at the public colleges and universities are fully funded with financial aid that does not require student repayment. Funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2023-24 must be distributed in the same academic year.~~

~~Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for the Nursing Initiative, the commission shall use the funds to address the nursing shortage. Funds shall be allocated accordingly to the state's public colleges and universities, including technical colleges, that have accredited nursing programs accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The first \$5 million shall be used to provide bonuses or supplement the salaries of existing full-time faculty and the hourly rates of part-time faculty, or the salaries of clinical nursing faculty, which includes adjunct faculty. The funds shall be allocated to each public college or university, including technical colleges, based on the number of students enrolled in nursing programs. The second \$5 million shall be used to provide tuition reimbursement or scholarships for students enrolled in graduate-level nurse educator programs, Doctor of Nursing Practice, or Ph.D. programs. The scholarship recipients must agree to assume a faculty role in a state nursing program after graduation for a minimum of two years for each~~

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~~year they receive the scholarship. Annually by September 15, the Commission shall report on the Nursing Initiative, at a minimum, the following: (1) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships; (2) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships subsequently hired as faculty; (3) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships not hired as faculty; (4) amount of funding allocated to each institution with eligible nursing programs; (5) expenditures and encumbrances of Nursing Initiative funds for eligible faculty for each program; and (6) retention rates, new hires and vacancies for full time, part time (including adjunct), and clinical faculty for each eligible program. The Commission may also request institutions to provide other information related to nursing workforce development. This report shall be submitted to the House Education and Public Works Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.~~

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

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

~~and~~

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

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

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

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

3.6 ADD (LEA: FY 2024-25 Lottery Funding) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct expenditure of lottery funds for FY 2024-25.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

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

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

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

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services – Gambling Addiction Services..... \$ 100,000;
- (2) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship..... \$ 16,348,953;

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- (3) Instructional Materials..... \$ 3,551,047.

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

- (1) Clemson University – Student Experiential Learning \$ 3,500,000;
- (2) University of South Carolina System – Carolina Internship Pilot Program \$ 4,500,000;
- (3) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment..... \$ 30,000,000;
- (4) Department of Education – School Bus Lease/Purchase \$ 35,000,000;
- (5) Department of Education – Instructional Materials \$ 40,000,000;
- (6) Commission on Higher Education – Higher Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) \$ 9,000,000;

and

- (7) Graduate Medical Education \$ 30,000,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for Need-Based Grants, public colleges and universities must submit requests to carry forward Need-Based Grants to the Commission on Higher Education by June 30, 2025, and final invoices for Need-based Grants by a date determined by the commission. For Fiscal Year 2024-25, all eligible students must be

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awarded up to the maximum allowable amount prior to any Need-Based Grant funds being carried forward. Funds only shall be carried forward if all eligible Need-based Grant students at the public colleges and universities are fully funded with financial aid that does not require student repayment. Funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2024-25 must be distributed in the same academic year.

Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for the Nursing Initiative, the commission shall use the funds to address the nursing shortage. Funds shall be allocated accordingly to the state's public colleges and universities, including technical colleges, that have accredited nursing programs accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The first \$5 million shall be used to provide bonuses or supplement the salaries of existing full-time faculty and the hourly rates of part-time faculty, or the salaries of clinical nursing faculty, which includes adjunct faculty. The funds shall be allocated to each public college or university, including technical colleges, based on the number of students enrolled in nursing programs. The second \$5 million shall be used to provide tuition reimbursement or scholarships for students enrolled in graduate-level nurse educator programs, Doctor of Nursing Practice, or Ph.D. programs. The scholarship recipients must agree to assume a faculty role in a state nursing program after graduation for a minimum of two years for each year they receive the scholarship. Annually by September 15, the Commission shall report on the Nursing Initiative, at a minimum, the following: (1) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships; (2) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships subsequently hired as faculty; (3) total number of students receiving tuition reimbursements or scholarships not hired as faculty; (4) amount of funding allocated to each institution with eligible nursing programs; (5) expenditures and encumbrances of Nursing Initiative funds for eligible faculty for each program; and (6) retention rates, new hires and vacancies for full-time, part-time (including adjunct), and clinical faculty for each eligible program. The Commission may also request institutions to provide other information related to nursing workforce development. This report shall be submitted to the House Education and Public Works Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.

Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for Graduate Medical Education or through intergovernmental transfers, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish initiatives to strengthen the recruitment and retention of the healthcare workforce in order to improve access to services in South Carolina, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The department is authorized to perform, or contract to perform, an assessment of current and future supply, demand, and distribution of physicians and other medical professionals throughout the State. The assessment shall include examination of workforce trends, education, training programs, as well as financing and regulatory policies in order to better inform and evaluate the cost benefit of existing strategies. The department is authorized to increase Medicaid Graduate Medical Education (GME) spending and other supplemental payments; provided that such spending is employed to increase residency training slots or to implement incentives that encourage residents to enter specialty training deemed important to the State or to remain in the State following completion of their residency program. The department should consider other funding opportunities or make policy recommendations to build workforce capacity that include, but are not limited to, incentive payments, loan repayment programs, infrastructure investments, administrative billing efficiencies, technology enhancements, and licensing provisions. In carrying out this provision, the department shall

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coordinate with residency programs, schools of medicine, the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium, state agencies, and other entities as appropriate.

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

SECTION 7 - L120 - GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE

- 7.2** **ADD** (JDLHS: Telepsychiatry) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the school to develop a contractual relationship with DMH and MUSC to provide psychiatric services from a licensed psychiatrist upon the request of a student or employee who provides mental health services to the student. Provides for the requirements of the service.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

7.2. (JDLHS: Telepsychiatry) The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe shall establish and maintain, with the Department of Mental Health and the Medical University of South Carolina, a contractual relationship to provide psychiatric services from a licensed psychiatrist for its students upon the request of a student or the recommendation of a school employee who provides mental health services to students. The psychiatric services may be provided in person or through the use of telepsychiatry. The interactions between students and the psychiatrist shall be HIPPA compliant. Psychological fitness for continued attendance at the school shall be determined solely by the psychiatrist providing psychiatric services to a student. A student who receives psychiatric services from a psychiatrist may continue to receive those services in lieu of receiving services as provided for in this provision.

SECTION 8 - H670 - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

- 8.5** **ADD** (ETV: Rural Information Access Pilot Project) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct ETV to work with ORS to develop a pilot project to address the need for increased public wi-fi in rural areas. Directs them to maximize federal dollars and leverage existing ETV resources and allows partnership with relevant state agencies.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

8.5. (ETV: Rural Information Access Pilot Project) The Educational Television Commission shall work with the Office of Regulatory Staff to establish a pilot project supporting awareness of digital adoption and addressing the need for increased public wi-fi in rural and underserved counties. The initial pilot project will maximize federal dollars to the greatest extent possible and include, at a minimum, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Allendale counties. The project will include leveraging existing SCETV broadcast and communications infrastructure to support public access to broadband, an awareness campaign to increase digital adoption in these counties, and local programming specifically for underserved and rural communities. Partners in the pilot project may include, but not be limited to, state agencies involved with digital access, school districts, colleges, and universities, including technical colleges and local businesses.

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 11.3 DELETE** (CHE: GEAR-UP) Directs that funds shall be used for state grant programs to improve college preparation for disadvantaged middle school students.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**11.3.** (CHE: GEAR-UP) Funds appropriated for GEAR UP shall be used for state grants programs to reach disadvantaged middle school students to improve their preparation for college. Eligible South Carolina public schools and public institutions of higher education shall cooperate with the Commission on Higher Education in the provision of services under the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant.~~

- 11.7 DELETE** (CHE: Troop-to-Teachers) Directs that members of the Armed Forces either active-duty, retired, or separated who are admitted to and enrolled in the S.C Troop-to-Teachers Alternative Route to Certification program are entitled to pay in-state rates at participating state institutions for required program work. Requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**11.7.** (CHE: Troop-to-Teachers) Members of the Armed Forces either active-duty, retired, or separated who are admitted to and enrolled in the South Carolina Troop-to-Teachers Alternative Route to Certification program are entitled to pay in-state rates at participating state institutions for requisite program work.~~

- 11.8 AMEND** (CHE: Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth) Provides for the distribution of up to \$100,000 of available need based grants funds to foster youth in the custody of DSS who are attending a higher education institutions in the state.

WMC: AMEND proviso to increase the maximum of needs-based grants funding from “\$2,500” to “\$3,500”.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

- 11.21 AMEND** (CHE: Institutes of Innovation and Information) Allows CHE to utilize funds appropriated for the Institutes of Innovation and Information to provide supportive services of the Institutes. Directs that the commission shall establish a separate fund to receive private donations for the program. Requires each institution to submit a final report to the commission

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by March 1st and provides for the report requirements, and directs that information be reported by the commission to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee by March 15th. Allows the Executive Director of the commission to order an audit on any participating institution as necessary.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the language from “may” to “shall” and add that the oversight includes a maximum of 3 FTE positions.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

11.22 **DELETE** (CHE: Educator Report Card) Directs CHE to collaborate with EOC and SDE to create the online educator report card and to utilize \$350,000 of EOC’s carried forward funds for this purpose.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**11.22.** (CHE: Educator Report Card) To maximize the effectiveness and to minimize cost, the Commission on Higher Education shall collaborate with the Education Oversight Committee and the Department of Education to develop and build out the online educator report card by expending up to \$350,000 in funds carried forward from Fiscal Year 2022-23 into Fiscal Year 2023-24 by the Education Oversight Committee for implementing the Education Data Dashboard.~~

11.24 **ADD** (CHE: SC University Cyber Leadership Council) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to establish the South Carolina University Cyber Leadership Council. Provides guidelines for the Council to partner with local agencies to develop a plan to position SC as a leader in cyber readiness through education, research, and community engagement. Directs that the Council submit a paper report to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance by 6/30/25.

11.24. (CHE: SC University Cyber Leadership Council) Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2024-25, there is established the South Carolina University Cyber Leadership

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Council to position South Carolina as a national leader in cyber readiness through education, research, and community engagement. The Council shall:

(1) work with local agencies to assess the vulnerability of critical infrastructure in South Carolina to cyber threats and develop and implement a plan to identify gaps in the State's ability to respond;

(2) develop and implement a plan to provide a skilled cyber workforce to the military and civilian arms of federal, state, and local governments and to industry through education and training programs in collaboration with partners in K-12, technical colleges, and four-year colleges and universities;

(3) in coordination with the Commission on Higher Education and existing higher education cybersecurity programs, with The Citadel as convener, develop and implement a plan to include timelines and metrics to attract a pipeline of future cyber workforce;

(4) promote cybersecurity awareness and good cyber citizenship by organizing workshops, summer camps, cyber table-top exercises, cyber competitions, and conferences;

(5) develop and implement a plan to provide cyber threat hunting services to the state and local agencies and to local, small and mid-size industries through a cybersecurity situation center; and

(6) submit a paper report to the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2025.

SECTION 13 – H090 – THE CITADEL

13.1 DELETE (CIT: Cyber Coordination Center) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to establish the South Carolina Cyber Coordination Center at The Citadel. Provides guidelines for the center to partner with local agencies and CHE to develop a plan to position SC as a leader in cyber readiness through education, research, and community engagement. Directs that the center submit a report to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance by 6/30/25.

HOU: DELETE new proviso.

13.1. (CIT: Cyber Coordination Center) DELETED

SECTION 15 – H150 - UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON

15.1 ADD (UOC: Housing Capital Projects) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the Board of Trustees to allocate up to 10% of the collected capital improvement fees for campus housing capital projects when the average increase for campus housing is below the CPI-U increase for multifamily housing. Requested by the University of Charleston.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

15.1. (UOC: Housing Capital Projects) The College of Charleston Board of Trustees is permitted to allocate up to ten percent of the capital improvement fee collected as part of tuition and fees for support of campus housing capital projects when the average increase for campus housing is below the CPI-U increase for multifamily housing in South Carolina.

15.2 ADD (UOC: Campus Expansion) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the college to seek Phase I and Phase II approval for the acquisition and development of the parcels at 106 Coming St. and 99 St Philip St. Requested by the University of Charleston.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

15.2. (UOC: Campus Expansion) From the funds appropriated herein and from other institutional sources for the acquisition and/or development of the parcels at 106 Coming Street and 99 St Philip Street in Charleston, South Carolina, the College of Charleston is permitted to seek Phase I and Phase II approval concurrently from the Commission for Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 19 – H240 – SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

19.2 **ADD** (SCSU: SC State Loan Forgiveness) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to forgive the principal payment of \$311,571 for SC State.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

19.2. (SCSU: SC State Loan Forgiveness) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the principal payment totaling \$311,571 from the loan disbursed to South Carolina State University pursuant to Proviso 19.4, Part 1B, Act 91 of 2015 is hereby forgiven.

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

20.7 **ADD** (USC: Harper/Elliott Honors College) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the use of funds appropriated in Act 285 of 2016, Section 1(11) to be redirected towards renovations and repairs of E&G space in the Harper/Elliott Honors College. Requested by the University of South Carolina.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

20.7. (USC: Harper/Elliott Honors College) Capital Reserve Fund appropriations to the University of South Carolina in Section 1(11) of Act 285 of 2016 for construction of Education and General (E&G) space in the addition to the Honors College dormitory may instead be redirected by the university towards necessary renovations and repairs of E&G space in the Harper/Elliott Honors College located on the historic Horseshoe of campus.

20.8 **ADD** (USC: Health Science Campus) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize USC to undertake permanent improvements necessary for the construction of the Health Science Campus. Allows funds to be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. Requires the funds to be accounted for separately and for a report to be submitted semiannually to the Chairman of JBRC on the funding carried forward, amounts remaining to be expended, project status, and any other information requested by the committee.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

20.8. (USC: Health Science Campus) With the funds appropriated for this purpose, the University of South Carolina is authorized to undertake permanent improvements necessary for the construction of the Health Science Campus, including the Brain Health Center. Further, the funds appropriated in Part 1A and 1B of this act for the Health Science Campus may be carried forward and expended for the necessary permanent improvements. The funds must be accounted for separately, and the university shall report semiannually to the Chairman of the Joint Bond

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Review Committee on the amount of funding carried forward, the amount remaining to be expended, the overall status of the project, and any other information requested by the committee.

SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 23.1 AMEND** (MUSC: Rural Dentist Program) Establishes the Rural Dentist Program in coordination with DHEC's Public Health Dentistry program; provides for administration of the program; authorizes funds to be carried forward; and creates a board to manage and allocate the funds.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete references to DHEC and update to the Department of Public Health.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

23.1. (MUSC: Rural Dentist Program) The Rural Dentist Program, in coordination with the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control's~~ Public Health Health's Dentistry Program, is established at the Medical University of South Carolina. The funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina for the Rural Dentist Program shall be administered by the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium physician recruitment office. The costs associated with administering this program are to be paid from the funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist Program and shall not exceed four percent of the appropriation. The Medical University of South Carolina is responsible for the fiscal management of funds to ensure that state policies and guidelines are adhered to. MUSC shall be permitted to carry forward unspent general funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist program provided that these funds be expended for the program for which they were originally designated. A board is created to manage and allocate these funds to insure the location of licensed dentists in rural areas of South Carolina and on the faculty of the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC. The board will be composed of the following: the Dean, or his designee, of the MUSC College of Dental Medicine; three members from the South Carolina Dental Education Foundation Board who represent rural areas; and the President, or his designee, of the South Carolina Dental Association. The Director of ~~DHEC's~~ the Department of Public Health's Office of Primary Care; the Director or his designee of the Department of Health and Human Services; and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Dental Association shall serve as ex officio members without vote. This board shall serve without compensation.

- 23.3 DELETE** (MUSC: Children's Hospital Infrastructure) Directs MUSC to establish the South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center. Directs the center to establish priorities and contract with qualifying children's hospitals to fund the priorities. Establish criteria for qualifying hospitals. Directs the center to submit a report annually within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees detailing infrastructure priorities and expenditures.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

23.3. (MUSC: Children's Hospital Infrastructure) ~~Of the funds appropriated for South Carolina Children's Hospitals infrastructure, the Medical University of South Carolina shall establish the South Carolina Children's Hospital Innovation Center to ensure that all children in South Carolina have access to high quality medical services in a coordinated, cost effective manner. Under the direction of the South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative, the center~~

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~~annually shall establish children's healthcare infrastructure priorities, determining allocations for those priorities, and then contracting with qualifying children's hospitals to fund established priorities. Qualifying South Carolina children's hospitals must be not for profit systems providing comprehensive pediatric inpatient and outpatient services, serve as the regional perinatal center for their region, serve as training sites for the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina medical schools, and participate in the South Carolina Telehealth Alliance pediatric telehealth workgroup. The center shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year detailing established children's healthcare infrastructure priorities and expenditures made to fund these priorities, specifying both innovation center funds and matching institutional funds.~~

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

- 25.6** **ADD** (TEC: Denmark Technical Funds) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow Denmark Technical College to transfer funds from maintenance, renovation, and replacement to cover academic and workforce programmatic needs.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

25.6. (TEC: Denmark Technical Funds) Denmark Technical College is approved to transfer \$2,200,000 of the \$8,751,259 balance from maintenance, renovation, and replacement appropriations to cover academic and workforce programmatic needs.

SECTION 26 – H790 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

- 26.1** **ADD** (SCDAH: State Historic Preservation Grant Fund Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to carry forward allocated but unexpended funds from the state historic preservation grant fund into the current fiscal year.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

26.1. (SCDAH: State Historic Preservation Grant Fund Carry Forward) The department is authorized to carry forward unexpended funds allocated to state historic preservation grant recipients from previous fiscal years into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 31 - J060 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- 31.28** **DELETE** (DPH: Fetal Pain Awareness) Requires the department to use at least \$100 to prepare printed materials on information that unborn children are able to feel pain at 20 weeks gestation and beyond and that a woman who seeks an abortion has to right to ask for and receive anesthesia to alleviate or eliminate pain to the fetus during the procedure. Requires that the materials be easy to comprehend; be in a bold and legible typeface; be provided to each abortion provider in the state; and be placed in a conspicuous place in each exam room.
HOU: DELETE proviso.

31.28. (DPH: Fetal Pain Awareness) DELETED

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- 31.45** **ADD** (DPH: Allocation of Indirect Cost and Recoveries) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to deposit indirect cost recoveries for their portion of the Statewide Central Services Cost Allocation Plan into the general fund and to retain recoveries in excess of that amount.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

31.45. (DPH: Allocation of Indirect Cost and Recoveries) The department shall continue to deposit in the general fund all indirect cost recoveries for the department's portion of the Statewide Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP). The department shall retain recoveries in excess of the SWCAP amount to support the remaining administrative costs of the agency.

- 31.46** **ADD** (DPH: Grant Authority) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to make grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities for public health and environmental programs. Directs the department to develop policies and procedures and promulgate regulations.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

31.46. (DPH: Grant Authority) The department is authorized to make grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to further the objectives of its public health programs. The department shall develop policies and procedures and may promulgate regulations to assure compliance with state and federal requirements associated with the funds used for the grants and to assure fairness and accountability in the award and administration of these grants. The department shall be guided by the definitions of "grant" and "procurement" in the South Carolina Procurement Code and the principles of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 33 U.S.C. 6301-6308 in determining whether an expenditure of funds will be in the form of a grant or a procurement.

- 31.47** **ADD** (DPH: Revenue Carry Forward Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the Department to collect, expend, and carry forward revenues from the sale of goods and other products.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

31.47. (DPH: Revenue Carry Forward Authorization) The Department of Public Health is hereby authorized to collect, expend, and carry forward revenues in the following programs: Sale of Goods (confiscated goods, arm patches, etc.), sale of meals at Camp Burnt Gin, sale of publications, brochures, photo copies and certificate forms including, but not limited to, pet rabies vaccination certificate books, sale of listings and labels, sale of State Code and Supplements, sale of films and slides, sale of maps, sale of items to be recycled including, but not limited to, used motor oil and batteries, sale and/or licensing of software products developed and owned by the department, and collection of registration fees for non-DPH employees. Any unexpended balance carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

- 31.48** **ADD** (DPH: Data Center Migration) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use Data Center Migration funds for a variety of shared technology services offered by the DOA, Division of Technology Operations.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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31.48. (DPH: Data Center Migration) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Health for Data Center Migration, the department must utilize the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations for shared services including, but not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, managed servers, storage, network services, and disaster recovery services. Unexpended funds appropriated for the data center migration may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

- 31.49** **ADD** (DPH: Local Health Departments) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that counties will be relieved of contribution requirements for salary, fringe benefits, and travel reimbursements to local health departments and appropriates \$5,430,697 for these expenses. Directs counties to provide all other local health department operating expenses in an amount at least equal to amounts appropriated in FY 1981.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

31.49. (DPH: Local Health Departments) Counties of the state will be relieved of contribution requirements for salary, fringe benefits, and travel reimbursement to local health departments. The amount of \$5,430,697 is appropriated for county health department salaries, fringe benefits, and travel. These funds and other state funds appropriated for county health units may, based upon need, be utilized in either salary or travel categories. Each county shall provide all other operating expenses of the local health department in an amount at least equal to that appropriated for operations for each county in Fiscal Year 1981. In the event any county makes uniform reductions in appropriations to all agencies or departments for maintenance and operations, exclusive of salaries and fringe benefits, a like reduction shall be made in funds appropriated for the operating expenses of the local health department.

- 31.50** **ADD** (DPH: Agency Lease Payments) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that lease payments directed by proviso 188.22 of Act 84 of 2023 are to be maintained in a separate and distinct account and are exempt from across-the-board reductions mandated by EBO.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

31.50. (DPH: Agency Lease Payments) Funds appropriated and authorized to the department for lease payments for the lease directed by proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023 shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account. These funds shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.

SECTION 33 - J020 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 33.22** **DELETE** (DHHS: IDEA Part C Compliance) Directs the department to report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 31, 2023, on the status of the department's efforts to bring the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C program into compliance with federal requirements.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by DHHS.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~33.22. (DHHS: IDEA Part C Compliance) With the funds available to the department, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of the~~

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~~Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than December 31, 2023 on the status of the department's efforts to bring the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C program into compliance with federal requirements. This report must specifically address areas in which the IDEA Part C program has received low performance scores and include any relevant correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education. The report must explain the department's plan for bringing the program into compliance, including specific steps and the associated timeline.~~

- 33.28** **AMEND** (DHHS: Brain Health Initiative) Directs HHS to contract with USC to develop and implement a rural brain health network. Provides guidelines for the network. Directs USC to collaborate with MUSC and Clemson University to use existing programs to meet dementia care needs in rural areas.. Directs the University to disseminate resources through DHEC's "Take Brain Health to Heart" campaign. Direct the department to evaluate the initiative annually.
WMC: AMEND to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Public Health.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

33.28. (DHHS: Brain Health Initiative) South Carolina has been identified as one of five states with the most significant gap between an available neurology workforce and the health needs of people with Alzheimer's and other dementias. From funds appropriated, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to contract with the University of South Carolina to develop and implement a rural brain health network for the purpose of improving brain health, enhancing the quality of care, and increasing statewide access to dementia care. This includes advancing the clinical care of dementia, promoting translational research, improving cardiovascular and brain health, expanding and improving the Alzheimer's Disease Registry provided for in Section 44-36-10, establishing training and fellowship programs for health care providers, and obtaining a better understanding of population risk factors. The University shall partner and collaborate with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and Clemson University to leverage existing programs to meet the unmet dementia care needs for citizens in rural areas throughout South Carolina including, but not limited to, providing informed clinical care, early detection, early diagnosis disclosure, caregiver support, healthy aging, and education of primary care providers. The University also shall utilize and disseminate the brain health resources through ~~DHEC's~~ *the Department of Public Health's* "Take Brain Health to Heart" campaign as a tool for community education. The department annually shall evaluate this initiative, including all partnerships and agreements, to assess its effectiveness in achieving expected outcomes.

- 33.29** **AMEND** (DHHS: Pregnancy Crisis Centers) Directs that funding provided for Pregnancy Crisis Centers may only be expended by pregnancy care centers for direct care of pregnant women and mothers.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

33.29. (DHHS: Pregnancy Crisis Centers) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, funding provided to the Department of Health and Human Services for Pregnancy Crisis Centers may only be expended by pregnancy care centers for the purposes of direct care to pregnant women and mothers for related medical care, support, and resources for women and infants.

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- 33.31 DELETE** (DHHS: Psychiatric Residency Program) Authorizes the department to expend funds for the psychiatric residency program. Suggests utilizing the funding to place an emphasis on program quality, post-residency retention, and training in rural areas. Requires the department to submit a report on the disposition of funds and progress of the residency program to the Chairmen of SFC and WMC by December 31.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~33.31. (DHHS: Psychiatric Residency Program) The department is authorized to expend funds appropriated for the psychiatric residency program in South Carolina. Funding should be directed in a manner that places emphasis on program quality, post-residency retention, and training in rural service areas. No later than December 31, 2023, the department shall 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 funds and progress of the residency program. This report shall include funding recommendations for future training classes.~~

- 33.33 ADD** (DHHS: Graduate Medical Education) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to provide an assessment of supply, demand, and distribution of physicians and medical professionals in SC in order to make policy changes, set standards, and improve access to services. Provides criteria for the assessment. Authorizes the department to increase Medicaid GME state match spending up to an additional \$35 million in order to increase residency training slots and to implement incentives for residents to remain in SC after completion of their residency program.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

33.33. (DHHS: Graduate Medical Education) The Department of Health and Human Services shall perform, or contract to perform, an assessment of current and future supply, demand, and distribution of physicians and other medical professionals in the State. The assessment shall include examination of workforce trends, training programs, and financing policies as they relate to Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs. The department shall use information from this assessment to establish policies or make necessary policy changes to effectively measure GME economic cost benefit, set program standards, and improve access to services throughout the State, particularly in rural areas. From funds appropriated herein or from intergovernmental transfers, the department is authorized to increase Medicaid GME state match spending up to an additional \$35 million dollars; provided that such spending is employed to increase residency training slots or to implement incentives that encourage residents to enter specialty training deemed important to the State or to remain in the state following completion of their residency program. In carrying out this provision, the department shall coordinate with residency programs, schools of medicine, and other entities it deems appropriate.

- 33.34 ADD** (DHHS: Personal Emergency Response System) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to develop RFPs to provide for Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to be issued to Medicaid recipients based on the department's Medicaid Home and Community-based waiver. Directs that PERS devices must include unlimited 24-7 live phone contact with RNs for triage services. Requires the PERS nurse triage call centers be accredited and separate from PERS emergency response call centers. Requires PERS devices comply with all FCC rules and regulations. Requires the department apply for any necessary waivers.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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33.34. (DHHS: Personal Emergency Response System) With funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2024-25, the department shall develop one or more Requests for Proposals, to provide for Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to be issued to Medicaid recipients pursuant to the department's Medicaid Home and Community based waiver. The PERS devices must include in addition to emergency response services, unlimited twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week live phone contact with experienced registered nurses for triage services. A PERS nurse triage call center must be accredited and must be separate from the PERS emergency response call center. The PERS device must have a wireless radio transmitter and a console that is cellular and does not require a traditional land line. A PERS device that includes nurse triage services also must comply with the requirements of Federal Communications Commission rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 68; and be approved by the Underwriters Laboratory or Equipment Testing Laboratories as a health care signaling product. The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for any waiver necessary under the department's Medicaid Home and Community based waiver to implement these provisions.

- 33.35** **ADD** (DSN: Local Provider Rate Review) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to conduct an annual rate review of local health care providers of DDSN.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

33.35. (DSN Local Provider Rate Review) The Department of Health and Human Services will conduct an annual rate review of the local health care providers of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. The review will include any amount sufficient to provide employee compensation increases and increases in the employer's share in the cost of providing health and dental insurance equivalent to those received by state FTEs.

SECTION 35 - J120 - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

- 35.10** **AMEND** (DMH: 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, 2024.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

35.10. (DMH: Orangeburg Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility) The Department of Mental Health, through its Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center, is authorized to 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. The department 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, 2024 2025.

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- 35.11 AMEND** (DMH: 988 Call Centers) In the current fiscal year, from the funds appropriated in this act for 988 Call Centers, the department is authorized to provide grants to call centers under a current network agreement with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in this State. Call centers qualifying for the grants shall utilize the funds for the costs associated with answering calls, chats, or texts to the 988 line. Grants may be made available for up to one year. By the end of each month, grant recipients shall provide a report on their expenditures of the granted funds to the department. The department 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, 2024. Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department.
WMC: AMEND proviso to change “2024” to “the current fiscal year”.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

35.11. (DMH: 988 Call Centers) In the current fiscal year, from the funds appropriated in this act for 988 Call Centers, the department is authorized to provide grants to call centers under a current network agreement with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in this State. Call centers qualifying for the grants shall utilize the funds for the costs associated with answering calls, chats, or texts to the 988 line. Grants may be made available for up to one year. By the end of each month, grant recipients shall provide a report on their expenditures of the granted funds to the department. The department 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, ~~2024~~ *of the current fiscal year*. Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department.

- 35.12 ADD** (DMH: Agency Lease Payments) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that lease payments directed by proviso 188.22 of Act 84 of 2023 are to be maintained in a separate and distinct account and are exempt from across-the-board reductions mandated by EBO.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

35.12. *(DMH: Agency Lease Payments) Funds appropriated and authorized to the department for lease payments for the lease directed by proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023 shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account. These funds shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.*

SECTION 36 - J160 - DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

- 36.13 ADD** (DDSN: Agency Lease Payments) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that lease payments directed by proviso 188.22 of Act 84 of 2023 are to be maintained in a separate and distinct account and are exempt from across-the-board reductions mandated by EBO.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

36.13. *(DDSN: Agency Lease Payments) Funds appropriated and authorized to the department for lease payments for the lease directed by proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023 shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account. These funds shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.*

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SECTION 37 - J200 - DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES

37.5 **AMEND** (DAODAS: South Carolina Center of Excellence in Addiction) Directs that Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, the Medical University of South Carolina, DAODAS, and DHEC will collaborate to prevent and address opioid use and other substance use disorders through the SC Center of Excellence in Addiction.

WMC: AMEND to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

37.5. (DAODAS: South Carolina Center of Excellence in Addiction) Through the South Carolina Center of Excellence in Addiction, Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, the Medical University of South Carolina, DAODAS, and ~~DHEC~~ *Department of Public Health* will collaborate on research, training, program implementation, and service delivery for preventing and addressing opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. The Center will offer statewide support for evidence-based practices and strategies to address the opioid crisis.

37.6 **ADD** (DAODAS: Agency Lease Payments) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that lease payments directed by proviso 188.22 of Act 84 of 2023 are to be maintained in a separate and distinct account and are exempt from across-the-board reductions mandated by EBO.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

37.6. *(DAODAS: Agency Lease Payments) Funds appropriated and authorized to the department for lease payments for the lease directed by proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023 shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account. These funds shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.*

SECTION 38 - L040 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

38.23 **AMEND** (DSS: Internal Child Fatality Review Committees) Requires the Director of the Department of Social Services to create and fund Internal Child Fatality Review Committees to allow for rapid and expeditious review of child fatalities that are reported to the Department.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference. Requested by DSS.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

38.23. (DSS: Internal Child Fatality Review Committees) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, the Department of Social Services shall continue the work of the Internal Child Fatality Review Committees (internal committees) pursuant to the authority granted in Sections 43-1-60(3), 43-1-80, and 63-7-910(E) ~~of the 1976 Code~~ to allow for the rapid and expeditious review of reported child fatalities that are reported to the Department of Social Services on suspicion of abandonment, child abuse, neglect or harm as defined in Section 63-7-20. This review process will enable the department to respond to the safety needs of any surviving siblings and will lead to improvement in the department's efforts to prevent child fatalities caused by abandonment, child abuse, neglect, or harm. Each internal committee shall be composed of a board-certified child abuse pediatrician, an agent from the State Law Enforcement Division, a local law enforcement officer, a representative from the local coroner's office, and

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representatives from the Department of Social Services. The internal committee may invite other service provider organizations as deemed necessary. The department is authorized to provide reasonable compensation for board-certified child abuse pediatricians serving on an internal committee. Internal committees shall have access to information and records maintained by a provider of medical care regarding a child whose death is being reviewed by the internal committee, including information on prenatal care; all information and records maintained by any state, county, or local government agency including, but not limited to, birth certificates, law enforcement investigation data, county coroner or medical examiner investigation data, parole and probation information and records, and information and records of health agencies that provided services to the child or family. The meetings, information obtained by, reports prepared by, and statements made before the internal committees are confidential and protected from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, criminal and civil proceedings, and subpoenas as set forth in Sections 63-7-940 and 63-7-1990.

- 38.25** **DELETE** (DSS: Federally Certified Child Support Enforcement System Project) Authorizes DSS to adopt the system and operating procedures of the Delaware Transfer System in order to expedite completion and certification of the Automated Child Support Enforcement System. Directs that if the Delaware system deviates from or is not compatible with South Carolina's practice, the department is authorized to determine the best practice to comply with federal regulations. Direct DSS to work with Clerks of Courts to identify "and prepare for" changes involved in the implementation of the Transfer System. Require Clerks of Court to use the federally certifiable child support system and the state disbursement unit developed by the department to perform required child support functions.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by DSS.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**38.25.** (DSS: Federally Certified Child Support Enforcement System Project) In order to expedite the completion and certification of the Automated Child Support Enforcement System required by the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 654a), the Department of Social Services is authorized to adopt, to the fullest extent possible, the system and operating procedures of the Delaware Transfer System. To the extent the Transfer System operating processes deviate from, or are incompatible with, current South Carolina practice, the department is authorized to determine the most effective and efficient practice to comply with federal requirements. The department shall work with Clerks of Court to identify and prepare for the changes involved in the implementation of the Transfer System which may impact their current operating practices with regards to performance of required child support functions. Pursuant to the Social Security Act and S.C. Code Section 63-17-610, Clerks of Court shall utilize the federally certifiable child support system and the state disbursement unit developed by the department to perform required child support functions.~~

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; provide a methodology for allocating these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging; allow the AAAs to spend up to 10% for administrative services and the department to retain 1/4 of 1% to monitor and

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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 add programs to promote social connection to allowable services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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, and Assessments. 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 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.

SECTION 42 - L320 - HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

42.6 **DELETE** (HFDA: SC Housing Statewide Assessment) Directs that \$100,000 shall be used by the Authority for a statewide housing needs assessment prepared by the Darla Moore School of Business. Provides reporting requirements of the assessment. Directs that a copy of the assessment be provided by June 30, 2023, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

42.6. (HFDA: SC Housing Statewide Assessment) ~~For Fiscal Year 2022-23, of the funds appropriated to the Housing Finance and Development Authority, \$100,000 shall be used for a~~

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~~comprehensive statewide housing needs assessment prepared by the Darla Moore School of Business. The assessment must include the following:~~

~~(1) a statement by the authority on housing policies and recommendations for South Carolina; and~~

~~(2) an evaluation and summary of housing conditions and trends in South Carolina broken down by geographic regions including, but not limited to, the Upstate, the Midlands, and the Lowcountry, including housing stock of all types and housing costs analyses, general population and household composition demographic analyses, and housing and demographic forecasts.~~

~~The assessment also must include an evaluation of housing assistance needs that is based in part on the evaluation described in item (2). Further, the assessment must include a discussion of major housing issues, including housing production, housing and neighborhood conservation, housing for persons with special needs, fair housing and accessibility, and housing affordability. In preparing the assessment, the authority and the Darla Moore School of Business may obtain input from housing authorities, community-based organizations, the private housing industry, and other persons interested in housing assistance and development. A copy of the assessment must also be provided to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by June 30, 2023.~~

- 42.7** **ADD** (HFDA: Collaboration) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct HFDA to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity to explore funding opportunities to increase and preserve the supply of affordable and workforce housing.

42.7. (HFDA: Collaboration) To address the issues of lack of affordable home ownership across the state, the South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority shall collaborate with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina to explore funding opportunities aimed at increasing and preserving the supply of affordable housing and workforce housing in the State.

SECTION 44 - P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- 44.11** **AMEND** (AGRI: State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts) Allows the department to retain remaining revenues from the State Farmers Market Escrow and State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and expend the funds on planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add “Lease Escrow” in regards to retained revenues.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

44.11. (AGRI: State Farmers Market Escrow Accounts) The department may retain remaining revenues associated with the State Farmers Market Escrow, *Lease Escrow*, and the State Farmers Market Sale Proceeds and may expend these funds for the planning, development, construction, improvement, and maintenance of the State Farmers Market including, but not limited to, capital improvements approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 45 - P200 - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PSA

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- 45.11** **ADD** (CU-PSA: Feasibility Study) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct Clemson PSA to conduct a study for the establishment of a Center for Civic Engagement to cultivate a culture of civic engagement and leadership.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

45.11. (CU-PSA: Feasibility Study) Clemson PSA shall conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a Center for Civic Engagement to work with students, individuals, organizations, and others at all levels to cultivate and encourage a culture of civic engagement and leadership. The Center's primary focus is to establish collaboratives to empower grassroots and community-based stakeholders, committed to making a positive impact and build their capacity to protect public values, provide opportunities to influence public concerns, and improve and enhance overall quality of life.

SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- 47.16** **AMEND** (DNR: Matching Grant Programs) Directs \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated to the SC Conservation Bank to be provided to DNR as the state match for the NAWCA matching grant program, and \$3,000,000 be provided as the state match for the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act for the matching grant program. Requires the department to annually report to SFC, HWM, and the SC Conservation bank on the utilization of the funds and the impact on conservation efforts.
WMC: AMEND proviso to extend matching opportunities to similar wetland projects. Changes the Pittman Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration. Requested by Department of Natural Resources.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

47.16. (DNR: Matching Grant Programs) Of the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the South Carolina Conservation Bank, \$1,000,000 shall be provided to the Department of Natural Resources as the state match for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) ~~matching grant program~~ or similar wetland enhancement and restoration projects that benefit waterfowl subject to the prior consent of the Bank, and \$3,000,000 as the state match for the ~~Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act~~ Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration grant program. The department annually shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the South Carolina Conservation Bank regarding utilization of the funds and the impact of the funds on conservation efforts in the State of South Carolina.

- 47.19** **AMEND** (DNR: Deer Processing Pilot Program) Allows funds appropriated to the department to be utilized to create a pilot program awarding grants to deer processors who agree to process antlerless deer without a fee to the hunter, with the purpose of harvesting antlerless deer in areas where they impact the agriculture sector. States the processors must agree to donate the processed meat to non-profit organizations. Requires a report to be provided to the Chairmen of SFC and HWM on the implementation of the program and the grants awarded by June 30.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

47.19. (DNR: Deer Processing Pilot Program) Funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Pilot Deer Donation Program shall be used for the creation and

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implementation of a deer processing pilot program. This program shall be designated to incentivize the harvesting of antlerless deer in areas that are having impacts on the agriculture sector of the State's economy. The grants to processors will allow hunters to deliver antlerless deer to the processors without a processing fee if the deer is to be donated as established by the department in the grant. The department is authorized to create a program and provide grants year-round to deer processors in this state. Grants shall only be provided to deer processors who agree to donate the processed meats to non-profit organizations. The department shall establish a fee structure to be paid to cooperating deer processors before awarding grants. The department may contract with vendors without competition. A report shall be provided by the department to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, on the implementation of the pilot program and the grants awarded.

SECTION 49 - P280 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

- 49.1** **AMEND** (PRT: Tourism and Promotion) Provides for the distribution of Regional Promotions funds to the 11 Regional Tourism groups.
WMC: AMEND proviso to change the numerical disbursements to percentages.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

49.1. (PRT: Tourism and Promotion) The funds appropriated in this act for Regional Promotions shall be distributed equally to the eleven Regional Tourism groups, except that the Grand Strand Tourism Region's funds shall be divided, with ~~\$71,237~~ 22% distributed to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, ~~\$163,784~~ 51.11% distributed to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, ~~\$42,717~~ 13.33% distributed to the City of Georgetown, and ~~\$42,717~~ 13.33% distributed to the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce for tourism-related activities. In addition, \$150,000 shall be distributed to the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce. The Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December first each year describing how these funds were expended in the prior fiscal year.

SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- 50.23** **ADD** (CMRC: Job Development Tax Credit Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow state agencies responsible for the Jobs Development Tax Credit program to increase fees charged to companies to cover the operation expenses.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

50.23. (CMRC: Job Development Tax Credit Program) The state agencies responsible for management, reporting, approving, and auditing the Jobs Development Tax Credit program may increase fees charged to companies within the program as necessary to cover the operation expenses of the program. These fees would be included in each agency's Fines and Fees Annual Report.

- 50.24** **ADD** (CMRC: SC Nexus Carryforward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to carry forward unexpended funds for SC Nexus into the current fiscal year.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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50.24. (CMRC: SC Nexus Carryforward) The Department of Commerce may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year of allocation/grant funds appropriated and/or authorized for SC Nexus into the current fiscal year for the same purpose.

SECTION 52 - P360 - PATRIOTS POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

52.2 **ADD** (PPDA: Option to Lease Agreement) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Authority not to amend any Option to Lease Agreement with the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum Foundation without approval from JBRC. Requires the Authority to report if the conditions of the agreement have not been satisfied within 60 days of the expiration. Directs the Authority to report by December 1 to the Chairmen of SFC and WMC and provides the required information for the report.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

52.2. (PPDA: Option to Lease Agreement) (A) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Patriots Point Development Authority shall not amend any Option to Lease Agreement with the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum Foundation, Inc. without approval by the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC). Furthermore, the Patriots Point Development Authority shall report if the conditions of the Option to Lease Agreement have not been satisfied within sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Option to Lease Agreement Term to JBRC.

(B) The Patriots Point Development Authority shall provide a report by December 1, 2024, to the Chairman of Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee with the following information:

(1) an inventory of all current lease agreements for real property including the terms of each lease agreement and the fair market value of the property;

(2) current and projected capital improvement costs;

(3) annual maintenance efforts and an updated deferred maintenance schedule; and

(4) an updated debt and obligation schedule.

SECTION 54 - P450 - RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

54.6 **ADD** (RIA: Carry Forward - Planning and Technical Assistance Funds) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow unexpended funds for Planning and Technical Assistance to be carried forward into the current fiscal year.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

54.6. (RIA: Carry Forward - Planning and Technical Assistance Funds) The Rural Infrastructure Authority may carry forward unexpended funds appropriated for Planning and Technical Assistance - Small & Rural Utilities from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 55 – P500 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

55.14 **ADD** (DES: Radiological Health Monetary Penalties) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the department to retain \$30,000 in monetary penalties to be utilized for radiological health programs. Requires the funds to be separately accounted for. Requested by DES.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.14. (DES: Radiological Health Monetary Penalties) The department shall retain up to the first \$30,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and enforce the provisions of regulations applicable to the radiological health programs in DES. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department's fiscal records.

- 55.15** **ADD** (DES: Water Recreational Resources Fund Transfer) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require DNR to transfer \$708,000 from the special water recreational resources fund to DES for the hydrology and aquatics nuisance species program. Requested by DES.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.15. (DES: Water Recreational Resources Fund Transfer) For the current fiscal year, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12-28-2730(D), the Department of Natural Resources shall transfer the amount of \$708,000 from the special water recreational resources fund to the Department of Environmental Services to fund the hydrology and aquatics nuisance species programs transferred to and devolved upon the Department of Environmental Services pursuant to Act 60 of 2023.

- 55.16** **ADD** (DES: Hazardous Waste Fund County Account) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the State Treasurer to release a county's Hazardous Waste Fund County Account upon written request of a majority of the legislative delegation that represents the economically depressed area of the county and direct that the funds be used for infrastructure in the depressed area. Defines "infrastructure" for this purpose.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.16. (DES: Hazardous Waste Fund County Account) Funds in each county's Hazardous Waste Fund County Account must be released by the State Treasurer, upon the written request of a majority of the county's legislative delegation representing the economically depressed area of the county and shall be used for infrastructure within the economically depressed area of that county. For purposes of this provision the definition of "infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to, improvements for water, sewer, gas, steam, electric energy, communication, and other ancillary services that may be made to a building or land which are considered necessary, suitable, or useful to an eligible project that has a documented impact on economic development.

- 55.17** **ADD** (DES: Data Center Migration) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to use Data Center Migration funds for a variety of shared technology services offered by the DOA, Division of Technology Operations. Allows funds to be carried forward for the same purpose.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.17. (DES: Data Center Migration) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Services for Data Center Migration, the department must utilize the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations for shared services including, but not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, managed servers, storage, network

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services, and disaster recovery services. Unexpended funds appropriated for the data center migration may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

- 55.18** **ADD** (DES: Allocation of Indirect Cost and Recovery) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to deposit all indirect cost recoveries for their portion of the SWCAP and to retain excess recoveries to support administrative costs. Requested by DES.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.18. (DES: Allocation of Indirect Cost and Recovery) The department shall continue to deposit in the general fund all indirect cost recoveries for the department's portion of the Statewide Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP). The department shall retain recoveries in excess of the SWCAP amount to support the remaining administrative costs of the agency.

- 55.19** **ADD** (DES: Grant Authority) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to make grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities for environmental programs. Directs the department to develop policies and procedures and promulgate regulations.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.19. (DES: Grant Authority) The department is authorized to make grants to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to further the objectives of its environmental programs. The department shall develop policies and procedures and may promulgate regulations to assure compliance with state and federal requirements associated with the funds used for the grants and to assure fairness and accountability in the award and administration of these grants. The department shall be guided by the definitions of "grant" and "procurement" in the South Carolina Procurement Code and the principles of the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 33 U.S.C. 6301-6308, in determining whether an expenditure of funds will be in the form of a grant or a procurement.

- 55.20** **ADD** (DES: Revenue Carry Forward Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the department to collect, expend, and carry forward revenues from the sale of goods and other products, and certain revenues. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward and be used for the same purpose.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.20. (DES: Revenue Carry Forward Authorization) The Department of Environmental Services is hereby authorized to collect, expend, and carry forward revenues in the following programs: Sale of Goods (confiscated goods, arm patches, sale of minerals, etc.), sale of publications, brochures, Spoil Easement Areas revenue, performance bond forfeiture revenue for restoring damaged critical areas, beach renourishment appropriations, photo copies and certificate forms including, but not limited to, sale of listings and labels, sale of State Code and Supplements, sale of films and slides, sale of maps, sale of items to be recycled including, but not limited to, used motor oil and batteries, sale and/or licensing of software products developed and owned by the department, and collection of registration fees for non-DES employees. Any unexpended balance carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

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- 55.21** **ADD** (DES: Dam Safety Emergency Fund) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to establish the Dam Safety Emergency Fund. Directs the department to deposit up to \$250,000 at the beginning of fiscal year to be used for emergency actions and protection of life and property. Directs that funds be carried forward and used for the same purpose.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.21. (DES: Dam Safety Emergency Fund) The Dam Safety Emergency Fund shall be utilized for emergency actions to protect life or property under Section 49 11 190(D). The Department shall deposit up to \$250,000 of appropriated funds into the fund at the beginning of each fiscal year. Fund balances shall be carried forward from each prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Expenses recovered from dam owners under Section 49 11 190(D) shall be deposited into the fund.

- 55.22** **ADD** (DES: Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to create the Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program from funds appropriated to the department. Provides the purposes of the program and application process. Directs the department to submit a program report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2025.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.22. (DES: Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Service, the department shall create the Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to determine whether innovations in manufacturing, food production, timber, and other similar industries regulated by the department can provide new opportunities to use byproduct which would otherwise require management as solid waste. The program shall not apply to: (1) hazardous waste; (2) infectious waste; (3) radioactive waste; or (4) refuse as defined and regulated pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act.

(B) Interested parties may apply to be considered for participation in the pilot program, but no more than five applicants can be selected for participation at any one time. The terms and conditions for participation by the projects selected by the department shall be set forth in a written agreement which shall provide, at a minimum, that a selected project must cease to operate if it is having a significant adverse impact on the environment.

(C) The department shall submit a report on the program to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2025. This report shall include any legislative recommendations to provide for the use of reusable byproducts.

- 55.23** **ADD** (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to establish the PFASA removal evaluation fund to create and implement a pilot program regarding the emerging technologies removing PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. Directs the department to establish the provisions for the pilot program and report the viability and effectiveness of the technologies to the General Assembly by June 30.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

55.23. (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Services through its Pollutants Remediation Fund proviso, the department shall establish the PFAS Removal Evaluation Fund. The funds shall be used to create and implement the PFAS Removal Evaluation Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate

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and facilitate the implementation of emerging technologies to remove PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. The department shall 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, 2025.

- 55.24** **ADD** (DES: Dam Repair Assistance Fund) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to establish a Dam Repair Assistance Fund. Provides for utilization of the fund. Directs that a grant of up to 75% of the total cost to correct dam deficiency may be paid from the fund. Allows fund balances to be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year. Requires the department to draft policies, criteria, and guidance for the grant program by 10/15/24.

55.24. (DES: Dam Repair Assistance Fund) Of the funds appropriated for system upgrades beginning with the FY 2024-25 Appropriation Act, there is established within the Department of Environmental Services a Dam Repair Assistance Fund. The interest-bearing fund shall be utilized for cost-sharing grants to correct dam deficiencies identified by the Department for high and significant hazard dams regulated under the Dams and Reservoir Safety Act. A grant of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total cost to correct the dam deficiency identified by the department may be paid from the fund. Funds may also be used by the department to administer and manage the grant program. Fund balances shall be carried forward from each prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. System upgrades appropriations remaining from the FY 2023-24 Appropriation Act shall also be deposited into the fund. The department shall draft policies, criteria, and guidance for the grant program by October 15, 2024. This will be posted on the department's website.

SECTION 58 - C050 - ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

- 58.4** **ADD** (ALC: Office Space for Hearing Officers) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct counties and municipalities to provide a space for administrative hearings for the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings within their existing facilities and to include utilities. Requested by the Administrative Law Court.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

58.4. (ALC: Office Space for Hearing Officers) Every county and municipality shall provide a space to conduct administrative hearings for the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings upon request by the Chief Judge of the ALC. This space shall be within their existing physical facilities and include all utilities.

SECTION 60 - E210 - COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION

- 60.14** **DELETE** (PCC: Solicitor Technology Funding Distribution) Requires funds appropriated for Solicitor Technology Equipment and Software to be distributed in equal amounts among the sixteen circuits. Requires funding for each circuit to be distributed for development and implementation of a CJIS compliant prosecution case management system with certain capabilities. Directs each Circuit Solicitor to submit a comprehensive report to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination on the Prosecution Case Management System. Directs the

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commission to submit the reports to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and Ways and Means by December 31, 2022.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested on the Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

60.14. (PCC: Solicitor Technology Funding Distribution) ~~The amount appropriated in this act and authorized for Solicitor Technology Equipment and Software shall be apportioned in equal amounts among the sixteen circuits. Funding allocated for each circuit must be distributed for the development and implementation of a Criminal Justice Information Services compliant prosecution case management system capable of integration with the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination, the South Carolina Judicial Branch, all State and Local Law Enforcement Departments, and other Offices of Circuit Solicitor. Each Circuit Solicitor shall submit to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination a comprehensive report detailing the capabilities and all associated expenditures for the Prosecution Case Management System. The Commission on Prosecution Coordination shall compile, summarize, and submit these reports to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 31, 2023.~~

SECTION 61 - E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

61.7 **AMEND** (INDEF: Defense of Indigents Civil Action Application Fee) Directs that person requesting appointment of counsel must submit an affidavit of their assets before counsel may be appointed; authorizes court to order person to pay the assets or a portion of them to agency. Authorizes a \$40 application fee and allows for waiver if person is unable to pay; revenue to be remitted to the State Treasurer and used for indigent defense services only. In juvenile cases, the parents or legal guardians are responsible for the fee. Directs that appointment of counsel creates a claim against the assets for costs of representation and directs that such claims be filed with the Clerk of Court and are subject to reduction by order of the court.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the recipient of the paid assets for those insufficient to employ private counsel from the State Treasurer's Office to the Commission on Indigent Defense. Requires the Clerk of Court to collect the \$40 Civil Application Fee and remit it to the State Treasurer. States this fee must be separate from the application fee. Requested by the Commission on Indigent Defense.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

61.7. (INDEF: Defense of Indigents Civil Action Application Fee) (A) A person requesting appointment of counsel in any termination of parental rights (TPR), abuse and neglect, or any other civil court action in this state shall execute an affidavit that the person is financially unable to employ counsel and that affidavit shall set forth all of the person's assets. This affidavit must be completed before counsel may be appointed. If it appears that the person has some assets but they are insufficient to employ private counsel, the court, in its discretion, may order the person to pay these assets or a portion thereof to the ~~State Treasurer's Office on a monthly basis separate from the application fee collected pursuant to Section 17-3-30(B)~~ Commission on Indigent Defense.

(B) A forty dollar application fee for appointed counsel services must be collected from every person who executes an affidavit that they are financially unable to employ counsel. The person may apply to the court, the clerk of court, or other appropriate official for a waiver or reduction

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in the application fee. If it is determined that the person is unable to pay the application fee, the fee may be waived or reduced, provided that if the fee is waived or reduced, the clerk or appropriate official shall report the amount waived or reduced to the trial judge and the trial judge shall order the remainder of the fee paid by a time payment method or such method as the trial judge deems appropriate. The clerk of court or other appropriate official shall collect the application fee imposed by this section and remit the proceeds to the ~~Commission on Indigent Defense~~ State Treasurer's Office on a monthly basis *separate from the application fee collected pursuant to Section 17-3-30(B)*. The monies must be deposited in an interest-bearing account separate from the general fund and used only to provide for indigent defense services. The monies shall be administered by the Commission on Indigent Defense. The clerk of court or other appropriate official shall maintain a record of all persons applying for representation and the disposition of the application and shall provide this information to the Commission on Indigent Defense on a monthly basis as well as reporting the amount of funds collected or waived.

(C) In matters in which a juvenile is brought before a court, the parents or legal guardian of such juvenile shall execute the above affidavit based upon their financial status and shall be responsible for paying any fee. In matters concerning juveniles, the parents or legal guardians of said juvenile, shall be advised in writing of this requirement at the earliest stage of the proceedings against said juvenile.

(D) Nothing contained above shall restrict or hinder a court from appointing counsel in any emergency proceedings or where existing statutes do not provide sufficient time for an individual to complete the application process.

(E) The appointment of counsel, as herein before provided, creates a claim against the assets and estate of the person who is provided counsel or the parents or legal guardians of a juvenile in an amount equal to the costs of representation as determined by a voucher submitted by the appointed counsel and approved by the court, less that amount that the person pays to the appointed counsel.

(F) Such claim shall be filed in the office of the clerk of court in the county where the person is assigned counsel, but the filing of a claim shall not constitute a lien against real or personal property of the person unless, in the discretion of the court, part or all of such claim is reduced to judgment by appropriate order of the court, after serving the person with at least thirty days' notice that judgment will be entered. When a claim is reduced to judgment, it shall have the same effect as judgments, except as modified by this provision.

SECTION 64 -N200 - LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL

- 64.4** **ADD** (LETC – CJA: Academy Store Revenue) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct SCCJA to retain revenues earned by retail operations to support operational costs. Allows carryforward authority. Requested by Law Enforcement Training Council.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

64.4. (LETC: CJA-Academy Store Revenue) The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy revenues earned by retail operations shall be retained by the SCCJA to support operational costs. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and must be used for the same purpose.

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SECTION 67 - N120 - DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- 67.13 DELETE** (DDJ: Early Release Authorization) Authorizes release of juveniles from residential placements when bed space is no longer available excluding certain offenses.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Juvenile Justice.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**67.13.** (DJJ: Early Release Authorization) In order to avoid unconstitutional levels of overcrowding and other unconstitutional conditions from occurring in facilities operated by the department and in residential programs operated for the department, the number of children housed in residential placements (either committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or who are under the department's supervision) shall not exceed the number of beds available to the department to house them. Should appropriation reductions necessitate that the department close any additional facility, program, or housing unit it operates, or to be unable to fund any additional residential program operated for its benefit, the department is authorized and empowered to release from its residential placements sufficient numbers of children committed to its custody or supervision for a status offense, a misdemeanor offense, other than Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Assault with Intent to Kill, or for violation of probation/contempt of a status offense or a misdemeanor offense, other than Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Assault with Intent to Kill, so that the number of children in its custody or under its supervision and placed in these residential placements does not exceed the number of housing units/beds available to properly house those children. No child adjudicated delinquent for a violent crime as defined in Section 16-1-60 of the 1976 Code, a felony offense as defined in Section 16-1-90 of the 1976 Code, or a sexual offense shall be released pursuant to this proviso.~~

- 67.15 AMEND** (DDJ: Other Funds) Authorizes the department to carry forward and expend any General Fund balances and any cash or fund balances from the sources provided for agency operating and capital needs. Directs that the department shall submit a plan prior to the expenditure of any of these funds for the review of the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Corrections and Penology Committee, and House Judiciary Committee.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

67.15. (DJJ: Other Funds) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, the Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized to carry forward and expend for agency operating and/or capital needs any cash or fund balances from the following sources: Law Enforcement Funding; Traffic Education Program App; Juvenile Detention Services; Joint Children's Committee; Court Fines-Detention Services; and Dedicated Court Fines. For purposes of this provision, agency operating and/or capital needs includes the following items: (1) The recruitment and retention of qualified staff; (2) Youth Services Training and Community Programs; (3) Physical Plant Maintenance and Upgrades; and (4) Projects on both the Agency's Master Plan and Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan. The department shall submit a plan regarding the use of these funds to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Corrections and

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Penology Committee, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. This plan shall be submitted for review before the expenditure of any of these funds.

- 67.16** **ADD** (DJJ: Broad River Road Complex) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to redirect appropriated funds from Act 102 of 2023 to be used for the Broad River Road Complex Renovations. Requested by Department of Juvenile Justice.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

67.16. (DJJ: Broad River Road Complex) Funds remaining of the \$4,000,000 appropriated in Act 102 of 2023, Item 118.19(51)(f) to the Department of Juvenile Justice for Project Management shall be redirected to be used for the Broad River Road Complex renovations.

SECTION 71 - L460 - COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS

- 71.6** **ADD** (CMA: Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to transfer funds, employees, and assets and liabilities from the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification to the Commission on Minority Affairs. Details the continued duties and responsibilities of the Division. Directs that regulations promulgated and contracts entered into by the Division shall be the responsibility of the Commission.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

71.6. (CMA: Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification) For the current fiscal year, the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (the Division) and the funds appropriated to the Division pursuant to Part IA of this Act are transferred to the Commission for Minority Affairs. The Division shall continue to perform its duties and responsibilities required in Article 21, Chapter 35, Title 11 including, but not limited to, assisting the Department of Revenue in providing income tax credits for firms with state contracts that subcontract with minority firms pursuant to Section 11-35-5230(B). In addition to the authorized appropriations for the Division, the employees and the assets and liabilities of the Division are also transferred to and become part of the Commission for Minority Affairs for the current fiscal year. All classified or unclassified personnel transferred by this provision are to become employees of the Commission for Minority Affairs with the same compensation, classification, and grade level, as applicable, for the duration that this provision remains in effect. Applicable regulations promulgated by or related to the Division are continued and are considered to be promulgated by the Commission for Minority Affairs. Applicable contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Division are continued and are considered to be devolved upon the Commission for Minority Affairs at the time of the transfer.

SECTION 73 - R060 - OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

- 73.5** **DELETE** (ORS: Office of Broadband Coordinator) Establishes the Office of Broadband Coordinator to serve as the broadband planning body for the State and coordinate with entities to encourage development of broadband access. Directs that funds appropriated be used to continue to fund the Broadband Infrastructure Project including projects that were approved for funding in Act 142 of 2020 but not constructed by December, 2020. Directs the office to prioritize infrastructure expansion to provide high-speed service to rural and unserved communities.

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Directs the office to serve as a central resource to collect and publish information regarding federal and state programs to fund broadband expansion. Require unexpended funds be carried forward and used for the same purposes.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Office of Regulatory Staff.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~73.5. (ORS: Office of Broadband Coordinator)(A) — From funds appropriated for this purpose, there is established the Office of Broadband Coordinator within the Office of Regulatory Staff to serve as the central broadband planning body for the State and to coordinate with federal, state, regional, local, and private entities, to the extent practicable, to encourage the continued development of access to broadband in the State.~~

~~(B) The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall convene a collaborative stakeholder process to identify challenges to expediting broadband access and shall provide a report to the General Assembly with recommendations for which legislative, regulatory, or other governmental actions are appropriate to promote broadband access throughout the State.~~

~~(C) Funds appropriated to the Office of Broadband Coordinator for broadband infrastructure shall be used to continue to fund the Broadband Infrastructure Program, including the completion of those broadband infrastructure projects that were approved for funding pursuant to Act 142 of 2020 but not constructed by December of 2020. Expansion of broadband infrastructure shall emphasize services to rural communities and communities with a lack of access to broadband. The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall prioritize infrastructure expansion that will make high speed broadband available to homes, businesses, schools, health care facilities, and other institutions in unserved areas across South Carolina.~~

~~(D) The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall serve as a central resource to collect and publish information regarding federal and state programs to fund broadband expansion, and to the extent practicable, coordinate resources such that both state and federal resources are efficiently maximized.~~

~~(E) The Office of Broadband Coordinator may use assistance from state and federal agencies or from private organizations and industry to accomplish the purposes of this provision. Unexpended funds at the end of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Office of Regulatory Staff for the same purposes.~~

73.6 **DELETE** (ORS: SC Broadband Map) Directs the Office of Broadband Coordinator to contact the appropriate entities to provide information necessary to compile the county-by-county mapping plan required by Section 10 of Act 142 of 2020 that shows the location and broadband facility capabilities throughout the State. Provides guidelines for the release of information regarding FOIA requests. Requires unexpended funds be carried forward and spent for the same purposes.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Office of Regulatory Staff.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~73.6. (ORS: SC Broadband Map) (A)(1) — From funds appropriated, the Office of Broadband Coordinator shall contact the appropriate entities to provide information necessary to compile the county by county broadband mapping plan required by Section 10 of Act 142 of 2020 showing the location and capability of broadband facilities throughout the State. In order to facilitate the provision of information necessary to this task, all information provided by a broadband service provider or other entity providing information for the purpose of creating a~~

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~~South Carolina broadband map shall be maintained by the Office of Broadband Coordinator and any other agency as confidential, proprietary, and a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40 of the 1976 Code, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state and federal law. The information shall not be subject to disclosure under Chapter 4, Title 30 of the 1976 Code, except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider specific information about the network of the broadband service provider or other providing entity is not disclosed.~~

~~(2) Except as otherwise provided in this provision, such broadband provider specific information shall not be released to any person other than to the broadband service provider or other entity providing information, employees of the Office of Broadband Coordinator, agents designated to assist in developing the South Carolina broadband map, entities contracting with the Office of Broadband Coordinator, and other state agencies administering funds for broadband deployment without express permission of the submitting broadband service provider or other entity providing information. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this provision. The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall ensure that any such agents, entities, or agencies with whom the information is shared are aware of the confidential nature and restricted purposes for which the information may be used and that any such agents or entities that are not state agencies execute an appropriate nondisclosure agreement protecting the information from public disclosure before receiving the information.~~

~~(B) Entities providing broadband service or middle mile infrastructure in South Carolina shall, on an annual basis, provide to the Office of Broadband Coordinator deployment data in a format specified by the office to provide the most accurate and granular representation of currently available broadband infrastructure. These same entities, when they serve residential or business customers, shall also provide the type of technology deployed together with the sustainable download and upload speeds available at each serviceable location. Entities failing to provide such data on an annual basis may be disqualified from state funding opportunities for the current fiscal year. Annually, the office shall compile this information, analyze, and update statewide broadband deployment information.~~

~~(C) Any unexpended funds at the end of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Office of Regulatory Staff for the same purposes.~~

- 73.9** **ADD** (ORS: Energy Office) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the Office of Regulatory Staff Energy Office, or its subrecipient, to utilize assistance from state and federal agencies, private organizations, nonprofits, and the industry to efficiently administer programs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Allows unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year to be carried forward and used for the same purposes. Directs the Executive Director of ORS to procure necessary services to meet federal deadlines through the utilization of SFAA. Allows ORS and the Energy Office to engage professional grant management services and authorizes them to utilize federal funds and existing resources. Requested by Office of Regulatory Staff.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

73.9. (ORS: Energy Office) (A) The Office of Regulatory Staff Energy Office, or its subrecipient, may use assistance from state and federal agencies or from private organizations, nonprofits, and the industry to accomplish the purposes of efficiently leveraging resources to successfully administer any programs established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year shall

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be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Energy Office for the same purposes in compliance with federal funding requirements.

(B) In order to comply with federal deadlines for funds commitment and completion, the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall, in accordance with Section 11-35-1570, procure the services needed and shall be responsible for the development of specifications to be included in any contract awarded. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) shall serve as the procuring officer for the procurement process and is responsible for administrative duties related to the process and the contract awarded. SFAA shall assign such personnel as necessary to assist the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Energy Office in carrying out its duties under this provision.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff and the Energy Office may procure professional grant management services for oversight and compliance of funds received through the IJA and IRA, among others, on behalf of the Energy Office. The Energy Office is authorized to fulfill this requirement from federal funds and from existing fund resources as appropriate.

- 73.10** **ADD** (ORS: SC Broadband Office and SC Digital Opportunity) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to establish the SC Broadband Office and SC Digital Opportunity department within the Office of Regulatory Staff. Directs the SC Broadband Office to coordinate with various entities to enhance broadband access, prioritize rural areas, and publish information on funding programs, and create a stakeholder process to address challenges and propose legislative actions. States that funds shall be used for broadband infrastructure expansion, workforce development, and non-deployment programs. Directs the SC Digital Opportunity department to serve as the digital equity planning body and allows them to handle confidential information. Requires the procurement processes to follow specified regulations, and SFAA to oversee administrative duties. Allows professional grant management services for oversight and compliance of funds to be procured. Directs the SC Broadband Office and the SC Digital Opportunity Department to utilize state, federal, or private assistance if needed to accomplish this provision. Directs funds from the prior fiscal year may be carried forward for the same purposes. Requested by Office of Regulatory Staff.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

73.10. (ORS: SC Broadband Office and SC Digital Opportunity) (A) From funds appropriated for this purpose, there is established the SC Broadband Office within the Office of Regulatory Staff to serve as the central broadband planning body for the State and to coordinate with federal, state, regional, local, and private entities for the continued development of access to broadband in the State.

(B) The SC Broadband Office shall create a collaborative stakeholder process to identify challenges to expediting broadband access and shall provide a report to the General Assembly with recommendations for which legislative, regulatory, or other governmental actions are appropriate to promote broadband access throughout the State.

(C) Funds appropriated to the SC Broadband Office for broadband infrastructure shall be used to continue to fund the Broadband Infrastructure Program, broadband-related workforce development, and any other federally-approved, non-deployment programs so as to maximize available federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) for the benefit of the State. Expansion of broadband infrastructure shall emphasize services to rural communities and communities with a lack of access to broadband. The SC Broadband Office shall prioritize infrastructure expansion that will make

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high-speed broadband available to homes, businesses, schools, health care facilities, and other community anchor institutions in underserved areas across South Carolina.

(D) The SC Broadband Office shall serve as a central resource to collect and publish information regarding federal and state programs to fund broadband expansion and maximize resources.

(E) From funds appropriated for this purpose, there is established a SC Digital Opportunity department within the Office of Regulatory Staff to serve as the digital equity planning body for the State and to coordinate with federal, state, regional, local, and private entities to address the digital divide. In the case any personally identifiable information or health related information is collected or shared by state agencies with this department, such information shall have confidential treatment.

(F) This procurement shall be done pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-35-1570. The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall coordinate the process used to procure the services needed and shall be responsible for the development of specifications to be included in any contract awarded. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) shall serve as the procuring officer for the procurement process and is responsible for administrative duties related to the process and the contract awarded. SFAA shall assign such personnel as necessary to assist the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Energy Office in carrying out its duties under this act.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff may procure professional grant management services for oversight and compliance of funds received through the IJA, among others, on behalf of the South Carolina Broadband and Digital Opportunity Offices. ORS is authorized to fulfill this requirement using federal funds as allowed for administration and from existing fund resources as appropriate.

(H) The SC Broadband Office and the SC Digital Opportunity Department may use assistance from state and federal agencies or from private organizations, nonprofits, and industry to accomplish the purposes of this provision. Unexpended funds at the end of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Office of Regulatory Staff for the same purposes.

- 73.11** **ADD** (ORS: SC Broadband Map and Internet Service Provider Data) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to create a county-by-county broadband mapping plan. Directs that the office can collect confidential financial data from broadband providers for compliance verification but must treat it as confidential. Allows aggregated data to be publicly shared, but states provider-specific information is restricted to authorized entities. Requires broadband entities to provide deployment data bi-annually, and failure may lead to disqualification from state funding. Requires the office to analyze and update statewide broadband information annually. Requested by Office of Regulatory Staff.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

73.11. (ORS: SC Broadband Map and Internet Service Provider Data) (A)(1) From funds appropriated, the SC Broadband Office shall contact the appropriate entities to provide information necessary to compile the county-by-county broadband mapping plan showing the location and capability of broadband facilities throughout the State. To meet federal mandates, the SC Broadband Office may be required to collect confidential financial data to confirm and verify compliance with the various grant programs. In order to facilitate the provision of information necessary to these tasks, financial data, including any planned construction timelines and related data provided by a broadband service provider or other entity providing information,

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shall be maintained by the SC Broadband Office and any other agency as confidential, proprietary, and a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state law. Data may be made publicly available in an aggregated, nonprovider specific format or in the form of a map, where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service provider or other providing entity is not disclosed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this provision, such broadband provider-specific information shall not be released to any person other than to the broadband service provider or other entity providing information, employees of the SC Broadband Office, agents designated to assist in developing the South Carolina broadband map, entities contracting with the SC Broadband Office, and other state or federal agencies administering funds for broadband deployment without express permission of the submitting broadband service provider or other entity providing information. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this provision. The SC Broadband Office shall ensure that any such agents, entities, or agencies with whom the information is shared are aware of the confidential nature and restricted purposes for which the information may be used and that any such agents or entities that are not state agencies execute an appropriate nondisclosure agreement protecting the information from public disclosure before receiving the information.

(3) Notwithstanding the above, if required by federal law, ORS may report broadband service provider costs for external reporting.

(B) Entities providing broadband service or middle-mile infrastructure in South Carolina shall, on a bi-annual basis, provide to the South Carolina Broadband Office deployment data in a format specified by the office to provide the most accurate and granular representation of currently available broadband infrastructure. These same entities, when they serve residential or business customers, shall also provide the type of technology deployed together with the sustainable download and upload speeds available at each serviceable location. Entities failing to provide such data on an annual basis may be disqualified from state funding opportunities for the current fiscal year. At least annually, the office shall compile this information, analyze, and update statewide broadband deployment information.

SECTION 74 - R080 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

- 74.3** **DELETE** (WCC: Tax on Self Insurers) Suspends the sunset provision in Act 68 of 2017 for the current fiscal year.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~74.3. (WCC: Tax on Self-Insurers) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the sunset provision provided for in Act 68 of 2017 is suspended for the current fiscal year to allow the commission to continue to collect tax on self insurers~~

SECTION 81 - R360 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

- 81.16** **ADD** (LLR: Meals in Emergency Operations) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the cost of meals or food products to be provided to state employees and volunteers who are not permitted to leave their duty stations during emergencies and emergency exercises. Requested by Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

81.16. (LLR: Meals in Emergency Operations) The cost of meals, or the advanced purchase of food products to be stored and prepared for meals, may be provided to state employees and volunteers who are not permitted to leave assigned duty stations during actual emergencies and emergency simulation exercises.

SECTION 82 - R400 - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

82.6 **AMEND** (DMV: Fund Balance Carry Forward) Authorizes DMV to carry forward unexpended general funds and other funds not designated for Real ID and/or non-recurring expense in Act 37 of 2021 from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the reference to the REAL ID program and non-recurring expense in Act 37 of 2021 in regards to carry forward funds. Requested by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

82.6. (DMV: Fund Balance Carry Forward) The Department of Motor Vehicles may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance or other funds ~~not designated for REAL ID and/or non-recurring expense in Act 37 of 2021~~ from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures as needed.

82.7 **DELETE** (DMV: Real ID) Authorizes DMV to spend any available earmarked cash reserves to implement Real ID.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**82.7.** (DMV: Real ID) For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Department of Motor Vehicles may expend any available earmarked cash reserves on the implementation of Real ID.~~

82.8 **AMEND** (DMV: Electronic Verification Processing Fees) Exempts DMV from paying Electronic Verification of Vital Events system fees to DHEC for verification or certification of birth certificates used to issue driver's licenses or ID cards.

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

82.8. (DMV: Electronic Verification Processing Fees) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles is exempt from paying fees to the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control associated with the use of the Electronic Verification of Vital Events (EVVE) system to verify or certify birth certificates during the driver's license or identification card issuance process.

82.10 **DELETE** (DMV: Retention of Traceable Temporary License Plates Revenue) Authorize the department to retain \$5 from the sale of traceable temporary license plates. Directs that funds be used solely for the cost of plate production and reissuance.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles.

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HOU: ADOPT deletion.

82.10. (DMV: Retention of Traceable Temporary License Plates Revenue) ~~For the current fiscal year, the department shall be authorized to retain five dollars from the sale of traceable temporary license plates as found in Section 56-3-210 of the 1976 Code. The funds shall be placed in the department's Plate Replacement Fund and used solely for the purposes of plate production and reissuance costs.~~

- 82.14** **DELETE** (DMV: Biennial Plates Commercial Motor Vehicles) Allows the department to issue biennial plates to large commercial vehicles until the provisions of Act 37 of 2021 are enacted.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

82.14. (DMV: Biennial Plates Commercial Motor Vehicles) ~~The department may issue biennial plates to large commercial motor vehicles until all provisions of Act 37 of 2021 are enacted.~~

SECTION 83 - R600 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

- 83.5** **AMEND** (DEW: REED Act Spending Authority) Authorizes DEW to spend up to \$2,375,072 of funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the U.S. Social Security Act. Directs the funds be used to for UI, WIOA, and Employment Services Programs. Prohibits the funds from being obligated after a 2-year period beginning July 1, 2023.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference. Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

83.5. (DEW: REED Act Spending Authority) The Department of Employment and Workforce is authorized to expend up to \$2,375,072 of funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the United States Social Security Act, as amended. The funds must be used under the direction of the Department of Employment and Workforce, for the purpose of funding ~~of~~ Unemployment Insurance, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and Employment Services Programs. No part of the funds herein authorized may be obligated after a two-year period beginning on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024. The amount obligated pursuant to this provision shall not at any time exceed the amount by which (a) the aggregate of amounts transferred to the accounts of the State pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act exceeds (b) the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration and paid out for administration and paid out for benefits and as required by law to be charged against the amounts transferred to the account of this State.

- 83.7** **DELETE** (DEW: GED Incentive Program) Directs that unexpended funds for the GED Incentive Program may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year. Directs that \$1,500,000 of funds allocated to the department from the Department of Education GED Incentive Program be used as an incentive if they successfully complete short-term training provided by a technical college. Provides eligibility requirements for individuals and the manner in which the department shall issue incentive payments.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Employment and Workforce.

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HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**83.7.** (DEW: GED Incentive Program) Unexpended funds for the GED Incentive Program at the Department of Employment and Workforce may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year. \$1,500,000 shall be utilized as an incentive for individuals to obtain their GED or high school diploma with an additional incentive if they successfully complete a short term occupational training provided by a South Carolina technical college. In order to be eligible, the individual must be a South Carolina resident who is at least nineteen years of age. The individual must certify to the department that they do not currently hold a GED or high school diploma from any state. They must also enroll in and complete the GED or high school diploma, and, if applicable, short term occupational training, course work prior to June 1, 2024. The Department of Employment and Workforce shall enter into a data sharing agreement with the Department of Education and the State Technical College System to cross match eligibility to ensure that participants do not currently hold a GED or high school diploma and to confirm that the individual enrolled in and completed the diploma process to obtain the GED or high school diploma along with enrollment in and completion of a short term occupational training. The Department of Employment and Workforce shall issue a one time payment in the amount of \$500 to the individual upon confirmation from the Department of Education that the individual has successfully received the GED or diploma and an additional \$500 to the individual upon confirmation from the State Technical College System that the individual also successfully completed qualifying occupational training. These incentive payments shall be issued on a first come first served basis based on completion date, until the funds from this program have been exhausted. Funds allocated for this incentive program shall not be transferred or utilized for any other purpose.~~

SECTION 84 - U120 - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

84.8 **DELETE** (DOT: Shop Road Farmers Market Bypass Carry Forward) Authorizes unexpended Shop Road Farmers Market Bypass funds to be carried forward and used for the matching requirement for the widening and expansion of Leesburg Road from Fairmont to Wildcat Road (Lower Richland roads-Phase I).
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**84.8.** (DOT: Shop Road Farmers Market Bypass Carry Forward) Unexpended funds appropriated for the Shop Road Farmers Market Bypass may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the matching requirement for the widening and expansion of Leesburg Road from Fairmont to Wildcat Road (Lower Richland roads Phase I).~~

84.17 **ADD** (DOT: Litter Control Program) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to direct that the PalmettoPride-Litter Control Program funds be used to fund litter control projects identified by DOT to PalmettoPride by August 15 of each year.

***84.17.** (DOT: Litter Control Program) In the current fiscal year, PalmettoPride-Litter Control Program funds designated pursuant to Section 14-1-208(10) shall be used for the purpose of Section 37-29-130, to fund litter control projects identified and provided in a list by*

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the South Carolina Department of Transportation to PalmettoPride no later than August 15th of the current fiscal year.

SECTION 87 - U300 - DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS

87.7 **ADD** (AERO: Hold-Over Limit) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 13-1-1050(A) for the current fiscal year.

87.7 (AERO: Hold-Over Limit) The requirement of Section 13-1-1050(A) pertaining to the hold-over capacity period limits shall be suspended for the current fiscal year.

SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

88.1 **AMEND** (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) Directs the State Ports Authority to pay the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank \$1,000,000 before June 30, 2024 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

88.1. (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) The State Ports Authority shall, from other general fund or operating fund surplus available and any funds appropriated to the authority in prior fiscal years and left unexpended as of July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, pay to the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

88.4 **DELETE** (SPA: Transfer of Port of Georgetown) Allows the State Ports Authority to transfer the Port of Georgetown real property to the County of Georgetown in “as-is” condition through a quit-claim deed no later than June 30, 2023. Requires all funds in the Georgetown Port Maintenance to be transferred to the State Ports Authority and to be approved by the Georgetown County Council and the State Ports Authority Board of Directors. Allows the approval to satisfy the fiduciary duties of each approving body.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**88.4.** (SPA: Transfer of Port of Georgetown) The South Carolina State Ports Authority will transfer the Port of Georgetown real property, including buildings, fixtures, and certain equipment, to the County of Georgetown in “as-is” condition including, but not limited to, any appurtenances and the assumption of any existing leases through a quit claim deed no later than June 30, 2023. Any and all funds in the Georgetown Port Maintenance Dredging Fund shall be transferred to the South Carolina State Ports Authority in full consideration for such transfer, which is deemed to be just and fair compensation. Only the approval of the Georgetown County Council and the South Carolina State Ports Authority Board of Directors is required for this transaction, and such approval shall satisfy the fiduciary duties of each approving body related to this transfer.~~

88.7 **DELETE** (SPA: Transfer of Funds to Georgetown County) Directs funds appropriated in Act 298 of 2014 to the State Ports Authority for Georgetown Port Dredging to be transferred to

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Georgetown County. Allows the county to use up to \$1,500,000 for the purchasing and development of excess port property within the county.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

88.7. (SPA: Transfer of Funds to Georgetown County) ~~Funds appropriated in Act 298 of 2014 to the State Ports Authority for Georgetown Port Dredging shall be transferred to Georgetown County. Of the funds transferred, the county may use up to \$1,500,000 for the purchase of excess port property within the county and shall use the balance of the funds for development of county property previously owned by the State Ports Authority.~~

SECTION 92D - D300 - OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

92D.1 **AMEND** (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) Directs that improvements to real or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, resulting from damage caused by the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, made after the event and before June 30, 2024, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the improvement. Directs that for the current fiscal year, an eligible property's tax value shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference and update technical reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

92D.1. (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, after the event and before June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided. This provision only applies if, as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program implemented by the Office of Resilience, or its predecessor the Disaster Recovery Office. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

(B) During the current fiscal year, the property tax value of an eligible property shall remain the same unless an assessable transfer of interest occurs. No refund is allowed on account of values adjusted as provided in this provision.

92D.2 **AMEND** (SCOR: Leave Balances) Directs that temporary grant employees transferred from DOA's Disaster Recover Office who become full-time equivalent employees at the Office of Resilience shall retain any leave they accrued prior to being transferred.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to DOA in regards to the Disaster Recovery Office and add language to allow TGEs with SCOR who become full time FTEs with SCOR to retain leave.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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92D.2. (SCOR: Leave Balances) Any temporary grant employees (*TGEs*) transferred from the ~~Department of Administration's former South Carolina~~ Disaster Recovery Office to the Office of Resilience, *or who are TGEs with SCOR* who become full time *equivalent (FTE)* employees *with SCOR*, shall retain any leave accrued prior to the transfer.

92D.4 **ADD** (SCOR: MUSC Flooding Safety) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct SCOR to use \$34 million of the Disaster Relief and Resilience Fund or the remaining ARPA relief funds allocated to SCOR to construct two elevated pedestrian bridges to ensure MUSC staff access during stormwater events and flooding events.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

92D.4. (SCOR: MUSC Flooding Safety) The Office of Resilience shall utilize \$34 million in appropriations from Act 244 of 2022 and/or Act 84 of 2023 for the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund to partner with the Medical University of South Carolina and construct two elevated pedestrian bridges to ensure patient and staff access to university property during stormwater events and other flooding events.

SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

93.8 **AMEND** (DOA: Sale of Surplus Real Property) Provides guidelines for the retention and use of revenue derived from the sale of surplus real properties.
WMC: AMEND proviso to authorize the Forestry Commission to retain the net proceeds from sale to use to acquire lands that are desirable for State forests.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

93.8. (DOA: Sale of Surplus Real Property) *(A)* Up to fifty percent of the proceeds, net of selling expenses, from the sale of surplus real properties shall be retained by the Department of Administration and used for the deferred maintenance of state-owned buildings. The remaining fifty percent of the net proceeds shall be returned to the agency that the property is owned by, under the control of, or assigned to and shall be used by that agency for nonrecurring purposes. This provision applies to all state agencies and departments except: institutions of higher learning; the Public Service Authority; the Ports Authority; the MUSC Hospital Authority; the Myrtle Beach Air Force Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Transportation; the Columbia State Farmers Market; the Department of Agriculture's Columbia Metrology Lab building and property; the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Commerce's Division of Public Railways; the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Trident Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Commissioners residence at the Department of Corrections and the Educational Television Commission's Key Road property.

(B) The Educational Television Commission shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of its property on Key Road, and such proceeds may be used for the renovation of the ETV Telecommunications Center and other maintenance and operating expenses. If it is determined that sufficient net proceeds are not to be derived from the sale of its property on Key Road to cover the cost of all renovations of the Telecommunications Center, the property on Key Road shall not be sold. Any proposed sale hereunder shall, prior to said sale, be submitted to the Department of Administration for approval as being in compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

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(C) The Department of Corrections shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of the residence provided for the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and use such proceeds for deferred maintenance needs at the Department of Corrections.

(D) The Forestry Commission shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of surplus land for use in firefighting operations and replacement of firefighting equipment *or acquisition of such lands, in the judgment of the commission, that are desirable for State forests.*

(E) The Department of Natural Resources shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of existing offices originally purchased with a federal grant or with restricted revenue from hunting and fishing license sales for the improvement, consolidation, and/or establishment of regional offices and related facilities.

(F) The Department of Agriculture, the Educational Television Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Forestry Commission shall annually submit a report, within sixty days after the close of the fiscal year, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the status of the sale of the identified property and a detailed accounting on the expenditure of funds resulting from such sale.

(G) This provision is comprehensive and supersedes any conflicting provisions concerning disposition of state-owned real property whether in permanent law, temporary law or by provision elsewhere in this act.

(H) Any unused portion of these funds may be carried forward into succeeding fiscal years and used for the same purposes.

93.14 DELETE (DOA: Health Agencies Restructuring Study) Directs DOA to conduct a study on the organizational structure of agencies that provide health services in state government. Provides the requirements of the study and requires any agencies identified by the department for the study to provide all information requested and participate fully. Allows the department to contract with experts, consultants, and advisors to accomplish the study, and directs that procurements or other general state laws in conflict of these directives for these professionals shall be exempt. Directs the department to submit a final report on their findings to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**93.14.** (DOA: Health Agencies Restructuring Study) With the funds appropriated in Proviso 118.17, the Department of Administration shall conduct a study on the proper organizational structures of the agencies that provide health services in state government. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the current organizational structures of agencies that provide health services, a review of each agency's mission, services provided, and financial performance, and recommendations for any organizational restructuring necessary to improve health services delivery in the State, recognize operational efficiencies, and maximize resource utilization. Any agencies identified by the department as being subject to the study shall provide the department with all information requested and shall fully participate as requested and required. The department may contract with experts, consultants, and advisors including, but not limited to, accountants and attorneys, to provide consultation, advice, and other relevant services to the department in taking actions necessary to accomplish the study. Procurements by the department of any experts, consultants, and advisors including, but not limited to, accountants~~

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~~and attorneys, are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11, and any other provisions of the general law of this State in conflict with these directives. Procurements made by the department pursuant to this provision shall be made with as much competition as is practicable under the circumstances. The department shall submit the final report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, President of the Senate, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2024.~~

- 93.15 DELETE** (DOA: Williston Town Hall) Redirects remaining funds appropriated to Williston City Park Multipurpose Building to Williston Town Hall.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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

- 93.16 DELETE** (DOA: City of Barnwell Fire Department) Redirects remaining funds appropriated to the Barnwell Multipurpose Building to the City of Barnwell Fire Department.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**93.16.** (DOA: City of Barnwell Fire Department) Funds remaining of the \$2,000,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19, Item (72)(x) to the Department of Administration for the Barnwell Multipurpose Building shall be redirected to City of Barnwell Fire Department to be used for the same purpose.~~

- 93.17 ADD** (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow funds appropriated to SCEIS to be carried forward and used for the same purpose. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

93.17. (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, unexpended funds appropriated for the SC Enterprise Information System may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

- 93.18 ADD** (DOA: Health Agencies Complex) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds appropriated to DOA for the Health Agencies Complex must reside in a separate account for operation and management of the facilities and are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

93.18. (DOA: Health Agencies Complex) Funds appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Health Agencies Complex must be set aside in a separate account for the operation and maintenance of the facilities leased pursuant to proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023. Any unexpended portion of these funds may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year

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and used for the same purpose. Funds appropriated for this purpose are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office.

- 93.19** **ADD** (DOA: State Treasury Audit) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DOA to engage an independent accounting firm to conduct an audit of all cash and investments held in the State Treasury, including any unreconciled funds managed by SCEIS and STARS. Requires the audit to provide any corrective entries and actions, along with future recommendations for procedures and controls to be implemented. Directs the auditing firm to submit a final report by December 31, and an interim report to be submitted by September 30, however, allows DOA to request an extension on the audit if deemed necessary. Requires all affected agencies to fully cooperate with DOA and the audit and supply all requested information. Directs DOA to report any agency that fails to comply. Allows the auditing firm to request any relevant information they see fit to conduct their investigation and directs the State Auditor to be involved.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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and assisting in the preparation, review, and presentation of the interim and final reports required and shall be prohibited from disclosing, unless authorized by the Department of Administration, any information related to work conducted until such time as the final report is submitted. Procurements by the Department of Administration are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11.

SECTION 97 - E120 - OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL

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

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~97.6. (CG: Annual Mapping Report) The Comptroller General shall provide to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee an implementation plan for creating and conducting an annual mapping report of funds for component units, also known as Audited Financial Statement Agencies or "Lump Sum" Agencies, by January 1, 2024. The plan shall include a detailed list of procedural steps for compiling the report, a determination of which steps will or will not be automated within SCEIS, which accounts will or will not be included, and any other relevant information required to conduct the report.~~

97.7 DELETE (CG: Comptroller General Account List) Directs the CG to provide a list to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees of the accounts within SCEIS that have been created by the CG staff, and if the account is included in the ACFR or not, with an explanation as to why.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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

SECTION 99 – E190 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

99.1 ADD (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 9-16-38 for the current fiscal year. Requested by the Retirement System Investment Commission.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

99.1. (Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, Section 9-16-380, relating to the solicitation and the bid for a fiduciary audit, is suspended.

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SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**100.5.** (ADJ: Educational Seminar Revenue) All revenue earned from educational seminars shall be retained by the agency to be used for the printing of materials and other expenses related to conducting the seminars. The balance of funds shall be reported annually to the General Assembly.~~

100.14 AMEND (ADJ: Disasters Expenditure Status Report) Requires the Emergency Management Division to prepare a quarterly report for funds appropriated in the current fiscal year or in a previous fiscal year on the status of the expenditure of "FEMA State and Local Match for 2015 Flooding" by proviso 118.16, for Hurricane Matthew, and for the Pinnacle Mountain Fire and submit the report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees beginning September 30, 2018.

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

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

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

100.22. (ADJ: South Carolina Military History Foundation Support) From the funds authorized or appropriated for State Military Department operations, the Adjutant General may authorize Agency personnel to support and assist the South Carolina Military History Foundation, a state chartered and federally recognized tax exempt 501(c)(3) association, in its missions to support the South Carolina Military Museum and to promote the education of the citizens and visitors of the State of South Carolina.

- 100.23 ADD** (ADJ: South Carolina Military History Foundation Cooperation) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the Adjutant General and the SC Military Museum Board to enter into agreements with the SC Military History Foundation. Provides for the terms and conditions of the agreements. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

100.23. (ADJ: SC Military History Foundation Cooperation) The Office of the Adjutant General and the South Carolina Military Museum Board may enter into agreements with the South Carolina Military History Foundation, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity organized under the laws of this State, to utilize Agency resources to generate revenue from activities at the South Carolina Military Museum or elsewhere including, but not limited to, program fees, professional services, donations, food service, exhibits, and exhibit components. The agreements must specify that the Foundation may not charge program fees to students of any South Carolina public or private elementary school, middle school, high school, home school, alternative home school, or an association for home schools who are touring the museum or accessing the

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Museum's programs as part of a school function. The agreements must also specify that these revenues will be segregated from the other income or revenues of the Foundation and that those revenues will be used solely to support the Museum.

100.24 **ADD** (ADJ: STORM Act Grant Authorization) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize SCEMD to accept grant funding provided by the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act and establish and manage the load fund in accordance with the act. Requested by the Adjutant General's Office.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

100.24. (ADJ: STORM Act Grant Authorization) Upon award of a federal "Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act" capitalization grant, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to accept the grant and to establish and manage the South Carolina Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Act and applicable state laws, regulations, and policies.

100.25 **ADD** (ADJ: State Matching Funds Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow funds for Armory Operations: Other Operating Expenses to be carried forward.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

SECTION 101 - E260 - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

SECTION 102 - E280 - ELECTION COMMISSION

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

SECTION 103 - E500 - REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

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

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

103.3. (RFAO: SC Health & Human Services Data Warehouse) (A) There is hereby established within the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse. The purpose of the Warehouse is to ensure that the operation of health and human services agencies may be enhanced by coordination and integration of client information. Client data is defined as person-level data that is created, received, and/or maintained by state agencies and other entities required to report client information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office under this provision. To integrate client information, client data from health and human services state agencies will be linked to improve client outcome measures, enabling state agencies to analyze coordination and continuity of care issues. The addition of these data will enhance existing agency systems by providing client data from other state agency programs to assist in the provision of client services. Certain client information shall be delivered to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office in order to assist in the development and maintenance of this Warehouse. The following agencies shall report client information:

- Departments of:
 - (1)Health and Human Services;
 - (2)~~Health and Environmental Control~~ Public Health;
 - (3)Mental Health;
 - (4)Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services;
 - (5)Disabilities and Special Needs;
 - (6)Social Services;
 - (7)Vocational Rehabilitation;
 - (8)Education;

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- (9) Juvenile Justice;
- (10) Corrections;
- (11) Probation, Parole and Pardon Services;
- Department of Children's Advocacy:
 - (1) Children's Foster Care Review Board;
 - (2) Continuum of Care;
- Department on Aging;
- South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind;
- Commission for the Blind; and
- Other entities as deemed necessary by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(B) These agencies and departments shall collect and provide client data in formats and schedules to be specified by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (Office). The Office shall establish a Memorandum of Agreement with each agency, department, or division. These Memorandums of Agreement shall specify, but are not limited to, the confidentiality of client information, the conditions for the release of data that may identify agencies, departments, divisions, programs and services, or clients, any restrictions on the release of data so as to be compliant with state and federal statutes and regulations on confidentiality of data, conditions under which the data may be used for research purposes, and any security measures to be taken to insure the confidentiality of client information.

(C) To ensure accountability and the coordinated, efficient delivery of health and human services, the Office shall implement, in consultation with state health and human services agencies and other entities as deemed necessary by the Office, an integrated data system that includes client data from all participating agencies.

(D) In order to provide for inclusion of other entities into the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse and other research and analytic-oriented applications that will assist the state in the efficient and effective provision of services, the Office shall have the authority to enter into agreements or transactions with any federal, state or municipal agency or other public institution or with any private individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity to provide statistical, research and information dissemination services including, but not limited to, program and outcomes evaluation, program monitoring/surveillance, projects to determine the feasibility of data collection and/or analyses, information dissemination and research. The confidentiality of data collected under these initiatives shall comply with applicable state and federal laws governing the privacy of data. The Office shall have the power to promulgate regulations, policies, and procedures, in consultation with the participating agencies, for the development, protection and operation of the Data Warehouse, other research and analytic-oriented applications, and their underlying processes.

(E) The Office shall develop internet-accessible secure analytic query tools (such as analytic cubes) using integrated client data from the Warehouse. All agencies shall cooperate with the Office in the development of these analytic tools. It is the intent of this provision that the analytic tools developed under this provision shall be made available to members of the South Carolina General Assembly and their research staff members, state agencies, and researchers. To that end, the Office shall, in consultation with the participating agencies, promulgate regulations addressing access to and use and release of information generated through use of the query tools.

(F) All state agencies participating in the Warehouse shall utilize it and its associated software applications in the day-to-day operation of their programs and for coordination, collaboration, program evaluation and outcomes analysis. The Department of Public Health and Environmental Control shall be exempt from usage of the integrated client management system

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and the analytic query tools in the day-to-day operation of their Client Automated Record and Encounter System or other electronic health record system and their South Carolina Community Assessment Network, but shall provide the Warehouse with client data from the system and network.

(G) No state agency shall duplicate any of the responsibilities of this provision.

(H) For purposes of this provision, all state laws, regulations, or any rule of any state agency, department, board, or commission having the effect or force of law that prohibits or is inconsistent with this provision is hereby declared inapplicable to this provision.

- 103.6** **ADD** (RFAO: Revenue Forecast) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 11-9-1130(A), relating to Board of Economic Advisors forecasts of economic conditions and adjustments to forecasts, for the current fiscal year. Requested by the Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

SECTION 105 - F270 - SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

- 105.4** **AMEND** (SFAA-AUD: Annual Audit of Court Fees and Fines Reports) Allows the State Auditor to contract with one or more CPA/Accounting firms to conduct a minimum of 15 audits of local jurisdictions annually, or the maximum number of audits that can be performed with \$250,000 received annually from the State Treasurer for that purpose, and report whether or not fees and fines are being properly collected and remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution to various agencies as required by statute. Prohibits these funds from being used for any other purpose. Directs any balance remaining from the \$250,000 received from the State Treasurer in the prior fiscal year to be carried forward and be used for the same purpose in the current fiscal year. Requires the State Auditor to annually report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee its findings of the jurisdictions audited.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update amount required to be spent to conduct audits. Requested by SFAA-State Auditor's Office.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and must be expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year. The State Auditor shall annually report by October first, its findings of the jurisdictions audited to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

- 105.7** **ADD** (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the State Auditor or a member of his staff to conduct an audit of program, activity, or agency for which he managed or was employed by after one year has passed.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

105.7. (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, if a minimum of one year has passed, the State Auditor or a member of his staff may conduct an audit of a program, activity, or agency for which he had management responsibility or by which he was employed.

SECTION 106 - F300 - STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- 106.2** **DELETE** (SEB: Suspend SCRS & PORS Employer Contribution Rate Increase) Suspends the increase in the employer contribution rate pursuant to Section 9-1-1085, relating to employer and employee contribution rates, and Section 9-11-225, relating to employer and employee contribution rates, for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Directs that the contribution rate for SCRS and PORS shall increase by 1% from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 rates set in Act 239 of 2022.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~106.2. (SEB: Suspend SCRS & PORS Employer Contribution Rate Increase) The increase in the employer contribution rate imposed by Section 9-1-1085 and Section 9-11-225 for Fiscal Year 2023-24, respectively, are suspended. The employer contribution rate for the South Carolina Retirement Systems and the Police Officers Retirement Systems during Fiscal Year 2023-24, expressed as a percentage of earnable compensation, shall increase by 1% from Fiscal Year 2022-23 rates as set in Act 239 of 2022.~~

SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

- 108.6** **AMEND** (PEBA: State Health Plan) Directs that for Plan Year 2024 there shall be an employer premium increase of 3.7% and a subscriber increase of 0%. Authorize PEBA to adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions during Plan Year 2024 to ensure the plan remains fiscally stable.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the premium increase percentage and the plan year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

108.6. (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2) of the 1976 Code, an employer premium increase of ~~3.7~~ 11.8 percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent will result for the standard State Health Plan for Plan Year ~~2024~~ 2025. 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 ~~2024~~ 2025 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

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- 108.10 DELETE** (PEBA: Covered Contraceptives) Directs that the 2017 State Health Plan shall not require co-pays/deductibles for contraceptives.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**108.10.** (PEBA: Covered Contraceptives) For the Plan year beginning in January of the current fiscal year, the State Health Plan shall not apply patient cost sharing provisions to covered contraceptives. This provision does not alter the current approved list of contraceptives and complies with the requirements of Proviso 108.4.~~

- 108.12 DELETE** (PEBA: COVID-19 Return to Work Extension) Directs that for FY 2023-24, the earnings limitation does not apply to retired SCRS or PORS members who return to covered employment to participate in the state's public health preparedness and response to COVID-19. Directs that this provision is not intended to supersede or conflict with Act 102 of 2021, S. 704 of 2021 and if there is a conflict, the Act provisions control.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**108.12.** (PEBA: COVID-19 Return to Work Extension) For Fiscal Year 2023-24 the earnings limitation imposed pursuant to Section 9-1-1790 and Section 9-11-90 of the 1976 Code does not apply to retired members of the South Carolina Retirement System or the Police Officers Retirement System who return to covered employment to participate in the state's public health preparedness and response to the COVID-19 virus. This section is not intended to supersede or conflict with Act 102 of 2021, S. 704 of 2021. In the event of a conflict, the provisions of the Act control.~~

- 108.14 AMEND** (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. Requested by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

108.14. (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) The provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2) of the 1976 Code are suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, 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.

- 108.15 AMEND** (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-4-40 and bid solicitation for the fiduciary audit for FY 2023-24.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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108.15. (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, Section 9-4-40 ~~of the 1976 Code and~~, relating to solicitation of the bid for the fiduciary audit ~~are~~, is suspended.

108.16 AMEND (PEBA: PORS and SCRS Return to Work) Directs that, for the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if a member of the PORS or SCRS has not been engaged to perform services for an employer in any capacity for a period of twelve consecutive months subsequent to retirement. Requires the member to certify that he meets the requirements. Directs the member to reimburse the system for any benefits paid if he inaccurately certifies.
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. Directs 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.

108.16. (PEBA: PORS and SCRS Return to Work) (A)For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if a member of the Police Officer Retirement System has not been engaged to perform services for a participating employer in the system or any other system provided in Title 9 for compensation in any capacity, whether as an employee, independent contractor, leased employee, joint employee, or other classification of worker, for a period of at least twelve consecutive months subsequent to retirement. The exemption provided under this provision does not apply unless the member first certifies to the system that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption. If a member inaccurately certifies that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption provided in this provision, the member is responsible for reimbursing the system for any benefits wrongly paid to the member.

(B) For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if a member of the South Carolina Retirement System has not been engaged to perform services for a participating employer in the system or any other system provided in Title 9 for compensation in any capacity, whether as an employee, independent contractor, leased employee, joint employee, or other classification of worker, for a period of at least twelve consecutive months subsequent to retirement. The exemption provided under this provision does not apply unless the member first certifies to the system that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption. If a member inaccurately certifies that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption provided in this provision, the member is responsible for reimbursing the system for any benefits wrongly paid to the member.

(C) 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

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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.

SECTION 109 - R440 - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- 109.13 DELETE** (DOR: Renewable Fuel Credit) Extends the date a taxpayer must place property or facility into service used for distributing or dispersing renewable fuel to January 1, 2023.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~109.13. (DOR: Renewable Fuel Credit) The date the taxpayer must place property or facility into service that is used for distribution or dispensing renewable fuel shall be extended to January 1, 2023.~~

- 109.19 ADD** (DOR: South Carolina Legislative Tax Credit) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DOR to distribute \$500 million of the Homestead Exemption Fund balance to counties to provide a property tax credit. Provides the manner in which the amount of the credit is determined. Directs counties to reflect the credit as a separate line on a property tax bill. Directs the department to provide an estimate of funds to be disbursed by July 31 and disburse the funds by December 1. Directs counties to notify the department of credits issued and return excess funds received by March 31.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

109.19. (DOR: South Carolina Legislative Tax Credit) For Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Department of Revenue shall distribute \$500 million of the Homestead Exemption Fund balance to counties to be used to provide a property tax credit for owner-occupied property in the current fiscal year against county operating taxes. The funds are to be distributed in the proportion that the population of the county is to the total population of the State. Population data must be as determined in the decennial United States Census and the most recent update to that data as determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The credit is an amount determined by dividing the total estimated revenues credited to the county by the number of parcels in the county eligible for the credit. Counties are required to reflect this credit as a separate line on the property tax bill with the phrase "South Carolina Legislative Tax Credit" and the amount of the credit. The Department of Revenue shall provide, by July 31, an estimate of the amount of funds to be disbursed to each county and shall disburse these funds no later than December 1. By March 31st, counties must notify the department of the total amount of these credits issued and return any portion of the funds received in excess of the amount necessary to provide this credit. The department shall have the authority to audit this credit.

SECTION 112 - V040 - DEBT SERVICE

- 112.1 DELETE** (DS: Ports Authority Loan) Directs the State Ports Authority to reimburse the General Fund the loan amount and interest accrued for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project once they receive the federal government's share of the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project.
WMC: DELETE proviso.

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HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~112.1. (DS: Ports Authority Loan) Upon receipt of the federal government's share of the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project, the State Ports Authority shall reimburse the General Fund the amount of the loan received pursuant to Proviso 112.2 of Act 264 of 2018 for cash flow needs related to the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project, together with interest accrued to the date of reimbursement, calculated at the rate earned on the General Fund for the period during which the loan remains outstanding.~~

112.2 AMEND (DS: Excess Debt Service) Directs that excess debt service funds available in FY 2022-23 may be used to pay down general obligation bond debt. Requires the Treasurer to notify the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of JBRC before funds are used.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

112.2. (DS: Excess Debt Service) Excess debt service funds available in Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25 may be expended in the fiscal year to pay down general obligation bond debt for which the State (1) is paying the highest rate of interest; (2) will achieve relief in constrained debt capacity; or (3) reduce the amount of debt issued. Prior to the use of these funds, the Office of the State Treasurer shall notify the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee.

SECTION 113 - X220 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS, STATE TREASURER

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

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

113.2. (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) For the current fiscal year, one quarter of the amount appropriated in Part IA for Aid to Subdivisions-Local Government Fund shall be distributed as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical with the four distributions together totaling the Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.2 AMEND (GP: Appropriations From Funds) Directs that funds appropriated from the General Fund, EIA Fund, Highways and Public Transportation Fund and other applicable funds are to meet the ordinary expenses of the State for FY 2022-23.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.2. (GP: Appropriations From Funds) Subject to the terms and conditions of this act, the sums of money set forth in this part, if so much is necessary, are appropriated from the General Fund of the State, the Education Improvement Act Fund, the Highways and Public Transportation

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Fund, and other applicable funds, to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government for Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, and for other purposes specifically designated.

- 117.3 AMEND** (GP: Fiscal Year Definitions) Defines current and prior fiscal year time frames.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year references.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.3. (GP: Fiscal Year Definitions) For purposes of the appropriations made by this part, “current fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, and ending June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, and “prior fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023, and ending June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

- 117.10 AMEND** (GP: Federal Funds - DHEC, DSS, DHHS - Disallowances) Authorizes DHEC, DSS and DHHS to expend appropriations to cover prior fiscal years program operations where adjustments are necessary under federal regulations or audit exceptions. Require all federal disallowances or notices of disallowances be submitted to the State Auditor and the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees within five days of receiving such actions.
WMC: Amend proviso to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Services.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.10. (GP: Federal Funds – ~~DHEC~~ DPH, DES, DSS, DHHS - Disallowances) Amounts appropriated to the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control, Department of Environmental Services, Department of Social Services, and Department of Health and Human Services may be expended to cover program operations of prior fiscal years where adjustment of such prior years are necessary under federal regulations or audit exceptions. All disallowances or notices of disallowances by any federal agency of any costs claimed by these agencies shall be submitted to the State Auditor, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, within five days of receipt of such actions.

- 117.14 AMEND** (GP: FTE Management) Provides guidelines for the Executive Budget Office to monitor full-time equivalent (FTE) positions and directs that no agency may exceed the total FTEs authorized in the Appropriation Act except upon majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Directs that personal services funds in the Governor’s budget recommendations must be at least 97% funded.
WMC: AMEND proviso to allow EBO to delete non-established positions from the official record of authorized full-time equivalent positions and directs that no positions shall be established in excess of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.14. (GP: FTE Management) In order to provide the necessary control over the number of employees, the Executive Budget Office is hereby directed to maintain close supervision over the number of state employees, and to require specifically the following:

(1) That no state agency exceed the total authorized number of full-time equivalent positions and those funded from state sources as provided in each section of this act except by majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

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(2) That the Executive Budget Office shall maintain and make, as necessary, periodic adjustments thereto, an official record of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions by agency for state and total funding sources.

(a) That within thirty days of the passage of the Appropriation Act or by August first, whichever comes later, each agency of the State must have established on the Executive Budget Office records all positions authorized in the Act. After that date, the office shall delete any non-established positions immediately from the official record of authorized full-time equivalent positions. No positions shall be established by the office in excess of the total number of authorized full-time equivalent positions. Each agency may, upon notification to the Executive Budget Office, change the funding source of state FTE positions established on the Executive Budget Office records as necessary to expend federal and other sources of personal service funds to conserve or stay within the state appropriated personal service funds. No agency shall change funding sources that will cause the agency to exceed the authorized number of state or total full-time equivalent positions. Each agency may transfer FTEs between programs as needed to accomplish the agency mission.

(b) That by September thirtieth, the office shall prepare a FTE analysis, by agency, which shows the number of authorized, filled, and vacant positions by source of funds for the current and two previously completed fiscal years. The office shall provide a copy of each agency's FTE analysis to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

(3) That full-time equivalent (FTE) positions shall be determined under the following guidelines:

(a) The annual work hours for each FTE shall be the agency's full-time standard annual work hours.

(b) The state FTE shall be derived by multiplying the state percentage of budgeted funds for each position by the FTE for that position.

(c) All institutions of higher education shall use a value of 0.75 FTE for each position determined to be full-time faculty with a duration of nine months.

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

(4) That the number of positions authorized in this act shall be reduced in the following circumstances:

(a) Upon request by an agency.

(b) When anticipated federal funds are not made available.

(c) When the Executive Budget Office, through study or analysis, becomes aware of any unjustifiable excess of positions in any state agency.

(5) That no new permanent positions in state government shall be funded by appropriations in acts supplemental to this act but temporary positions may be so funded.

(6) That the provisions of this section shall not apply to personnel exempt from the State Classification and Compensation Plan under item I of Section 8-11-260 of the 1976 Code.

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

117.15 AMEND (GP: Allowance for Residences & Compensation Restrictions) Authorizes specific positions to occupy agency-owned residences without charge and provides compensation guidelines.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the reference to DHEC and update to the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Services and to include Francis Marion in the permission to occupy residences owned by the respective department without charge.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.15. (GP: Allowance for Residences & Compensation Restrictions) (A) That salaries paid to officers and employees of the State, including its several boards, commissions, and institutions shall be in full for all services rendered, and no perquisites of office or of employment shall be allowed in addition thereto, but such perquisites, commodities, services or other benefits shall be charged for at the prevailing local value and without the purpose or effect of increasing the compensation of said officer or employee. The charge for these items may be payroll deducted at the discretion of the Comptroller General or the chief financial officer at each agency maintaining its own payroll system. This shall not apply to the Governor's Mansion, nor to guards at any of the state's penal institutions and nurses and attendants at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and registered nurses providing clinical care at the MUSC Medical Center, nor to the Superintendent and staff of the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, nor to the cottage parents and staff of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, nor to full-time or part-time staff who work after regular working hours in the SLED Communications Center or Maintenance Area, nor to adult staff at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities who are required to stay on campus by the institution because of job requirements or program participation. Any state institution of higher learning may provide complimentary membership privileges to employees who work at their wellness centers. The presidents of those state institutions of higher learning authorized to provide on-campus residential facilities for students may be permitted to occupy residences on the grounds of such institutions without charge.

(B) Any state institution of higher learning may provide a housing allowance to the president in lieu of a residential facility, the amount to be approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

(C) That the following may be permitted to occupy residences owned by the respective departments without charge: the Farm Director, Farm Managers, and Specialists employed at the Wateree River Correctional Institution; the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry fire tower operators, forestry aides, and caretaker at central headquarters; the Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Management Area Personnel, Fish Hatchery Personnel, and Heritage Trust Personnel; Director of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School; President of the School for the Deaf and the Blind; houseparents for the Commission for the Blind; South Carolina Department of ~~Public Health and Environmental Control~~ personnel at the State Park Health Facility and Camp Burnt Gin; *South Carolina Department of Environmental Services personnel at the State Park Health Facility*; Residence Life Coordinators at Lander University; Residence Life Directors, temporary and transition employees, student interns, and emergency personnel at Winthrop University *and Francis Marion University*; Farm Superintendent at Winthrop University; Residence Hall Directors at the College of Charleston; the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs' physicians and other professionals at Whitten Center, Clemson University Off-Campus Agricultural Staff and Housing Area Coordinators; and TriCounty Technical College's Bridge to Clemson Resident and Area Directors; and housing maintenance night supervisors, residence life directors, temporary and transition employees, and emergency medical personnel occupying residences owned by the University of South Carolina. Except in the case of elected officials, the fair market rental value of any residence furnished to a state employee shall be reported by

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the state agency furnishing the residence to the Agency Head Salary Commission, and the Department of Administration by October first of each fiscal year.

(D) All salaries paid by departments and institutions shall be in accord with a uniform classification and compensation plan, approved by the Department of Administration, applicable to all personnel of the State Government whose compensation is not specifically fixed in this act. Such plan shall include all employees regardless of the source of funds from which payment for personal service is drawn. The Department of Administration is authorized to approve temporary salary adjustments for classified and unclassified employees who perform temporary duties which are limited by time and/or funds. When approved, a temporary salary adjustment shall not be added to an employee's base salary and shall end when the duties are completed and/or the funds expire. Academic personnel of the institutions of higher learning and other individual or group of positions that cannot practically be covered by the plan may be excluded therefrom but their compensations as approved by the Department of Administration shall, nevertheless, be subject to review by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Salary appropriations for employees fixed in this act shall be in full for all services rendered, and no supplements from other sources shall be permitted or approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. With the exception of travel and subsistence, legislative study committees shall not compensate any person who is otherwise employed as a full-time state employee. Salaries of the heads of all agencies of the State Government shall be specifically fixed in this act and no salary shall be paid any agency head whose salary is not so fixed. As long as there is no impact on appropriated funds, state agencies and institutions shall be allowed to spend public funds and/or other funds for designated employee award programs which shall have written criteria approved by the agency governing board or commission. For purposes of this section, monetary awards, if any, shall not be considered a part of an employee's base salary, a salary supplement, or a perquisite of employment. The names of all employees receiving monetary awards and the amounts received shall be reported annually to the Department of Administration.

(E) In the case of lodging furnished by certain higher education institutions to employees, the prevailing local rate does not apply if the institution meets the exceptions for inadequate rent described in the current Internal Revenue Code Section 119(d)(2). To meet the exception, rental rates must equal the lesser of five percent of the appraised value of the qualified campus lodging, or the average of the rentals paid by individuals (other than employees or students of the educational institution) during the calendar year for lodging provided by the educational institution which is comparable to the qualified campus lodging provided to the employee, over the rent paid by the employee for the qualified campus lodging during the calendar year. The appraised value shall be determined as of the close of the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, or, in the case of a rental period not greater than one year, at any time during the calendar year in which the period begins.

117.24 AMEND (GP: TEFRA-Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) States the intent of the General Assembly that the State Medicaid Plan be amended to provide benefits for disabled children as allowed by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option. Directs state agencies, including but not limited to, the DSS-Continuum of Care, DHEC, DMH, DDSN, and DHHS to collectively review and identify existing state appropriations within their respective budgets that can be used as state match to serve these children. Directs that such funds be used effective 1/1/95 to implement TEFRA option benefits. Prohibits agencies from spending less in the current fiscal year than they spent in prior fiscal year to provide these services.

WMC: Amend proviso to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Public Health.

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HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.24. (GP: TEFRA-Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State Medicaid Plan be amended to provide benefits for disabled children as allowed by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option. State agencies, including but not limited to, the Department of Social Services - the Continuum of Care, the Department of Public Health and ~~Environmental Control~~, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the Department of Health and Human Services shall collectively review and identify existing state appropriations within their respective budgets that can be used as state match to serve these children. Such funds shall be used effective January 1, 1995 to implement TEFRA option benefits. Agencies providing services under the provisions of this paragraph must not spend less in the current fiscal year than expended in the previous fiscal year.

117.73 AMEND (GP: Information Technology for Health Care) Directs DHHS to use funds appropriated and authorized to them to advance the use of health information technology and health information exchange by creating the capability of moving clinical information among different health care information systems. Directs the department to enter into agreements to facilitate the exchange of information and provides examples. Requires the department to incorporate measures to ensure patient data is safeguarded and in compliance with state and federal laws. Directs HHS to work with DHEC and any other stakeholders deemed appropriate. **WMC:** Amend proviso to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Public Health. **HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.73. (GP: Information Technology for Health Care) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department shall advance the use of health information technology and health information exchange to improve quality and efficiency of health care by creating the capability of moving clinical information among different health care information systems.

The department shall procure, contract, and/or otherwise enter into agreements that it deems to be in furtherance of the recommendations of the Health Information Exchange Strategy Development Committee established pursuant to Act 94 of 2021 or other initiative it deems appropriate to facilitate the useful exchange of health information. Such initiatives may include allowing health care providers to appropriately access and securely share patient medical information, collecting statewide data on critical assets and workforce capacities, and implementing a Medicaid encounter notification system. Any systems should focus on providing connectivity to health care providers while minimizing administrative burden and allowing health care providers to maintain existing electronic health systems. The department shall incorporate measures to ensure that the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of patient data is always safeguarded and protected in accordance with state and federal laws. The department shall coordinate its efforts with the Department of Public Health and ~~Environmental Control~~ and other stakeholders the department deems appropriate.

117.100 AMEND (GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers) Directs PRT and DOT maintain a MOU that provides that PRT control operations of all SC Welcome Centers and specifies control of certain responsibilities. Directs DOT to transfer the amount stated in the MOU, less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly for Welcome Centers, to PRT. Directs that these funds

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be placed in a separate and distinct fund and authorizes these funds to be carried forward and used for the same purposes.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the transfer amount from an amount stated in a Memorandum of Understanding to “\$5,140,727”. Adds that the funds must be increased the same as any statewide state employee salary increase or bonus.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.100.(GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Transportation shall maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall control operations of all South Carolina Welcome Centers. The MOU shall include replacement, renovation, and maintenance of the facilities, daily operations, and grounds maintenance and upkeep and shall clearly define responsibility for additional portions of Welcome Centers to include paving and sidewalks. The Department of Transportation shall transfer to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism ~~the amount stated in the Memorandum of Understanding \$5,140,727~~ less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the same purpose. These funds must be increased by an amount commensurate with any statewide state employee salary increases or statewide state employee bonuses, including employee fringes, provided by this General Appropriations Act. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism assumes responsibility for this amount and the timing of the transfer of these funds shall be defined as part of the MOU. The funds transferred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, and these funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be expended for the same purposes.

117.101 AMEND (GP: Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project Accountability) Specifies that qualifying organizations that apply for Continuing Teen Pregnancy Prevention funds must provide in their application a proposed annual budget and an agreement to provide quarterly reports to the grantor state agency that details expenditure of funds and specific project accomplishments. Requires the quarterly reports be submitted within 15 days of the end of each quarter and direct that failure to submit the reports within 30 days of the end of each quarter will result in termination of the grant. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add carry forward authority to the Department of Education relating to their Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention projects. Delete reference to DHEC and change to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.101.(GP: Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project Accountability) (A) Qualifying organizations applying for General Funds provided as a special item in this act and titled Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention must include in its application a proposed annual budget and agreement to provide quarterly reports to the grantor state agency detailing the expenditure of funds and the project’s accomplishments which shall include:

(1) Financial:

(a) personnel costs, including employer contributions, by position for each of the following areas: administration, training, and education, as well as for other positions as identified;

(b) operational costs identified in the application; and

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(c) one-time costs over \$500 for such items as supplies.

Administration costs may not exceed ten percent of the total project budget. For purposes of this provision, "administration" is defined as expenses other than educational.

- (2) Description of program and curriculum to be used;
- (3) Description of training;
- (4) Schedule and brief description of project activities for each quarter;
- (5) Participation reports on the following:
 - (a) number of persons who participated;
 - (b) total number of hours provided;
 - (c) number of train the trainer events; and
 - (d) other data regarding the activities of the project;
- (6) Description of the project evaluation to be used;
- (7) Copy of latest completed independent financial audit and agency's response to any audit exceptions;
- (8) Qualifications of project personnel;
- (9) Best Practices to be used; and
- (10) Evidence Based Curriculum.

(B) An organization awarded a grant must provide these quarterly reports to the grantor state agency within fifteen days of the end of each quarter. Grantees failing to submit reports with thirty days of the end of each quarter shall have their grant terminated.

(C) Unexpended funds for Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention projects under the Department of Social Services, ~~the Department of Education~~, or under the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control shall be carried forward for the purpose of fulfilling the department's contractual agreement.

117.104 AMEND (GP: Child Fatality Review) Directs DSS, SLED, DHEC, and the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee to implement recommendations contained in the LAC's October 2014 "A Review of Child Welfare Services at the Department of Social Service" report. Requires specific agencies to report various statistics, make recommendations to revise DSS policies and practices, establish a cross check system, and review training provided to coroners. Directs the advisory committee to evaluate the feasibility of adopting the Child Death Review Case Reporting System developed by the National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths and submit their findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.

WMC: Amend proviso to change DHEC references to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.104.(GP: Child Fatality Review) (A) The agencies specified shall implement the following recommendations contained in the Legislative Audit Council's October 2014 report "A Review of Child Welfare Services at the Department of Social Services":

(1) Annually, the Department of Social Services and the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee shall jointly report statistics on child deaths from maltreatment and the number of those with prior Department of Social Services involvement.

(2) The Department of Social Services and the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee shall use their child fatality review findings to make recommendations to revise Department of Social Services policy or practice where appropriate.

(3) The Department of Social Services shall ensure that it includes child fatality statistics from all relevant sources when reporting to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System.

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These sources shall include, but not be limited to, law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control.

(4) The State Law Enforcement Division and the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control shall establish a system for cross checking child fatalities in the state to ensure that all fatalities are being properly reported to the State Law Enforcement Division.

(5) The State Law Enforcement Division and the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee shall review the training provided to coroners on the reporting of child fatalities to ensure that information is provided on which fatalities are to be reported and what procedure is to be followed for reporting the fatalities.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall report statistics on all child fatalities to the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee.

(7) The State Child Fatality Advisory Committee shall evaluate the feasibility of adopting the Child Death Review Case Reporting System developed by the National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths and shall submit a report on their findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016.

(B) Pursuant to Section 63-11-1930(E) of the ~~1976 Code~~, the director of each agency specified in this provision shall ensure that sufficient staff and administrative support is provided to the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee to accomplish the requirements of this provision.

117.111 AMEND (GP: Retail Facilities Revitalization Act Repeal Suspension) Suspends the repeal of Chapter 34 of Title 6, relating to the Retail Facilities Act, as specified in Act 285 of 2006 for sites that provided DOR written notification of election of mode of credit before 7/1/16 and for which a building permit was issued prior to 7/1/16.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.111.(GP: Retail Facilities Revitalization Act Repeal Suspension) The repeal of Chapter 34, Title 6 of the 1976 Code as specified in Act 285 of 2006 as to sites for which written notification of election of mode of credit has been provided to the Department of Revenue prior to July 1, 2016 and for which a building permit has been issued prior to July 1, 2016, is suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25.

117.115 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 for FY 2023-24; 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 the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.115.(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'

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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 ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25. 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.

117.117 AMEND (GP: Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment Plan) Directs DAODAS and DHHS to establish a coalition of state agencies, providers, and other related entities to coordinate opioid abuse prevention and treatment services throughout the state.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to DHEC and change to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.117.(GP: Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment Plan) (A) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Department of Health and Human Services in the current fiscal year, the agencies shall establish a coalition of state agencies, providers and other related entities to combat the opioid epidemic in a collaborative manner and ensure that appropriate services and treatments are made available statewide. This initiative should include efforts to coordinate funding for the provision of treatment with an assessment of current programs and funding levels, to enhance available prevention, treatment and recovery services; expand provider capacity; and enable workforce development for substance use disorder services. General Funds appropriated to any state agency for Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

~~(A)~~(B) The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the State Law Enforcement Division, and the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish an advisory board with representation from both agencies, to provide both oversight and administrative direction to the coalition. The advisory board may also include representation from the Department of Public Health and ~~Environmental Control~~, the Department of Mental Health, the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine, the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Corrections, state and local law enforcement agencies, the judicial branch, the South Carolina Hospital

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Association, the South Carolina Medical Association, the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, Behavioral Health Centers and other related entities. The advisory board must consider recommendations made in the 2018 report by the South Carolina House of Representatives Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee, as well as any recommendations made by the South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition related to substance use disorders and create a plan to ensure implementation of appropriate recommendations.

~~(B)~~(C) The Department of Health and Human Services may leverage any and all available federal funds to implement enhanced treatment services and resources for this coalition.

~~(C)~~(D) In consultation with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Medical University of South Carolina Hospital Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services shall review and evaluate outcomes data from the program for MAT services for prescription opioid dependency and addiction established by Act 97 of 2017 and expanded by Act 264 of 2018. Based on the success rate and ability to continue expansion of this model, the department may provide funding not to exceed \$2,500,000 to continue and expand the program to additional providers that are necessary to ensure greater impact in geographical areas of critical need. All medications proven to be effective in treating opioid addiction shall be considered as viable options on a case by case basis to ensure the greatest level of success for individuals in the program.

~~(D)~~(E) The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Department of Health and Human Services shall assist the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control with any funding required to implement necessary programmatic enhancements to the Prescription Monitoring Program. The departments must consider changes to strengthen risk assessments and patient support tools, as well as the potential integration of Electronic Health Record systems. To the extent possible, the program must be expanded to include the administration of naloxone and other opioid overdose antidotes.

~~(E)~~(F) In order to provide comprehensive treatment, from the point of incarceration, to individuals charged with criminal offenses who suffer from any substance use disorder that is treatable with medication, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services must solicit potential cooperation from law enforcement, the state's solicitors, Magistrate Courts and Circuit Courts, to establish a diversion program in at least one judicial circuit. This program shall provide both behavioral and medical treatment, consultations with peer support specialists, and continued supervision of participants who are released, which may include electronic monitoring.

~~(F)~~(G) The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Department of Health and Human Services shall also coordinate with at least one four-year college or university and one two-year technical college with on-campus dormitories to establish pilot programs for Collegiate Recovery Programs to target intervention and the retention of students. These programs must offer academic support in designated spaces that provide for group meetings, clinical support, technology access, and academic advising, to assist students in recovery.

117.124 AMEND (GP: Medical Marijuana Research) Authorizes the USC College of Pharmacy and MUSC, to the extent permitted and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, to acquire pharmaceutical grade marijuana, and similar compounds to use for research and clinical trials to develop potential therapeutic agents for certain illnesses. Authorizes USC and MUSC to work with other public and private entities to conduct the research and clinical trials as permitted by federal law and regs. Directs USC and MUSC, by the first day of the 2024 legislative session, to provide the General Assembly with a written summary of actions taken and material findings, if any, resulting from these activities.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.124.(GP: Medical Marijuana Research) (A) With funds provided in this fiscal year, the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy and the Medical University of South Carolina are authorized, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, to undertake the following actions: acquire pharmaceutical grade marijuana, marijuana extracts, semi-pure isolates, and purified compounds including, but not limited to, THC, CBD, CBO, cannabitol, and cannabigerol for use in research and clinical trials to develop potential therapeutic agents for epilepsy, Dravet's Syndrome, chronic pain, cancer, reduction of nausea, and vomiting induced by chemotherapy, glaucoma, obesity, multiple sclerosis, drug abuse, inflammation, and autoimmune disorders, including encephalomyelitis.

(B) The University of South Carolina and the Medical University of the South Carolina are further authorized to form collaborations, agreements, and partnerships with other public and private entities in order to conduct this research and clinical trials, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, as well as to pursue both public and private funding. Further, the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina are directed to provide to the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, on or before the first day of the ~~2024~~ 2025 legislative session, with a written summary of the actions they have undertaken pursuant to this proviso and the material findings, if any, resulting from such activities.

117.126 AMEND (GP: School Resource Officer Critical Needs) allow any Class 1 law enforcement officer who retired under PORS on or before December 31, 2017, to return to work with a public school district as a critical needs School Resource Officer without affecting their PORS monthly allowance. Directs the Law Enforcement Training Council to develop guidelines for these officers to be recertified and to not require them to be recertified through basic training.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.126.(GP: School Resource Officer Critical Needs) Any Class 1 law enforcement officer who retired under the Police Officers Retirement System on or before December 31, ~~2017~~ 2023, may return to employment with a public school district as a critical needs School Resource Officer without affecting the monthly retirement allowance that they are receiving from the Police Officers Retirement System. The Law Enforcement Training Council must develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified and must not require recertification through basic training for those that have been inactive for a year or more.

117.129 AMEND (GP: New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam) Prohibits DHEC from using appropriated funds to process and approve any license, permit, authorization, or certification related to the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam that is not consistent with the State's policy and General Assembly's intent to maintain the existing water quality and navigability conditions of that portion of the Savannah River.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Environmental Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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117.129.(GP: New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam) The Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control~~ *Environmental Services* is prohibited from using any appropriated funds to process and approve any license, permit, authorization, or certification related to the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam inconsistent with the State's policy and the General Assembly's intent of maintaining the existing water quality and navigability conditions of that portion of the Savannah River in and around the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam. Consistency may occur by including conditions on any proposed project for the maintenance of the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam pool at elevation 114.5 NAVD88 for the preservation of adequate and sufficient water quality, navigation, water supply, and recreational activities.

117.131 AMEND (GP: Offshore Oil) Prohibits funds appropriated or authorized to DHEC or to local government entities to be expended to approve a plan, permit, license application or other authorization for: (1) the transportation of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas into the state's territorial waters or onto its lands, from offshore oil and gas production platforms and related infrastructure in the Atlantic Ocean; (2) for exploration, development, or production of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas from within the state's territorial waters; and (3) for exploration, development, or production of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas in the Atlantic Ocean. Provides definitions for development, exploration, production and territorial waters of SC.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change reference from DHEC to the Department of Environmental Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.131.(GP: Offshore Oil) (A) For the current fiscal year, no funds appropriated or authorized to the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control~~ *Environmental Services*, or to local governmental entities, including but not limited to counties, municipalities and special purpose districts, may be expended to approve a plan, permit, license application or other authorization for:

(1) the construction or use of infrastructure for which the principal purpose is to facilitate the transportation of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas into the territorial waters of South Carolina, or onto the lands of South Carolina, from offshore oil and gas production platforms and related infrastructure in the Atlantic Ocean;

(2) activities for which the principal purpose is the exploration, development, or production of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas from within the territorial waters of South Carolina; or

(3) activities for which the principal purpose is the exploration, development, or production of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas in the Atlantic Ocean.

(B) For purposes of this proviso:

(1) "Development" means the design, planning, permitting, licensing, authorization or construction of infrastructure for which the principal purpose is the production of oil or gas.

(2) "Exploration" means any activity for which the principal purpose is to define, characterize, test for or evaluate oil or gas resources for possible commercial development or production.

(3) "Production" means any activity for which the principal purpose is to engage in, monitor, or conduct operations or maintenance related to the active extraction of unrefined or unprocessed oil or gas.

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(4) "Territorial waters of South Carolina" means waters located within the state of South Carolina and waters of the Atlantic Ocean extending out to three nautical miles from the mean low-water mark of South Carolina's naturally occurring coastline.

117.133 AMEND (GP: Transfer Student Credits) Directs CHE to continue to work in consultation with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and public institutions of higher learning, to develop policies and implement recommendations of the South Carolina Transfer Task Force's Transfer and Articulation Action Plan by 4/30/24. Requires the commission to provide a report of the policies to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and House Education and Public Works Committee by April 30, 2024.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.133.(GP: Transfer Student Credits) The Commission on Higher Education shall continue to work with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the public institutions of higher learning to develop policies, to implement the recommendations of the South Carolina Transfer Task Force's Transfer and Articulation Action Plan. Implementation of the provisions shall be effective no later than April 30, ~~2024~~ 2025. The Commission shall report on the implementation of these policies to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and House Education and Public Works Committee by April 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

117.134 AMEND (GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) Exempts permanent improvement projects from the requirements of Section 2-47-50 where the project cost is at least \$1,000,000 but not greater than \$5,000,000 at public research universities and not greater than \$2,000,000 at all other public institutions of higher learning. Directs that a project is not considered approved unless the institution's governing board has voted for approval in a public session. Requires institutions provide a report of approved projects to the CHE Chairman, to JBRC, and to SFAA by November 15th.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "five" and insert "ten" and delete "two" and insert "five." Adds the previous year's approved projects to the reporting requirement.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.134.(GP: Permanent Improvement Projects) For the current fiscal year, permanent improvement projects, as defined in Title 2, Chapter 47 of the 1976 Code, where the cost is at least one million dollars but not greater than ~~five~~ ten million dollars for public research universities and not greater than ~~two~~ five million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50, except that a project shall not be considered approved without an institution's governing board having first voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this provision to the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of the previous fiscal year's approved projects that meet the same criteria of this provision by November 15th of the current fiscal year.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.137.(GP: Statewide Strategic Personnel Budgeting) (A) To encourage consistency in human resources compensation decisions, support data driven decisions regarding expenditure of funds for personnel in state government, and improve the state's ability to recruit and retain top talent, all state agencies are directed as follows:

(1)With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget plan submission, agencies shall submit all human resources and personnel related budget requests to the Department of Administration's Executive Budget Office and Division of State Human Resources on or before ~~September~~ August 1 of the current fiscal year. The Executive Budget Office and the Division of State Human Resources shall jointly review the budget requests and make recommendations for funding consideration. These funding recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

(2)Agencies shall comply with all human resources rules, regulations, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the Division of State Human Resources.

(B) The Judicial Department, Legislative Department, political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies are exempt from the requirements of this provision.

117.142 AMEND (GP: Employee Compensation) Provides a plan to distribute employee pay increases for FY 2023-24. Directs EBO to review Executive Branch agencies to determine whether their budgets warrant an increase in other fund authorization due to the pay raise and if so, to work with the Comptroller General to increase the authorization for the affected agencies. Directs that allocations associated with the increases for retirement employer contributions be based on the rate of the retirement system in which employees participate. Authorizes the use of excess funding for statewide employer contributions for other statewide purposes and allow the unexpended funds to be carried forward.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the distributed pay increase to \$1,000 for FTEs making \$66,667 and under and 1.5% for FTEs making over \$66,667. Updates fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.142.(GP: Employee Compensation) (A) The amounts appropriated to F300-Statewide Employee Benefits for Employee Pay Increases must be allocated by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office to the various state agencies to provide for employee pay increases in accordance with the following plan:

(1) With respect to classified and non-judge judicial classified employees, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the compensation

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of all classified employees shall be increased by ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667.

(2) With respect to unclassified and non-judge judicial unclassified employees or unclassified executive compensation system employees not elsewhere covered in this act, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year the compensation of all unclassified employees shall be increased by ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667. Any employee subject to the provisions of this paragraph shall not be eligible for compensation increases provided in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

(3) With respect to unclassified employees of institutions of higher education and technical colleges eligible in this item, institutions and technical colleges are authorized to allot the total funds for compensation increases among individual employees without uniformity. The funds provided for compensation increases for any employee subject to the provisions of this item are based on an annual average ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 increase and may be based on performance.

(4) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, agency heads not covered by the Agency Head Salary Commission, shall receive an annualized base pay increase of ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667.

(5) With respect to Transformation Coaches at the Department of Education, compensation shall be increased by ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for Transformation Coaches making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for Transformation Coaches making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667.

~~(6) With respect to local health care providers, compensation increases shall be five percent effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year. School Bus Driver salary and fringe funding to school districts shall be increased by five~~ one and a half percent.

(7) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the Chief Justice and other judicial officers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667.

(8) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, county auditors and county treasurers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of ~~five~~ one and a half percent.

(B) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, the Executive Budget Office is directed to review Executive Branch agencies to determine whether their budgets warrant another fund authorization increase due to the ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000 for FTEs making ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 and under and ~~five~~ one and a half percent for FTEs making over ~~\$50,000~~ \$66,667 compensation increase for all full-time employees. If so warranted, the Executive Budget Office shall work with the Office of the Comptroller General to increase such authorization for the affected agencies.

(C) The Department of Administration shall allocate associated compensation increases for retirement employer contributions based on the retirement rate of the retirement system in which individual employees participate.

(D) The Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority is authorized to use excess appropriations for the current fiscal year designated for statewide employer contributions for other statewide purposes. At the discretion of the Executive Director of the

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State Fiscal Accountability Authority, such action may be considered a permanent transfer into the receiving agency's base budget.

(E) Funds appropriated in Part IA, F300, Section 106, Statewide Employee Benefits may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

117.144 AMEND (GP: Behavioral Health Capacity) Directs DHHS to coordinate with DMH, DHEC, DAODAS, and other relevant agencies to examine effectiveness in the existing statewide system for the delivery of Medicaid and non-Medicaid behavioral health services. Directs DHHS with the support of DMH to assess gaps in coverage of psychiatric care, crisis stabilization, and other behavioral health services. Directs DHHS, upon the assessment, to establish coverage and reimbursement policies to address deficiencies and improve behavioral health services. Provides for the strategies and policies that may be piloted to improve behavioral health services. Requires the Data Oversight Council, DHEC, and any other state agency to provide information on behavioral health service to DHHS if requested. Directs the Data Oversight Council to established data collection procedures. Direct the DHHS director, with support from other state health agency directors, to assess opportunities to improve substance use disorder or serious mental illness treatments. Directs DHHS, DJJ, and DMH to ensure access to “no eject, no reject” services is restored to children and adolescents who require this specific care. Directs DMH to examine ways to convert state-funded indigent care to a sustainable reimbursement model improving access to behavioral health treatment while reducing their reliance on state funds, and to provide a report on the results of this examination. Directs DMH to also contract for an independent review of its revenue cycle and ensure its compliance with hospital price transparency rules. Requires DHHS, with support of SDE and DMH, to improve access to and the quality of school-based behavioral health services and identify the disparities and availability of the care and provides for the requirements of this effort. Authorizes DHHS to establish and fund various pilot projects or initiatives intended to develop the health care workforce and provides for the requirements of this effort. Directs DHHS to consult with DMH to assess the feasibility and potentially establish a statewide system for near-real time tracking of in-patient psychiatric hospital beds and crisis stabilization beds and provides for the requirements of such system. Authorizes DHHS to enter contracts and agreements, offer grants, and otherwise expend funds, establish demonstration projects, develop policies and procedures to assure accountability in the expenditure of these funds, and apply for federal matching when available. Requires DHHS to report annually to the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee on the expenditures made under this provision. Allows funds appropriated for Behavioral Health Capacity to be retained by DHHS and carried forward to be expended for any purpose in this provision.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change references from DHEC to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.144.(GP: Behavioral Health Capacity) (A) The Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Department of Mental Health , the Department of *Public* Health and ~~Environmental Control~~, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and all other relevant agencies shall examine and analyze the existing statewide system for the delivery of Medicaid and non-Medicaid behavioral health services to assess the system’s effectiveness in:

(1) providing a range and supply of treatment options and settings that are appropriate to meet the varying needs of individual patients;

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(2) being responsive to changes in federal law, regulation, or policy that improve access to care and/or associated reimbursement, particularly where related to the treatment of patients in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs);

(3) being economical in its approach, so as to obtain the greatest value possible for each state taxpayer dollar; and

(4) ensuring that the statewide system for the delivery of behavioral health services complies with the requirements of Section 44-9-90(7) ~~of the 1976 Code~~.

(B) With the support of the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Human Services shall undertake an effort to assess existing gaps in coverage for or the supply of inpatient psychiatric care, crisis stabilization, and other inpatient or outpatient behavioral health services. Based upon this assessment, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish, or with the full cooperation of any other requested state agency, request the establishment of coverage and reimbursement policies that it deems necessary to address existing deficiencies and bring about a more comprehensive and effective continuum of behavioral health care in South Carolina. Priorities for this effort may be piloted on a regional basis and shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) increasing the number of beds available to provide inpatient psychiatric care, with emphasis on communities with the greatest current need, and using the appropriate combination of new construction, augmentation or reconfiguration of existing facilities, or contracting with psychiatric or acute care hospitals to obtain short-term capacity;

(2) establishing crisis stabilization beds and services to provide needed short-term medication, counseling, and other support in previously unserved areas of the State, working toward the goal of having such services available within a 90-minute drive of each South Carolinian, and with coverage and reimbursement being funded through Medicaid for its beneficiaries or through the Department of Mental Health for indigent care, regardless of the provider of these services;

(3) formalizing and expanding the coverage of claims-based mobile crisis stabilization services that offer rapid and intensive interventions intended to stabilize individuals at the sites of behavioral health crises;

(4) developing one or more regional dedicated psychiatric emergency departments, operating twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week to effectively evaluate and triage patients experiencing acute behavioral health emergencies;

(5) developing effective referral and discharge strategies and engaging with existing community providers to ensure that sufficient outpatient services, case management services, and standards of care are in place;

(6) leveraging and building upon existing telehealth capacity to support and extend outpatient services; and

(7) promoting the development of in-state treatment options for specific behavioral health conditions for which patients are routinely placed out-of-state due to an insufficiency of treatment options or settings in South Carolina.

(C) The Executive Director of the Public Employee Benefit Authority shall be encouraged to consult with the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to make appropriate coverage and reimbursement policy changes to ensure proper access to behavioral health services for covered beneficiaries.

(D) The Data Oversight Council, established pursuant to Section 44-6-170 ~~of the 1976 Code~~, shall undertake whatever rulemaking is necessary to ensure that the data on the utilization of crisis stabilization units are collected in a manner generally consistent with the requirements for

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general acute care hospitals and specialized hospitals, so that the effectiveness of these services may be properly evaluated. The Data Oversight Council, Department of ~~Public Health and Environmental Control~~, and any other state agency shall, upon the request of and in the format specified by the Department of Health and Human Services, furnish information on behavioral health service demand, utilization, or financing needed to facilitate the implementation of this provision.

(E) With the support of the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and any other identified agency head, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall evaluate opportunities to improve and/or coordinate treatment capacity for individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder and/or serious mental illness including, but not limited to, options established pursuant to Sections 1115, 1915(l), and/or 1947 of the Social Security Act or made available to states by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through State Medicaid Director Letters 17-003, 18-011, or 19-0003.

(F) In consultation with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that access to “no eject, no reject” services is restored for children and adolescents requiring care in a private residential treatment facility.

(G) To ensure that individuals requiring behavioral health services are protected from unexpected or excessive billings, the Department of Mental Health shall examine ways to convert state-funded or DSH-funded indigent care to a sustainable reimbursement model that improves access to behavioral health treatment while potentially reducing uncompensated care levels and the department’s reliance on state funds. In the current fiscal year, the department shall report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the results of this examination and the actions taken to address any findings. The department also shall:

(1) contract for an exhaustive independent review of its entire revenue cycle, to eliminate inefficiencies and improve business processes, ensure that bills are produced on a timely and accurate basis, and assess and maximize the proportion of the time during which the department’s clinicians and providers are rendering chargeable treatment services to the State’s citizens; and

(2) ensure its immediate and ongoing compliance with the hospital price transparency rules established at 45 C.F.R. Part 180, and also meet its obligation to provide certain patients with good faith estimates as required by the No Surprises Act, P.L. 116-260, and subsequent regulation.

(H) With the support and participation of the Department of Education and the Department of Mental Health, and with the intent of assuring access to behavioral health services to every student in the State through either a public or private provider, the Department of Health and Human Services must lead a comprehensive effort to improve access to and the quality of school-based behavioral health services in South Carolina, while identifying and taking steps to address community-level disparities in the availability of this care. This effort shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the performance of a comprehensive review of Medicaid and non-Medicaid school-based behavioral health services in South Carolina, including an assessment of the availability of such services and the identification of any barriers to access, such as coverage and reimbursement rules, billing practices, other insurer policies, state agency, school district rules or procedures, or provider shortages;

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(2) a revisitation of existing coverage policies for medically necessary services provided to children, including those with or without a disability determination, and whether those services are or are not required by a child's individualized education plan or individualized family services plan, whether they do or do not arise from a referral under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program, and in the context of State Medicaid Director Letter 14-006;

(3) the rescission of any Medicaid or PEBA policies that deny coverage, solely on the basis that those services are being provided within a school or through a telehealth encounter that originates in a school, of medically necessary outpatient services that have been furnished to eligible children by enrolled and qualified providers;

(4) the issuance of any new Medicaid policies needed to durably enshrine any appropriate telehealth coverage that had been authorized on a temporary basis during the public health emergency;

(5) a review of statewide and school district-level policies and practices relating to suicide risk referral protocols and behavioral health training for student-facing personnel in schools; and

(6) reporting to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on any other relevant potential policy changes that the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services believes would advance the intent of this provision, but which would have a fiscal impact that is sufficiently substantial to require the General Assembly's direct consideration in the future.

(I) The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to establish programs and/or fund in whole or in part, including through the potential use of CHIP Health Services Initiatives, various pilot projects or other initiatives that are intended to develop the health care workforce in South Carolina. Such efforts must be targeted toward current or future providers who demonstrate, by whatever means is selected by the department, commitments to remaining in-state and including Medicaid beneficiaries among their patients. The development of the behavioral health workforce shall be prioritized, although the department may also address other provider classes, such as respiratory therapists, for which shortages have been highlighted and/or exacerbated by the public health emergency. Further consideration also should be given to attracting additional qualified preceptors and increasing opportunities for clinical rotations. The department may partner with or enlist the support of the Technical College System, Area Health Education Centers, and/or Student Loan Corporation in designing or administering these programs and, where appropriate, is encouraged to structure them as public-private partnerships in conjunction with the state's hospital and health systems and other key employers of health providers.

(J) If either the Director of the Department of Mental Health or the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services finds that state personnel and/or procurement rules are limiting his ability to fulfill the intent of this provision, he shall notify the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of this in writing and request whatever exemptions are necessary to ensure that clinical staff may be recruited, retained, and/or contracted for so as to provide greater access to behavioral health treatment.

(K) In consultation with the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Human Services shall assess the feasibility of, and if warranted, take steps to establish or obtain through grant, contract, subscription, or other procurement, a statewide system for the near-real time tracking of in-patient psychiatric hospital beds and crisis stabilization beds. This system should be generally designed to draw data from providers' existing electronic medical record

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systems and make summary-level data available to authorized users within state agencies, participating provider organizations, and any others to be specified by the Department of Health and Human Services, for the purposes of managing critical resources and ensuring that patients may be promptly treated in the most effective and clinically appropriate setting. To protect patient privacy and ensure HIPAA compliance, the system may only collect information on the types, counts, and availability of beds, or other categorical or aggregated information, as opposed to individually identifying patient details. In partnership with the following named agencies, the Department of Health and Human Services may also explore and pursue the use of such a system:

(1) to meet the emergency preparedness and disaster recovery requirements of the Department of ~~Public Health and Environmental Control~~ and the Emergency Management Division that are currently met by the Bed Availability Report Tracking system; and/or

(2) to augment or replace the capabilities of the Department on Aging's GetCareSC website.

(L) From the funds appropriated to or otherwise made available to it, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to procure, enter into contracts and agreements, offer grants, and otherwise expend funds as well as establish demonstration projects in one or more areas of the state to encourage and promote necessary infrastructure and investment to achieve the objectives set out in this provision. The department shall develop policies and procedures as necessary to assure accountability in the expenditure of these funds and apply for federal matching funds when appropriate and available. The department shall report annually to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on all expenditures made under this provision.

(M) Crisis stabilization unit facilities established or funded pursuant to this provision shall be eligible for licensure under Regulation 61-125 without being owned or operated by the Department of Mental Health.

(N) Funds appropriated for Behavioral Health Capacity may be retained by the Department of Health and Human Services and carried forward to be expended for any purpose specified in this provision.

117.145 DELETE (GP: Mental Health Transportation) Directs that funds appropriated to DMH for the Alternative Transportation Program be used to transport individuals pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 17, Title 44, relating to custody and admission of persons requiring immediate care. Allows the department to amend the contract to add additional counties. Directs that when transportation is provided through the program, the written agreement provided for in Section 44-17-440(A) shall not be required. Directs the authority to provide a report by January 15, 2024, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees on program implementation and any projected cost overrun.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

117.145. (GP: Mental Health Transportation) ~~(A) Funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for the Alternative Transportation Program shall exclusively be used to support the transportation of individuals pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 17, Title 44 of the 1976 Code and as defined herein. These funds may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.~~

~~(B) In accordance with the terms of the contract awarded pursuant to Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 117.154, the Department may elect to amend the contract to add additional counties.~~

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~~(C) When transportation is provided through this Alternative Transportation Program, the written agreement described in Section 44-17-440(A) of the 1976 Code shall not be required.~~

~~(D) No later than January 15, 2024, the authority shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a report on the implementation of this program. The report shall include a projection of the annualized amount by which the cost of a statewide Alternative Transportation Program might, at full implementation, exceed the amount appropriated for the program in the current fiscal year.~~

117.146 AMEND (GP: Rare Disease Advisory Council) Establishes the South Carolina Rare Disease Council at MUSC for the purpose of advising the Governor, General Assembly, and other stakeholders on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education on rare diseases as defined by 21 U.S.C. Section 360bb, relating to the designation of drugs for rare diseases or conditions. Provides for composition of the fifteen member council. Directs that the first meeting be convened by October 31 and that public meetings be held at least quarterly. Requires the council conduct specific activities to benefit rare disease patients. Directs that an annual report be provided by June 30 to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Medical Affairs, House Ways and Means, and House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committees. Directs the department to use up to \$250,000 to contract with MUSC to provide staff support and set up a public website that shall include the annual reports, meeting notices and minutes, and resources.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete reference to DHEC and change to the Department of Public Health. Amends the council members from “fifteen” to “sixteen” and adds the Director of the Greenwood Genetic Center to the council.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.146.(GP: Rare Disease Advisory Council) (A) For the current fiscal year, there shall be established the South Carolina Rare Disease Council, to be housed within the Medical University of South Carolina. The council shall advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and other stakeholders on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education related to rare diseases as defined by 21 U.S.C. Section 360bb.

(B) The council shall be composed of ~~fifteen~~ sixteen members and shall be appointed as follows:

(1) one member appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~;

(2) one member appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(3) one member from the Medical University of South Carolina as appointed by the President;

(4) one member from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine as appointed by the Dean;

(5) one member appointed by the Executive Director of the South Carolina Hospital Association;

(6) one member appointed by the Executive Director of the South Carolina Primary Healthcare Association;

(7) one member representing the biopharma industry as appointed by the President of the Medical University of South Carolina;

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(8) three members with experience in the research and treatment of rare disease, one of whom must specialize in pediatrics, as appointed by the President of the Medical University of South Carolina;

(9) two members who are patients diagnosed with a rare disease as appointed by the President of the Medical University of South Carolina;

(10) one member from a rare disease organization operating in the state as appointed by the President of the Medical University of South Carolina;

(11) one caregiver of a person with a rare disease as appointed by the President of the Medical University of South Carolina; ~~and~~

(12) one member representing the state health plan as appointed by the Executive Director of the State Public Benefit Authority; *and*

(13) the Director of the Greenwood Genetic Center or his designee.

(C) The council shall convene its first meeting by October 31 and hold public meetings at least quarterly throughout the year. The council shall, at a minimum, conduct the following activities to benefit rare disease patients in South Carolina:

(1) solicit comments from stakeholders, including patients and patient caregivers in South Carolina impacted by rare diseases, to assess the needs of rare-disease patients, caregivers, and providers in the State;

(2) consult with experts on rare diseases to develop recommendations to improve patient access to and quality of rare-disease specialists, affordable and comprehensive health care coverage, relevant diagnostics, timely treatment, and other needed services;

(3) research and identify priorities related to treatments and services provided to persons with rare diseases in South Carolina and develop recommendations that include safeguards against discrimination for these populations on such issues, including disaster and public health emergency-related planning;

(4) publish a list of existing, publicly accessible resources on research, diagnosis, treatment, and education relating to the rare diseases in South Carolina;

(5) identify and distribute educational resources to foster recognition and optimize treatment of rare diseases in South Carolina; and

(6) identify best practices to reduce health disparities and achieve health equity in the research, diagnosis, and treatment of rare diseases in South Carolina.

(D) The council shall provide an annual report no later than June 30 to the Governor, 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 House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee. The annual report shall describe the activities and progress of the council and provide recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on ways to address the needs of people living with rare diseases in the State of South Carolina.

(E) Of the funding appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, up to \$250,000 shall be used to contract with MUSC Hospital Authority to provide staff support to the council and maintain a public website that shall include the annual reports, meeting notices and minutes, and the resources developed as part of subsection (C). Members of the council shall serve without compensation or per diem.

117.148 AMEND (GP: Electricity Market Reform) Directs that the Electricity Market Reform Measures Study Committee issue a report on its findings no later than January 31, 2024. Directs that the committee may continue to meet past that date and issue additional reports.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.148.(GP: Electricity Market Reform) The Electricity Market Reform Measures Study Committee shall issue a report on its work to the General Assembly no later than January 31, ~~2024~~ 2025; however, nothing in this provision prohibits the committee from continuing to meet past January 31, ~~2024~~ 2025 and issue additional reports pursuant to Act 187 of 2020.

117.149 AMEND (GP: Homestead Exemption Fund) Suspends Section 11-11-156(C), relating to reimbursement of school districts from homestead exemption fund.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.149.(GP: Homestead Exemption Fund) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, Section 11-11-156(C) of the 1976 Code is suspended.

117.152 AMEND (GP: Disinfection and Cleaning) Allows agencies and political subdivisions to utilize federal funds to implement cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection to meet the most current requirements issued by DHEC. Directs that all cleaning, disinfection, and sanitization products shall be able to be safely used on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, and adds qualifications for these products to meet. Directs that disinfecting and sanitizing of public spaces may include the use of a residual antimicrobial, electrostatic spraying application, and ultraviolet technology. Requires all related products and services to be independently lab tested and any electrical products to have a UL listing. Requires vendors providing these services to have evidence of industry experience and expertise.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the reference to DHEC and update to the Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.152.(GP: Disinfection and Cleaning) (A) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, agencies and political subdivisions, including public school districts, may implement or procure cleaning, sanitization, and disinfection services and products that, at a minimum, meet the most current requirements and guidelines issued by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ to mitigate the impact of any COVID-19 strains, as well as other communicable diseases. All cleaning, disinfection, and sanitization products should be able to be safely used on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis and meet the following qualifications, as aligned with current ~~DHEC~~ DPH guidelines:

(1)be on the EPA approved disinfectant list;

(2)be a broad-spectrum disinfectant that kills 99.9% of bacteria and viruses, including COVID-19, norovirus, influenza, e-coli, mold, fungi, and odor causing bacteria;

(3)be safe for use on multiple solid surfaces without leaving a residue; and

(4)be recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture as safe for use around food, including for use in cafeterias, kitchens, and other areas where food is prepared or consumed.

(B) The preferred method for widespread disinfection and sanitization of public spaces, after all necessary and recommended cleaning, may include the use of a residual antimicrobial, electrostatic spraying application on surfaces and utilize ultraviolet (UV-C) technology for indoor

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air quality (IAQ) pursuant to CDC guidelines. All related products and services require independent lab testing for verification of claims, and an Underwriters Lab (UL) listing for any electrical products. When vendors are procured to provide such services the vendor must have evidence of industry experience and expertise.

117.154 AMEND (GP: In-State Tuition Mitigation) States that specific recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher education to mitigate tuition and mandatory fee increases. Requires institutions, in order to retain these funds, to certify to CHE by August 15, 2023, that, except for tuition increases due to required pension and state health plan increases, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2023-24 academic year. Directs CHE to develop a certification process and requires any institution that is unable to provide the certification to remit their recurring allocation listed in this provision to the General Fund by September 15, 2023. Directs CHE, by November 1, 2023, to report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees and to EBO the institutions that did not meet the certification requirement and directs EBO to reduce the recurring appropriation for non-compliant institutions.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update appropriated amounts and fiscal year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

(1) The Citadel	\$ 2,102,077 <u>1,167,821</u> ;
(2) Clemson University	\$ 18,357,408 <u>10,198,560</u> ;
(3) University of Charleston	\$ 7,171,550 <u>3,984,195</u> ;
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$ 5,502,820 <u>3,057,122</u> ;
(5) Francis Marion University	\$ 4,750,310 <u>2,639,061</u> ;
(6) Lander University	\$ 4,398,129 <u>2,443,405</u> ;
(7) South Carolina State University	\$ 2,723,896 <u>1,513,276</u> ;
(8) University of South Carolina-Columbia	\$ 21,843,445 <u>12,135,247</u> ;
(9) University of South Carolina-Aiken	\$ 3,814,830 <u>2,119,350</u> ;
(10) University of South Carolina-Upstate	\$ 5,780,713 <u>3,211,507</u> ;
(11) University of South Carolina-Beaufort	\$ 2,414,362 <u>1,341,312</u> ;
(12) University of South Carolina-Lancaster	\$ 2,268,538 <u>1,260,299</u> ;
(13) University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie	\$ 923,098 <u>512,832</u> ;
(14) University of South Carolina-Sumter	\$ 1,968,634 <u>1,093,686</u> ;
(15) University of South Carolina-Union	\$ 1,363,324 <u>757,402</u> ;
(16) Winthrop University	\$ 4,616,866 <u>2,564,926</u> ;

and

(17) Medical University of South Carolina	\$ 6,858,753 <u>7,500,000</u> .
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(B) In order to retain the above appropriations, each institution of higher learning listed above must certify to the Commission on Higher Education by August 15, ~~2023~~ 2024, there is no in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase, excluding increases in auxiliary fees, for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-25 academic year.

(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall develop the process by which institutions provide the certification. Any institution unable to provide such certification to the commission

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shall remit their respective above recurring allocation to the General Fund by September 15, ~~2023~~ 2024.

(D) By November 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Executive Budget Office the institutions that failed to certify that the in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase met the guidelines outlined in this provision. The Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.

- 117.158 DELETE** (GP: Human Affairs Commission and Commission for Minority Affairs Merger Study) Directs DOA to develop a plan to merge the Human Affairs Commission and Commission for Minority Affairs. Provides for plan requirements and directs that the plan be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and the Governor by December 1, 2023.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~117.158.(GP: Human Affairs Commission and Commission for Minority Affairs Merger Study) The Department of Administration shall develop a plan merging the Human Affairs Commission and Commission for Minority Affairs. The plan shall include, but is not limited to, proposed organizational structure, proposed program structure, and proposed budgetary and human resources changes to perform the functions of the two existing agencies in the event of a merger of the two agencies. The Human Affairs Commission and the Commission for Minority Affairs shall each provide any information requested by the department for the completion of the plan. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor by December 1, 2023.~~

- 117.159 AMEND** (GP: Statewide Mobile Health Units) Authorizes the SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare to provide coordination and assistance to mobile health units in SC. Provides the actions the center may do in support of increasing access to health care and reducing health inequities in the state. Directs the center to be available to support implementation strategies and provide organization and collaboration.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change the fiscal year reference to “the current fiscal year” and change the reference from DHEC to Department of Public Health.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

~~117.159.(GP: Statewide Mobile Health Units) For Fiscal Year 2023-24~~ the current fiscal year, the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare may provide coordination and requested technical assistance to mobile health units in South Carolina, in order to coordinate statewide delivery of services to increase access to preventative and diagnostic health care, and reduce health inequities for rural, vulnerable, underserved, and displaced populations in South Carolina. To support this goal, the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare shall: 1) be authorized to identify and maintain a directory of currently operating mobile health units, the areas of the state in which they serve, and the scope of services they provide, and the populations served by the mobile health unit; 2) offer technical assistance to these units, and any established in the future, in the form of operational, technical, or logistical guidance and consultation as requested; 3) provide collaborative learning and development opportunities for

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mobile health units to engage in best practices and increase access to underserved populations or communities; 4) partner with the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie and Denmark Technical College, other public institutions of higher education, state serving healthcare organization and other state serving agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of *Public* Health and ~~Environmental Control~~ to develop coordinating systems, support, training and health education services to meet the workforce needs of mobile health units and the communities that they serve; and also to develop competencies related to providing high impact mobile health services; and 5) initiate analyses and evaluation on the impact of services delivered through mobile health units. The center shall be available to assist and support implementation strategies driven by local, regional, and state data and research and aligned efforts, and may provide organization and collaboration among mobile health units and any units that may begin operating in the future.

117.160 DELETE (GP: Palmetto Autism Study Committee) Directs that the committee be housed in HHS with the department providing administrative services and support. Provides guidelines for and composition of the committee. Directs the committee to provide a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 15, 2024.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**117.160.**(GP: Palmetto Autism Study Committee) (A) The Palmetto Autism Study Committee shall be housed in the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The study committee shall address, but is not limited to, the following issues:~~

~~(1) the best ways to ensure the timely evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of autism for individuals aged eighteen and under and their families;~~

~~(2) the need for and viability of development of statewide autism centers of excellence that engage in the training of practitioners and advanced treatment practices and research related to autism;~~

~~(3) reviewing and evaluating the accessibility to initial autism evaluations and Medicaid eligibility to identify any barriers to diagnosis and enrollment; and~~

~~(4) methods by which financial assistance can be provided to families in order to obtain needed autism services.~~

~~(B) The study committee shall be composed of members appointed as follows:~~

~~(1) two appointees by the Governor, one of which may be a parent of an autistic child;~~

~~(2) three appointees by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, one of which may be a House member, one of which may be a practitioner, and one of which may be a parent of an autistic child;~~

~~(3) three appointees by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, one of which may be a Senate member, one of which may be a practitioner, and one of which may be a parent of an autistic child;~~

~~(4) the director of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee; and~~

~~(5) the director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs or his designee.~~

~~No member of the study committee shall be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement, and no three members of the study committee shall reside in the same public health region of the State.~~

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~~(C) Any administrative services or support for the study committee shall be provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

~~(D) No later than January 15, 2024, the study committee shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a report on its findings and recommendations on the issues contained in this provision.~~

- 117.162 AMEND** (GP: Licensure of Residential Treatment Facilities) Directs DHEC to collaborate with HHS to determine the number of RTF beds needed for in-state services for SC residents. Directs DHEC to use this determination to issue and renew licenses that specifies the percentage of beds to be staffed and reserved for SC residents.
WMC: AMEND proviso to change references from DHEC to the Department of Public Health.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.162.(GP: Licensure of Residential Treatment Facilities) From the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Public Health and Environmental Control shall collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the number of Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) beds needed to ensure availability of in-state services for South Carolina residents. In accordance with this determination, ~~DHEC~~ DPH shall use RTF license application and renewal fees to issue and renew licenses only in a manner that specifies the percentage of beds each RTF must staff and reserve for South Carolina residents.

- 117.164 AMEND** (GP: Millage Calculations) Allows a municipality additional and permanent adjustment to its general operating millage rate increase limitation due to population growth for any increase that would have happened in FY 2021-22 but was not known because of the delayed Census release. Directs the calculation to be made from the July 1, 2020 census population estimates.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.164.(GP: Millage Calculation) For Fiscal Year ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-25, a municipality is allowed an additional and permanent adjustment to its general operating millage rate increase limitation for population growth, calculated pursuant to Section 6-1-320, for any increase that would have been allowed in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 but was not known because of the delayed release of the 2020 Census. This adjustment must be calculated using the July 1, 2020 census population estimates, as originally published based on the 2020 Census, instead of the July 1, 2019 population estimates based on the 2010 Census.

- 117.165 DELETE** (GP: Coverage for Contraceptives) Directs PEBA and the State Health Plan to cover prescribed contraceptives for dependents. Provides that the State Health Plan shall not apply patient cost sharing provisions to covered employees and that the current approved list of contraceptives is not altered and complies with Proviso 108.4 (Funding Abortions Prohibited).
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.

117.165.(GP: Coverage for Contraceptives) ~~For the plan year beginning in January of the current fiscal year, the Public Employee Benefit Authority and the State Health Plan shall cover~~

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~~prescribed contraceptives for dependents under the same terms and conditions that the Plan provides contraceptive coverage for employees and spouses. The State Health Plan shall not apply patient cost sharing provisions to covered contraceptives. This provision does not alter the current approved list of contraceptives and complies with the requirements of Proviso 108.4.~~

- 117.166 AMEND** (GP: Employee Retention and Recruitment) Appropriates funds to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination Commission and the Commission on Indigent Defense for recruitment and retention. Directs that before funds are disbursed, all Prosecution and Indigent Defense Circuits shall provide a report of current warrants pending. Directs the commissions to provide progress reports to the Chief Administrative Judge of each respective circuit handling the General Sessions docket, the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor's Office, by July 15, 2023, and semiannually thereafter. **WMC:** AMEND proviso to delete that the funds will be appropriated. Deletes the date reference and directs the Commissions to send semiannual progress reports. Adds the report shall include the utilization of the funds that were distributed and how many FTEs have been hired. **HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.166. (GP: Employee Retention and Recruitment) *(A)* For Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25, funds will be appropriated to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination and to the Commission on Indigent Defense for "Assistant Solicitor Personnel and Retention" and "Assistant Public Defender Personnel and Retention." Prior to funds being disbursed to the ~~judicial circuits~~, the Circuit Solicitor and Circuit Public Defender for each judicial circuit shall provide to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination Director and the Commission on Indigent Defense Director, respectively, a report of current warrants pending. The report shall provide the total number of warrants pending in Circuit Court on July 1st of the preceding and current fiscal year, and the total number of warrants disposed of in the previous fiscal year. In addition, the report shall provide the aging categories for pending warrants as follows: (1) those pending 365 days or less; (2) those pending 366 days to 544 days; and (3) the number of warrants pending more than 545 days. Each circuit shall also submit on a semiannual basis an updated report on the current number of warrants pending.

By July 15, 2023, *(B)* The Commission on Prosecution Coordination and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall semiannually report progress updates to the Chief Administrative Judge of each respective circuit handling the General Sessions docket, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor's Office, ~~the manner in which the funds will be distributed~~ The report shall include the utilization of the funds distributed among the circuits, steps taken to retain current employees, the number of new FTEs that ~~will be~~ have been hired, and information obtained from circuits on how these measures will go towards reducing both the number and aging warrants pending.

~~After the initial report is submitted, the Commission on Prosecution Coordination and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall provide semiannual progress updates.~~

- 117.168 DELETE** (GP: Comptroller General Financial Accountability & Remediation Task Force) Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with DOA to conduct a study to evaluate compensation and staffing. Directs that the results of the study shall be reported to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means and the Governor by 12/1/23. Directs the recommended appropriated amount resulting from the study to be the minimum budget request and be submitted by 1/1/24. Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with the Division

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of State Human Resources to present a plan for salary staffing and adjustments to JBRC. Directs that EBO shall not approve transfers from office rehabilitation until the plan is presented.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

117.170 DELETE (GP: Program Transfer) Directs DHEC to work with SDE, DOA, and EBO to transition the Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Program and Evidence-Based Program to SDE no later than June 30, 2024. Authorizes EBO to make necessary permanent transfers to facilitate the program transfer. Requires DHEC to report the progress of the transition to the Chairmen of SFC and WMC by December 1, 2023.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~117.170.(GP: Program Transfer) In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Department of Health and Environmental Control shall work with the Department of Education and the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office, to transition the Abstinence Until Marriage Emerging Program and Abstinence Until Marriage Evidence Based Program to the Department of Education effective no later than June 30, 2024. The Executive Budget Office is authorized to make necessary permanent transfers to facilitate the transfer of these programs. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, no later than December 1, 2023, on the progress of the transition and any necessary proviso and budgetary changes required by the General Assembly to complete the transfer of the programs.~~

117.174 AMEND (GP: JROTC Program) Directs that the Department of Education, collaborating with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General, and EOC shall submit a report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Board of Education by 2/1/24 on the status of JROTC programs in SC public schools.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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117.174.(GP: JROTC Program) By February 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General, and the Education Oversight Committee, shall submit a report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Board of Education on the status of JROTC program offerings in South Carolina public schools. The report shall include recommendations for expanding JROTC program offerings to more South Carolina students.

117.176 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 provide a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 15, 2024 on its findings and recommendations.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct the committee to continue to meet and to update the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.176. (GP: Prostate Cancer Study Committee) (A) For the current fiscal year, ~~there shall be established~~ the South Carolina Prostate Cancer Study Committee. ~~The study committee shall~~ continue to address, but is not limited to addressing, 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;

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- (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.

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

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

(E) No later than January 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, 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.

- 117.177 ADD** (GP: Collaboration on Sexual Violence Prevention) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the SC Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses to produce an annual report on education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs provided by institutions of higher education. Directs that the report be provided to CHE and posted on their website by June 15 of each year.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

117.177. (GP: Collaboration on Sexual Violence Preventions) (A) The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses shall produce an annual report that captures information provided by each institution of higher education regarding education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs related to sexual violence. The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses is directed to provide an annual comprehensive report of this information to the Commission on Higher Education that will be posted to the commission's website. This information shall be available by June 15 of each year.

(B) The South Carolina Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses shall regularly collaborate with, and foster collaboration among, the State's institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and other community partners regarding education and awareness programs, policy training initiatives, and prevention programs related to sexual violence.

- 117.178 ADD** (GP: Polling Location Availability) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that if a county library denies a request by the County Elections Board to use available space at the library as a polling location, then the county shall have a portion of its State Library, Aid to County Libraries funds withheld. Directs the Executive Director of the SEC to notify the State Library and legislative delegation of any refusal.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

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

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

(3) identify any federal funding opportunities in this State;

(4) identify eligible infrastructure and economic development project opportunities;

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(5) assist eligible infrastructure opportunities to address deficiencies across this State; and

(6) undertake other actions necessary to carry out the purpose of the committee.

(B) The committee shall be comprised of:

(1) the Director of the Department of Environmental Services or his designee, who shall serve as chairman;

(2) two members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;

(3) two members of the Senate who serve on the Joint Bond Review Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;

(4) the Commissioner of Agriculture or his designee;

(5) the Secretary of Commerce or his designee;

(6) the Secretary of Transportation or his designee;

(7) the Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee;

(8) the Director of the Office of Resiliency or his designee;

(9) the Director of the Housing Finance and Development Authority or his designee;

(10) the Director of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association or his designee; and

(11) two members appointed by the Governor with experience in the designation and implementation of Opportunity Zones.

(C) The study committee shall work with any other appropriate entities while undertaking its assigned duties.

(D) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide appropriate staffing for the committee.

(E) The committee shall provide recommendations for funding to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2025, at which time the study committee must be dissolved.

117.181 ADD (GP: School Bus Driver Return to Work) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to direct that a school bus driver who retired on or before 12/31/23 may return to work as a school bus driver without affecting the monthly retirement allowance they are receiving from SCRS.

117.181.(GP: School Bus Driver Return to Work) Any school bus driver who retired under the South Carolina Retirement System on or before December 31, 2023, may return to employment with a public school district as a school bus driver without affecting the monthly retirement allowance that they are receiving from the South Carolina Retirement System.

SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

118.1 AMEND (SR: Year End Cutoff) Directs year-end expenditure deadlines.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference and submission date of input documents and electronic workflow for account payable transactions. Requested by the Comptroller General's Office.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

118.1. (SR: Year End Cutoff) Unless specifically authorized herein, the appropriations provided in Part IA of this act as ordinary expenses of the State Government shall lapse on July

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31, ~~2024~~ 2025. State agencies are required to submit all current fiscal year input documents and all electronic workflow for accounts payable transactions to the Office of Comptroller General by ~~July 12, 2024~~ July 14, 2025. Appropriations for Permanent Improvements, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and Joint Bond Review Committee, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided. Appropriations for other specific purposes aside from ordinary operating expenses, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided.

- 118.9 AMEND** (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) Creates the Tax Relief Reserve Fund; directs that accrued interest remain in the fund; and directs the State Treasurer, on December 31, 2023, to transfer from the General Fund any funds identified in this act designated for the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. Directs that the fund may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law and authorizes these funds to be retained, carried forward, and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

118.9. (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) There is created the Tax Relief Reserve Fund, which shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024, the State Treasurer shall transfer funds identified in this act from the General Fund to the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. These funds may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law. Funds within the Tax Relief Reserve Fund shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

- 118.17 DELETE** (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) Appropriates non-recurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2023-24, generated from specific sources.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

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

~~(1) \$1,837,290,224 from Fiscal Year 2022-23 Projected Surplus;~~

~~(2) \$81,946,453 from Litigation Recovery Account;~~

~~(3) \$44,994,688 from COVID-19 Response Reserve Fund Remaining Balance (Act 135 of 2020);~~

~~(4) \$24,300,000 from Act 228 of 2022;~~

~~(5) \$4,283,276 from Act 239 of 2022 Proviso 118.19 Item 3(a);~~

~~(6) \$3,200,000 from Security Fee Revenue in Fund 30370001 shall be transferred to the General Fund by August 31 of the current fiscal year; and~~

~~(7) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.~~

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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 2022-23 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2023-24 after September 1, 2023, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2022-23.

(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 by September 30, 2023, for the purposes stated:

- (1) ~~F310 General Reserve Fund~~
 - (a) ~~General Reserve Fund Contribution~~ \$139,956,882;
 - (b) ~~Additional Reserves~~..... \$ 1;
- (2) ~~H630 State Department of Education~~
 - (a) ~~Agency Technology Equipment and Software~~ \$ 3,150,000;
 - (b) ~~SC School for the Deaf and Blind School Bus Purchase~~ \$ 250,000;
 - (c) ~~SCDE Agency Systems and Performance Reviews~~ \$ 1,000,000;
- (3) ~~H710 Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School~~
 - ~~Renovations and Maintenance~~ \$ 850,000;
- (4) ~~L120 Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe~~
 - (a) ~~Agriculture Shop~~ \$ 1,300,000;
 - (b) ~~De La Howe Hall Renovation~~ \$ 2,100,000;
- (5) ~~H670 Educational Television Commission~~
 - (a) ~~Main Telecommunication Center Physical Infrastructure Upgrades~~ \$ 1,000,000;
 - (b) ~~Transmission and Interconnection Facility Upgrades (Phase 1)~~ \$ 4,000,000;
- (6) ~~H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities~~
 - (a) ~~Dining Hall Expansion and Furniture Replacement (Phase 2)~~ \$ 512,950;
 - (b) ~~Generator Upgrade~~ \$ 190,000;
 - (c) ~~Gym Upgrade / Renovation~~ \$ 400,000;
 - (d) ~~Residence Hall Renovations~~ \$ 5,000,000;
- (7) ~~H650 Governor's School for Science and Math~~
 - ~~Metal Roof Replacement~~ \$ 940,000;
- (8) ~~H030 Commission on Higher Education~~
 - (a) ~~Battelle Alliance at Savannah River National Lab~~ \$40,000,000;
 - (b) ~~Data Migration~~..... \$ 915,000;
- (9) ~~H090 The Citadel~~
 - (a) ~~Duckett Hall Renovation~~ \$ 1;
 - (b) ~~Engineering Building~~..... \$17,500,006;
- (10) ~~H120 Clemson University~~
 - (a) ~~College of Veterinary Medicine~~ \$75,000,000;
 - (b) ~~Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement~~..... \$ 5,630,573;
- (11) ~~H150 University of Charleston~~
 - ~~Maintenance, Renovation, Replacement, and Expansion~~ \$ 7,500,000;

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(12) H240 South Carolina State University	
Turner Hall Replacement.....	\$44,702,850;
(13) H270 University of South Carolina—Columbia	
(a) College of Nursing—Midwifery Program	\$ 635,000;
(b) Law Library Digitization.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(c) Rural Brain Health Network and Brain Health Institute.....	\$ 1;
(d) Science and Technology Center	\$14,000,000;
(14) H290 University of South Carolina—Aiken	
(a) Engineering and Computer Science Equipment	\$ 475,000;
(b) Media Production Lab	\$ 125,000;
(15) H340 University of South Carolina—Upstate Health Education	
Complex Mechanical Repairs.....	\$ 3,512,657;
(16) H390 University of South Carolina—Sumter	
(a) Facilities Upgrades	\$ 1,350,000;
(b) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(17) H400 University of South Carolina—Union	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(18) H470 Winthrop University	
Winthrop Lake Dam Repair.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(19) H510 Medical University of South Carolina—MUSC Hospital	
Authority—SC Children’s Hospital Collaborative Infrastructure	\$ 1,000,000;
(20) H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement:	
(i) Aiken Technical College	\$ 301,162;
(ii) Central Carolina Technical College.....	\$ 1;
(iii) Denmark Technical College	\$ 650,000;
(iv) Florence-Darlington Technical College	\$ 1;
(v) Greenville Technical College	\$ 1;
(vi) Horry-Georgetown Technical College	\$ 1;
(vii) Northeastern Technical College	\$ 1;
(viii) Piedmont Technical College	\$ 3,500,000;
(ix) Spartanburg Community College	\$ 1;
(x) Technical College of the Lowcountry	\$ 1;
(xi) Tri-County Technical College.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(xii) Trident Technical College	\$ 1;
(xiii) York Technical College.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(b) Central Carolina Technical College—Kershaw County	\$10,000,000;
(c) Central Carolina Technical College—Lee County	\$ 5,000,000;
(d) Central Carolina Technical College—Sumter County	\$ 9,305,569;
(e) Florence-Darlington Technical College—Construction and	
Industrial Trades Training Facility	\$10,000,000;
(f) Greenville Technical College—Center for Workforce	
Development.....	\$15,000,000;
(g) Horry-Georgetown Technical College—Marine Technology	
Center.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(h) Midlands Technical College—QuickJobs and Dual Credit	\$ 4,500,000;
(i) Northeastern Technical College—Cheraw Campus.....	\$ 4,000,000;

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(j) Northeastern Technical College—McBee Campus	\$ 3,000,000;
(k) Piedmont Technical College—Saluda Advanced Manufacturing Center and New Campus	\$14,382,500;
(l) Spartanburg Community College—Cherokee County Campus—Spark Center.....	\$12,000,000;
(m) Spartanburg Community College—Spark Centers	\$25,000,000;
(n) Technical College of the Lowcountry Workforce Development.....	\$10,000,000;
(o) Williamsburg Technical College—Renovation of Building for Nursing Program.....	\$11,000,000;
(21) H790 Department of Archives and History SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(22) H870 State Library Digitization of the SC Collection.....	\$ 150,000;
(23) H910 Arts Commission (a) Arts Education Programs.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(b) Cultural Arts and Theater Center Grants	\$ 450,000;
(c) Office Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 250,000;
(24) H950 State Museum Commission (a) Air Purification System Upgrade for Workshop	\$ 200,000;
(b) IT Information Security Critical Remediation Services	\$ 250,000;
(c) Security System Access Control Upgrades	\$ 550,000;
(25) H730 Vocational Rehabilitation Marlboro VR Center Paving	\$ 179,600;
(26) J020 Department of Health and Human Services (a) Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center Designation	\$10,000,000;
(b) James R. Clark Sickle Cell Foundation	\$ 200,000;
(c) Psychiatric Residency Program	\$ 3,000,000;
(26.1) From the funds appropriated in item 26(a), the department is authorized to contract with Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the University of South Carolina, and distribute funds to these entities for the purpose of a multi-institutional Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) designation application through National Institutes on Aging. Each entity may use the funds to strengthen their dementia-related research efforts and increase the number of staff members contributing time to the ADRC designation application. To be eligible for these funds, a Memorandum of Understanding between the receiving entities stating they will collaborate shall exist. A collective quarterly report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the use of funds and application progress is required.	
(27) J040 Department of Health and Environmental Control (a) Dam Safety Emergency Fund	\$36,000,000;
(b) Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites Contingency Fund.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(28) J120 Department of Mental Health (a) Alternative Transportation Program.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(b) Contracted Community Beds.....	\$ 900,000;
(c) State Operated Intensive Group Home.....	\$ 900,000;
(29) J160 Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (a) Annualization for FMAP State Increase.....	\$ 4,000,000;

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(b) Greenwood Genetic Center	\$ 2,000,000;
(e) Greenwood Genetic Center—Carroll Campbell Project	\$ 2,000,000;
(30) J200 Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	
SC Center for Excellence in Addiction	\$ 2,000,000;
(31) L040 Department of Social Services	
(a) Healthy Bucks	\$ 5,000,000;
(b) Infrastructure Integrity and Information Security	\$14,222,574;
(32) L080 Department of Children's	
Advocacy Agency Workstations	\$ 315,900;
(33) P120 Forestry Commission	
(a) Contract Single Engine Air Tanker	\$ 1,245,000;
(b) Emergency Operations and Equipment	\$ 2,255,000;
(c) Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,600,000;
(34) P160 Department of Agriculture	
(a) Consumer Services Equipment Replacement	\$ 1,122,000;
(b) Greenville / Orangeburg State Farmers Market Buildings	
Renovations	\$ 1,878,000;
(c) Growing Agribusiness Fund	\$40,000,000;
(d) Statewide Farmers Markets Upgrades and Safety	
Improvements	\$ 3,000,000;
(35) P200 Clemson University Public Service Activities	
(a) Animal Farms Infrastructure	\$15,466,000;
(b) Critical PSA Research Infrastructure and Dam Maintenance ..	\$ 2,120,000;
(c) Poultry Science Research Facility	\$ 4,565,000;
(d) Statewide Program Support	\$ 1,000,000;
(36) P210 SC State University Public Service Activities	
(a) Agribusiness Development and Expansion Support	\$ 2,500,000;
(b) Business Development Training	\$ 300,000;
(c) Camp Daniels Training and Activity Center	\$ 2,500,000;
(d) Future Farm Planning	\$ 150,000;
(e) Health Quad Initiative	\$ 200,000;
(f) New and Beginner Farmer Assistance	\$ 150,000;
(g) SC Limnology Center	\$ 2,000,000;
(37) P240 Department of Natural Resources	
(a) Fish Hatcheries Deferred Maintenance and Repairs	\$10,830,850;
(b) Habitat Protection and Land Conservation Acquisitions	\$20,000,000;
(c) Marine Resources Coastal Infrastructure Maintenance	\$10,000,000;
(d) New Headquarters Building Equipment	\$ 2,200,000;
(e) New Officer Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 3,296,000;
(f) Public Recreational Property Maintenance and Operations	\$ 1,500,000;
(g) State Water Planning: River Basin Planning	\$ 3,000,000;
(h) Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance	\$ 2,000,000;
(38) P280 Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	
(a) Additional Park Property Acquisitions	\$ 2,500,000;
(b) Cheraw and Hickory Knob Golf Course Improvements	\$ 3,000,000;
(c) Destination Specific Grants	\$13,500,000;
(d) Film Incentives	\$ 7,500,000;

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(e) Palmetto Trail	\$ 750,000;
(f) SCATR Regional Promotions	\$ 2,000,000;
(g) Sports Marketing Program	\$ 3,650,000;
(h) State Park Development, Upgrades, and Maintenance	\$11,750,000;
(i) State Park Fiber Installation	\$ 1,000,000;
(j) State Parks Road Paving	\$ 2,000,000;
(k) Undiscovered SC Grant Program	\$ 250,000;
(l) Welcome Center Funding	\$ 2,100,000;
(39) P320 Department of Commerce	
(a) Deal Closing Fund	\$ 3,700,000;
(b) LocateSC	\$ 9,000,000;
(c) Office Modernization	\$ 600,000;
(d) Palmetto Railways Repayment	\$ 5,000,000;
(e) Publicly Owned Aeronautics Infrastructure - New and Existing Business	\$55,000,000;
(f) Strategic Marketing	\$ 5,000,000;
(40) P400 Conservation Bank	
Conservation Grant Funding	\$25,000,000;
(41) P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority	
(a) I 85 Corridor Utility Upgrades	\$20,000,000;
(b) Rural Infrastructure Fund	\$ 7,500,000;
(c) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 5,000,000;
(d) Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Match	\$11,400,000;
(42) B040 Judicial Department	
Court Facilities	\$ 1;
(43) C050 Administrative Law Court	
(a) Facilities Renovations	\$ 92,905;
(b) IT Hardware	\$ 75,000;
(44) E200 Attorney General	
(a) Litigation Funds	\$ 551,000;
(b) Office Investment	\$ 2,000,000;
(45) E210 Commission on Prosecution Coordination	
General Tort Liability Increase	\$ 1;
(46) D100 State Law Enforcement Division - SLED	
(a) Agency Personnel	\$ 450,600;
(b) Agency Vehicle Rotation	\$ 1;
(c) BAC Machine Replacements	\$ 1,915,520;
(d) Center for School Safety	\$ 2,607,900;
(47) K050 Department of Public Safety	
(a) Agency Vehicle Rotation	\$ 1;
(b) Code Blue Call Boxes and Cameras	\$ 263,230;
(c) Mental Health for Incarcerated Individuals Pilot Program	\$ 400,000;
(d) School Resource Officers and Equipment	\$13,160,000;
(e) Statewide Body worn Camera Program	\$ 2,000,000;
(48) N200 Law Enforcement Training Council	
BAC Machine Replacements	\$ 360,260;
(49) N040 Department of Corrections	

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(a) Critical Capital Projects.....	\$ 1;
(b) Insurance Reserve Fund Premium Increase.....	\$ 1;
(c) Security and Maintenance Funds.....	\$ 1;
(50) N080 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services	
Information Technology.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(51) N120 Department of Juvenile Justice	
(a) Broad River Road Complex Renovations.....	\$17,000,000;
(b) Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Projects.....	\$15,000,000;
(c) Facilities – Detention Center Construction.....	\$16,000,000;
(d) Facilities Management Maintenance and Security Upgrades...	\$ 9,999,998;
(e) Master Plan and Facilities Assessment.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(f) Project Management.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(g) Safety and Security Upgrades.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(52) R040 Public Service Commission	
SC Integration Study.....	\$ 250,000;
(53) R060 Office of Regulatory Staff	
Public Safety Infrastructure Management.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(54) R400 Department of Motor Vehicles	
IT System Modernization.....	\$20,000,000;
(55) R600 Department of Employment and Workforce	
Statewide Workforce Development (H. 3726).....	\$ 3,005,800;
(56) U120 Department of Transportation	
Litter Off Interstate.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(57) U200 County Transportation Funds	
CTC Acceleration Fund.....	\$20,000,000;
(58) U300 Division of Aeronautics	
(a) Aircraft Replacement.....	\$10,000,000;
(b) Capital Investing for the Statewide Airport System.....	\$20,000,000;
(c) Facility Maintenance.....	\$ 300,000;
(59) A010 The Senate	
Senate Chamber Maintenance.....	\$ 500,000;
(60) A170 Legislative Services Agency	
Enterprise Software Implementation and Licensing.....	\$ 8,500,000;
(61) D300 Office of Resilience	
Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund.....	\$200,000,000;
(62) D500 Department of Administration	
(a) Health Agencies Restructuring Study.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(b) SCEIS Enterprise System.....	\$40,000,000;
(c) State Owned Building Expenses.....	\$ 1;
(63) E240 Adjutant General	
(a) Aiken Readiness Center.....	\$ 2,102,000;
(b) Armory Revitalizations.....	\$ 4,500,000;
(c) IT Initiatives.....	\$ 200,000;
(d) State Guard Vehicles.....	\$ 195,000;
(e) Summerville Readiness Center.....	\$ 464,000;
(f) USC Aiken National Guard Dreamport Facility.....	\$ 3,000,000;
(64) E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs	

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(a) Cooper State Veterans Cemetery Enhancement	\$ 500,000;
(b) Military Enhancement Plan Fund	\$ 7,500,000;
(c) Perimeter Fencing for Cooper Veteran Cemetery	\$ 114,000;
(d) Virtual Transition Assistance Program	\$ 115,425;
(65) E280 Election Commission	
State Matching Funds for 2022 HAVA Grant	\$ 216,977;
(66) R520 State Ethics Commission	
Attorney II and Equipment	\$ 15,000;
(67) H630 State Department of Education	
(a) Altitude Academy	\$ 10,000;
(b) Beaufort County Youth Conference	\$ 50,000;
(c) Charleston Youth Leadership Council – The Beaux Affair	\$ 20,000;
(d) Core4Success Foundation – After school programming	\$ 270,000;
(e) Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center – Supporting our Community and Schools	\$ 250,000;
(f) Doors to Dream Mentorship Academy	\$ 10,000;
(g) Greater Waverly Foundation – Village Initiative	\$ 250,000;
(h) Historic Camden – Educational Center	\$ 500,000;
(i) Hope School Community Repairs	\$ 25,000;
(j) House of Champions Facility Improvements	\$ 130,000;
(k) Lowcountry Christian Center – Pink House Neighborhood Resource Center	\$ 38,000;
(l) Maroon Innovation Service – Adult and Juvenile Literacy	\$ 100,000;
(m) North / South Football Game	\$ 100,000;
(n) Palmetto Boys State	\$ 25,000;
(o) Palmetto Girls State	\$ 25,000;
(p) Palmetto Learning Academy	\$ 65,000;
(q) Palmetto Project – SC Information and Referral Network	\$ 250,000;
(r) St. James Learning Center Renovations and Construction	\$ 167,000;
(s) The Extra Mile Club of the Lowcountry	\$ 150,000;
(t) Trinity Educational Community Center – Project TECH	\$ 300,000;
(u) Women In Unity	\$ 325,000;
(v) York County School District 1 – York 4H (Phase 2)	\$ 750,000;
(w) Youth Empowerment Services – Mentoring Programs and Annual Dream Girls Conference	\$ 150,000;
(68) H030 Commission on Higher Education	
(a) American College of the Building Arts	\$ 500,000;
(b) New Perspectives Media Local Television Partnership	\$ 250,000;
(69) H270 University of South Carolina – Columbia	
USC Civil Rights History and Research Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(70) H790 Department of Archives and History	
(a) Abbeville County Historical Society – Barksdale – McGowan House	\$ 400,000;
(b) Berkeley County Courthouse Relocation	\$10,000,000;
(c) Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society	\$ 787,000;
(d) Chesterfield Co. Historic Preservation Comm. – Old St. David’s Church Historic Site	\$ 300,000;

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(e) City of Bishopville Depot Renovation.....	\$ 500,000;
(f) City of Hartsville Greenlawn and Marion Avenue Cemeteries	\$ 526,396;
(g) City of Sumter Lincoln Preservation Project	\$ 1,000,000;
(h) Colleton County SC Artisans Center Building Uplift	\$ 75,000;
(i) Colleton County Historic and Preservation Society Pon Pon Chapel of Ease	\$ 1,250,000;
(j) Dorchester Heritage Center	\$ 1,500,000;
(k) Drayton Hall Preservation Trust Public Archaeology Program	\$ 300,000;
(l) Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park Interpretation and Archaeology.....	\$ 922,000;
(m) Historic Thompson Lakeview Cemetery Preservation Site.....	\$ 100,000;
(n) Kingville Historical Foundation	\$ 50,000;
(o) Loris Historical Society The State Theater Renovation	\$ 254,242;
(p) McCormick County Historical Commission 1898 Grist Mill	\$ 215,000;
(q) Preservation SC Dawkins House.....	\$ 300,000;
(r) Preservation South Carolina	\$ 500,000;
(s) SC Historical Society.....	\$ 500,000;
(t) Seay House Spartanburg	\$ 200,000;
(u) Town of Mayesville Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Project.....	\$ 25,000;
(v) Town of Nichols Historic Library Restoration.....	\$ 50,000;
(w) Town of St. Stephen Repair the History Building.....	\$ 100,000;
(x) WeGOJA Foundation Rosenwald Schools Study	\$ 300,000;
(y) York County McCelvey Center Auditorium	\$ 2,546,183;
(71) H870 State Library	
(a) Orangeburg Co. Library Bookmobile	\$ 305,220;
(b) Turbeville Library	\$ 50,000;
(72) H910 Arts Commission	
(a) Arts Center of Kershaw County	\$ 500,000;
(b) Dillon County Theater	\$ 60,000;
(c) Eagles Nest Art Center Renovation.....	\$ 100,000;
(d) Florence County Pamphico Community Theater.....	\$ 65,000;
(e) McCormick County McCormick Arts Council.....	\$ 208,000;
(f) Port Royal Sound Foundation Port Royal Sound Maritime Museum	\$ 400,000;
(g) Public Works Art Center	\$ 250,000;
(73) H950 State Museum Commission	
(a) North Myrtle Beach Area Historical Museum.....	\$ 50,000;
(b) Town of Springfield Historic High School and Military Museum	\$ 150,000;
(74) J020 Department of Health and Human Services	
(a) ALPHA Behavioral Health Center	\$ 750,000;
(b) Antioch Senior Center	\$ 300,000;
(c) Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC	\$ 250,000;
(d) Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine.....	\$ 300,000;
(e) Brain Injury Association of SC Brain Injury Outreach and	

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Education Initiative.....	\$ 387,713;
(f) Bridge Over Foundation—Project Bridge.....	\$ 25,000;
(g) Building Better Communities—College Place Healthy Living Project.....	\$ 250,000;
(h) Building Better Communities Ambassador Program	\$ 200,000;
(i) Camp Happy Days.....	\$ 250,000;
(j) Camp Kemo.....	\$ 100,000;
(k) Closing the Gap in Healthcare.....	\$ 100,000;
(l) Community Medicine Foundation—Sickle Cell Program	\$ 750,000;
(m) Connie Maxwell Children’s Ministry—Children’s Healing Center.....	\$ 250,000;
(n) CR Neal Dream Center.....	\$ 300,000;
(o) Falcon Children’s Home Turbeville.....	\$ 100,000;
(p) First Impressions of SC Health Initiative	\$ 50,000;
(q) Friends of Fisher House Columbia.....	\$ 300,000;
(r) HopeHealth Community Health—The Men’s Center	\$ 500,000;
(s) Iron Wolf Recovery Fitness.....	\$ 250,000;
(t) Kershaw Health District—Health and Recreation Plan	\$ 1,000,000;
(u) Louvenic D. Barksdale Sickle Cell Foundation—Project Hope	\$ 100,000;
(v) Marion County Long Term Recovery Group	\$ 250,000;
(w) Medical Experience Academy.....	\$ 100,000;
(x) New Capernaum Life Services.....	\$ 300,000;
(y) New Morning Foundation	\$ 2,000,000;
(z) Outstanding Youth Awards	\$ 50,000;
(aa) Palmetto Center For Policy Alternatives—SC Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative	\$ 175,000;
(bb) Pee Dee Healthy Start Program Support	\$ 300,000;
(cc) Phoenix Center Transition Housing	\$ 300,000;
(dd) Project Hope Foundation.....	\$ 3,783,269;
(ee) Reedy Fork Development Center Technology	\$ 200,000;
(ff) Ronald McDonald House—Charleston.....	\$ 9,000,000;
(gg) Safety Blitz Foundation Child ID Program	\$ 276,250;
(hh) Sight Savers America—Vision Screenings.....	\$ 250,000;
(ii) Smith Medical Clinic.....	\$ 250,000;
(jj) Sumter Behavioral Health Services	\$ 550,000;
(kk) The Holistic Wellness Center	\$ 100,000;
(ll) The Mitney Project.....	\$ 15,000;
(mm) Town of Eastover Healthy Community Program	\$ 50,000;
(nn) United Way of the Midlands—Young Men United	\$ 250,000;
(oo) Upstate Circle of Friends.....	\$ 80,500;
(pp) Urban League of the Upstate—McClaren Institute for Health and Quality of Life	\$ 500,000;
(qq) Vital Aging of Williamsburg County	\$ 60,000;
(rr) Wiley Kennedy Foundation.....	\$ 50,000;
(ss) Wiley Kennedy Foundation—Thriving Communities	\$ 150,000;
(75) J040 Department of Health and Environmental Control	

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(a) Abandoned Barge Removal.....	\$ 250,000;
(b) Abbeville County EMS Equipment.....	\$ 400,997;
(c) Brookland Baptist Fifth Quarter Café.....	\$ 200,000;
(d) Charleston Animal Society.....	\$ 500,000;
(e) City of Charleston Dupont Wappoo Drainage.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(f) City of Charleston Windermere Drainage and Outfall.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(g) City of Isle of Palms Drainage Improvements.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(h) City of North Charleston Environmental Cleanup.....	\$ 4,500,000;
(i) City of Sumter Utility Improvements.....	\$ 5,500,000;
(j) Colleton County Solid Waste Recycling Center.....	\$ 250,000;
(k) Darlington County Humane Society Education and Adoption Center.....	\$ 2,264,000;
(l) Dorchester Paws Summerville.....	\$ 750,000;
(m) EMS Closet.....	\$ 50,000;
(n) Florence Crittenton Programs.....	\$ 500,000;
(o) Georgetown County Georgetown Port Property Upgrades.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(p) Georgetown County Murrells Inlet Dredging.....	\$10,000,000;
(q) Kind Keeper Animal Rescue Diagnostic Equipment.....	\$ 50,000;
(r) Ocean Outfalls North Myrtle Beach.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(s) Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country.....	\$ 50,000;
(t) Randolph Cemetery.....	\$ 100,000;
(u) Startex Jackson Welford Duncan Water District.....	\$ 7,000,000;
(v) The Hive Community Circle.....	\$ 500,000;
(w) Town of Eastover Infrastructure Upgrades.....	\$ 300,000;
(x) Town of Pawleys Island Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan.....	\$ 250,000;
(y) Town of Sharon Town Upgrades.....	\$ 500,000;
(z) Tri-County Regional Biological Science Center Forensic DNA Biological Lab.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(76) J120 Department of Mental Health	
(a) 988 Greenville Call Center.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(b) Anderson Mental Health Clinic Building.....	\$ 750,000;
(c) Berkeley Community Mental Health Center Mental Health for Incarcerated Individuals Pilot Program.....	\$ 400,000;
(d) Circle Park Behavioral Health Services.....	\$ 800,000;
(e) Mental Illness Recovery Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(f) Mental Wealth Alliance Mental Health Gym.....	\$ 275,000;
(g) Pathways Community Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(h) Pee-Dee Mental Health Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(i) SC Infant Mental Health Association Safe Baby Courts.....	\$ 500,000;
(77) J160 Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	
(a) ALS Association ALS Care Services.....	\$ 500,000;
(b) Barbara Stone Foundation.....	\$ 185,000;
(c) Camp Cole.....	\$ 250,000;
(d) Osprey Village.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(e) Special Olympics of South Carolina.....	\$ 300,000;
(f) St. Francis Center at St. Helena.....	\$ 50,000;

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(g)	The Therapy Place	\$ 400,000;
(h)	Town of Moncks Corner Inclusive Playground	\$ 1,000,000;
(i)	Unumb Center for Neurodevelopment	\$ 5,000,000;
(78)	J200 Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	
(a)	Community Wellness Outreach Opioid Addiction Program	\$ 150,000;
(b)	Statewide Fentanyl Awareness Campaign	\$ 100,000;
(c)	The Courage Center Substance Abuse Recovery	\$ 300,000;
(79)	L040 Department of Social Services	
(a)	Alternatives to Abortion Awareness Campaign	\$ 100,000;
(b)	Beyond Basic Life Skills Facility Support	\$ 600,000;
(c)	Catholic Charities of SC Getting Ahead Program	\$ 54,000;
(d)	Crosswell Home for Children	\$ 200,000;
(e)	Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention	\$ 250,000;
(f)	Dianne's Call Food insecurity	\$ 250,000;
(g)	Epworth Children's Home	\$ 600,000;
(h)	Healthy Learners	\$ 100,000;
(i)	Laurens County Bailey Municipal Center Upgrades	\$ 1,494,742;
(j)	M.A.D. USA	\$ 250,000;
(k)	Man 2 Man Fatherhood Initiative	\$ 284,239;
(l)	Men Against Domestic Violence USA	\$ 350,400;
(m)	My Sister's House Domestic Violence Response Services	\$ 100,000;
(n)	Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative Parent Café	\$ 30,000;
(o)	Rembert Area Community Coalition	\$ 75,000;
(80)	L060 Department on Aging	
(a)	Antioch Baptist Senior Citizen Center	\$ 500,000;
(b)	City of Mauldin Ray W. Hopkins Senior Center	\$ 250,000;
(c)	Dorchester County North Charleston Area Senior Center	\$ 2,000,000;
(d)	Foothills Agricultural Resource and Marketing Center	\$ 560,000;
(e)	Friends of the Lowcountry Senior Center	\$ 60,000;
(f)	Lourie Center Facility Maintenance	\$ 250,000;
(g)	Senior Citizens Association Leatherman Senior Center Expansion	\$ 250,000;
(h)	Sumter YMCA Senior Center	\$ 750,000;
(81)	L080 Department of Children's Advocacy	
(a)	Every 1 Voice Matters Annual Christmas and Coat Drive	\$ 45,000;
(b)	SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers	\$ 1,080,000;
(82)	L320 Housing Finance and Development Authority	
(a)	Beaufort Jasper Regional Housing Trust Fund	\$ 3,000,000;
(b)	Hilton Head Regional Habitat for Humanity	\$ 2,000,000;
(c)	Marion Dillon Habitat for Humanity	\$ 500,000;
(d)	N.O.W.W. Empowerment	\$ 25,000;
(e)	Step by Step Hope Project Supportive Housing	\$ 35,353;
(83)	P160 Department of Agriculture	
(a)	Colleton County Western Colleton Comm. Ag Exposition Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(b)	Mill Village Farms	\$ 600,000;
(c)	Town of Cowpens Town Upgrades	\$ 500,000;

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(84) P240 Department of Natural Resources	
(a) Beyond Borders – Plant It Forward – Youth Education and Conservation..... \$ 225,000;
(b) Boat Mooring Equipment.....	..... \$ 75,000;
(c) Farm Bureau – Swine Eradication.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(d) James Island Public Service District – Watershed Restoration – Pollution Mitigation.....	..... \$ 250,000;
(e) Lowcountry Land Trust – Land Conservation Capacity.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(f) SC Youth Shooting Foundation.....	..... \$ 500,000;
(g) Waddell Mariculture Center.....	..... \$ 500,000;
(85) E260 Department of Veterans’ Affairs	
(a) American Legion Johnston Post 222.....	..... \$ 60,000;
(b) Buffalo American Legion Post 87 – Facility Upgrades.....	..... \$ 6,000;
(c) Dorchester County – Veterans Services Center.....	..... \$ 500,000;
(d) Fisher House of Columbia Dorn VA.....	..... \$ 250,000;
(e) Jasper County Operation Patriots FOB.....	..... \$ 100,000;
(f) Lee County – Veterans Affairs Office.....	..... \$ 200,000;
(g) Paolet Veteran’s Park.....	..... \$ 23,000;
(h) Shaw Sumter Military Museum.....	..... \$15,000,000;
(i) Track Heroes.....	..... \$ 100,000;
(j) Upstate Warrior Solution – Rupert Huse Veteran Center.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(k) Williamsburg County Veterans Center.....	..... \$ 100,000;
(86) P280 Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	
(a) American Legion Post 250 – Indian Land Veterans Park.....	..... \$ 500,000;
(b) Anderson County – Dolly Cooper Park.....	..... \$ 750,000;
(c) Anderson County – Kid Venture Playground.....	..... \$ 750,000;
(d) Anderson County Small Town Historical Grants.....	..... \$ 45,000;
(e) Anderson County Watkins Community Center.....	..... \$ 30,000;
(f) ArtFields.....	..... \$ 1,500,000;
(g) Bamberg County – Courthouse Renovation.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(h) Bamberg County – Hospital Repurposing.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(i) Barnwell County YMCA.....	..... \$ 1,500,000;
(j) Beaufort Original Gullah Festival.....	..... \$ 50,000;
(k) Ben Mays Family Center.....	..... \$ 350,000;
(l) Bettis Academy Park – Edgefield County.....	..... \$ 800,000;
(m) Calhoun County – Recreation Improvements.....	..... \$ 750,000;
(n) Calhoun County Resources – Historic Site Improvements.....	..... \$ 150,000;
(o) Cancer Survivors Park Alliance.....	..... \$ 1,000,000;
(p) Canoeing for Kids Facility Repairs.....	..... \$ 65,546;
(q) Capital City / Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board – Southeastern BBQ Showdown.....	..... \$ 200,000;
(r) Carolina Cup Racing Association – Upgrades.....	..... \$ 500,000;
(s) Centenary Community Park/Playground Construction.....	..... \$ 431,738;
(t) Chapman Cultural Center.....	..... \$ 60,000;
(u) Charleston Wine and Food.....	..... \$ 300,000;
(v) Cherokee County Family YMCA Upgrades..... \$ 1,154,436;
(w) Cherokee County Former Broad River Electric Facility	

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Renovation.....	\$ 750,000;
(x) Cherokee County Tourism Complex Feasibility Study.....	\$ 500,000;
(y) City of Belton Demolish Structures.....	\$ 250,000;
(z) City of Cayce 12,000 Year History Park.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(aa) City of Chester Aquatic/Fitness Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(bb) City of Columbia Saluda River Access / River Boat Ramp...	\$ 500,000;
(cc) City of Columbia Vista Greenway Extension.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(dd) City of Conway Expansion of Recreation Center.....	\$ 900,000;
(ee) City of Conway Expansion of Crabtree Greenway.....	\$ 2,400,000;
(ff) City of Darlington Darlington African American Museum ...	\$ 300,000;
(gg) City of Dillion Outdoor Recreation.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(hh) City of Easley Senior League Host Committee.....	\$ 30,000;
(ii) City of Forest Acres Redevelopment of Richland Mall.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(jj) City of Greenville Artisphere.....	\$ 300,000;
(kk) City of Greenville Nicholtown Community Center Renovation.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(ll) City of Greenville Public Space Upgrades and Safety Improvements.....	\$20,000,000;
(mm) City of Inman Downtown and Streetscape Project.....	\$ 950,000;
(nn) City of Isle of Palms ADA Compliant Boardwalk.....	\$ 500,000;
(oo) City of Liberty Infrastructure.....	\$ 150,000;
(pp) City of Mauldin Multi Purpose Stadium Project.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(qq) City of Mullins Outdoor Marketplace / Park.....	\$ 500,000;
(rr) City of Newberry Arts Center.....	\$ 600,000;
(ss) City of Orangeburg City Hall Renovation.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(tt) City of Orangeburg North Road Recreational Complex.....	\$ 500,000;
(uu) City of Pickens City Hall Improvements and Additions.....	\$ 150,000;
(vv) City of Rock Hill UCI BMX World Championship.....	\$ 500,000;
(ww) City of Spartanburg Wright Greenway Extension.....	\$ 422,300;
(xx) City of Sumter Festival on the Avenue.....	\$ 100,000;
(yy) City of Sumter Manning Avenue Art Corridor.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(zz) City of Sumter Memorial Park/Spray Park.....	\$ 1,400,000;
(aaa) City of Sumter Riley Park Renovations.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(bbb) City of Sumter Swan Lake Park Improvements.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(ccc) City of Walhalla Community Center.....	\$ 5,566,895;
(ddd) City of West Columbia River Walk Expansion and Connectivity.....	\$ 7,000,000;
(eee) City of Westminster Recreation Facility.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(fff) Clarendon County North Shore Development.....	\$ 700,000;
(ggg) Colleton County Neyles Community Center.....	\$ 40,000;
(hhh) Colleton County YMCA Type Facility.....	\$ 500,000;
(iii) Congaree Complex CDC.....	\$ 100,000;
(jjj) County of Dillon Parks.....	\$ 263,980;
(kkk) Croft State Park Boy Scouts/Equestrian.....	\$ 750,000;
(lll) Cypress Adventures Youth Leadership.....	\$ 200,000;
(mmm) Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society.....	\$ 20,000;
(nnn) Dorchester County Oakbrooks Sports Complex.....	\$ 1,000,000;

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(ooo) Edisto Island Recreation Facility	\$ 2,000,000;
(ppp) Explore Charleston / College of Charleston— Office of Tourism	\$ 1,000,000;
(qqq) Fairfield County— Greenbrier Community Development Center	\$ 50,000;
(rrr) Florence County— Lions Park Recreation Enhancements ...	\$ 300,000;
(sss) Florence County— Poyner Building Renovation	\$10,000,000;
(ttt) Fork Shoals Historical Society— McCullough's Cedarhurst Historic Home and Garden	\$ 250,000;
(uuu) Four Holes Indian Robert Davidson Center	\$ 250,000;
(vvv) Friends of the Aiken Railroad Depot	\$ 300,000;
(www) Georgetown County— Murrells Inlet Bike Path Project	\$ 190,000;
(xxx) Gibbes Museum	\$ 500,000;
(yyy) Greater Chapin Community Foundation	\$ 100,000;
(zzz) Greenville Zoo	\$ 750,000;
(aaaa) Greenwood County Brewer Recreation Center	\$ 44,000;
(bbbb) Hampton County— Lighting Safety Upgrades	\$ 200,000;
(cccc) Hollywood American Legion— Building Repairs	\$ 80,000;
(dddd) Horry County— Public Safety Enhancements	\$ 5,000,000;
(eeee) Indian Land Green— Trail and Greenspace	\$ 750,000;
(fff) International African— American Museum	\$ 1,000,000;
(gggg) Irmo Town Hall	\$ 500,000;
(hhhh) Jasper County BMX Track	\$ 750,000;
(iii) Kershaw Area Resource Exchange	\$ 904,173;
(jjjj) Kershaw County— Patriot Landing Boat Ramp	\$ 500,000;
(kkkk) Laurens County YMCA— Child Development Center	\$ 500,000;
(lll) Lindsey Pettus Greenway— Greenway Expansion (Phase 2)	\$ 1,000,000;
(mmmm) Lower Richland Diamond Festival	\$ 25,000;
(nnnn) Manning Town Center Venue and Park	\$ 1,000,000;
(oooo) Mauldin Sidewalk Safety Improvements	\$ 1,000,000;
(pppp) Medal of Honor Museum	\$ 1,000,000;
(qqqq) Myrtle Beach Downtown Revitalization	\$ 5,000,000;
(rrrr) Myrtle Beach Football Hall of Fame	\$ 30,000;
(ssss) Newberry County YMCA	\$ 1,000,000;
(tttt) Newberry Opera House Foundation	\$ 850,000;
(uuuu) Ninety Six Historical Society	\$ 45,000;
(vvvv) Open Space Institute— Black River Initiative	\$ 1,000,000;
(wwww) Overmountain Victory Trail	\$ 325,000;
(xxxx) Palmetto Park— Palmetto Park/Bobby Richardson Baseball Complex	\$ 6,465,000;
(yyyy) Patriot Park— Miracle Park/Amphitheater Patriots Park	\$ 7,400,000;
(zzzz) Pickens County— Little League Inc.	\$ 30,000;
(aaaaa) Pickens County Meals on Wheels	\$ 300,000;
(bbbbb) Port Royal Sound Foundation Maritime Center	\$ 500,000;
(ceccc) Promised Land Community Association	\$ 9,340;
(ddddd) Richland County Recreation Commission	\$ 1,000,000;
(eeeee) Riverbanks Zoo and Garden	\$ 5,000,000;

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(fffff) Saluda and McCormick County Parks and Recreation	
Grants	\$ 75,000;
(ggggg) Saluda River Pedestrian Bridge.....	\$ 175,000;
(hhhhh) Saluda River Piedmont Park.....	\$ 750,000;
(iiii) Sardis Community Center Repairs /Renovations	\$ 25,000;
(jjjj) SC African American Tourism Conference.....	\$ 50,000;
(kkkkk) SC Aquarium	\$ 1,500,000;
(lllll) SC Battleground Preservation Trust Liberty Trail	
Interpretation	\$ 500,000;
(mmmmm)SC Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame	\$ 25,000;
(nnnnn) SC7 Expedition.....	\$ 400,000;
(ooooo) Slater Hall.....	\$ 100,000;
(ppppp) South Carolina Horse Council.....	\$ 250,000;
(qqqqq) Southeast Rural Community Outreach.....	\$ 25,000;
(rrrrr) Southeastern Wildlife Exposition.....	\$ 300,000;
(sssss) Spartanburg County Boiling Springs Community Park	\$ 500,000;
(ttttt) Spartanburg County Saluda Grade Rail Trail.....	\$10,000,000;
(uuuuu) Spartanburg County Historical Association Walnut	
Grove Plantation Restoration	\$ 1,000,000;
(vvvvv) Spoleto Festival USA	\$ 500,000;
(wwwww)Sumter County Heise Building Renovation	\$ 5,800,000;
(xxxxx) Sumter County Rembert Mini Park.....	\$ 250,000;
(yyyyy) Swamp Rabbit Trail.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(zzzzz) The Peace Center Expansion	\$17,500,000;
(aaaaa) Theatre of the Republic	\$ 345,000;
(bbbbbb) Town of Aynor Community Recreation Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(cecccc) Town of Blackville Town Hall building	\$ 500,000;
(ddddd) Town of Bluffton New River Linear Trail	\$ 2,000,000;
(eeeee) Town of Clover Economic Development /Revitalization	\$ 1,500,000;
(fffff) Town of Clover Roosevelt Park Field Lighting	
Replacement.....	\$ 695,000;
(ggggg) Town of Dacusville Dacusville Pavilion.....	\$ 25,000;
(hhhhh) Town of Eastover Lower Richland Tech Academy	\$ 500,000;
(iiii) Town of Estill Project Hope	\$ 1,500,000;
(jjjjj) Town of Gifford Playground Project.....	\$ 15,835;
(kkkkkk) Town of Great Falls Trail Connection Pedestrian Bridge	\$ 970,000;
(lllll) Town of Great Falls Wayfinding System	\$ 25,000;
(mmmmm)Town of Greeleyville Community Center	
Improvements.....	\$ 200,000;
(nnnnn) Town of Hollywood Town Upgrades	\$ 750,000;
(ooooo) Town of Honea Path Soccer Field Construction.....	\$ 300,000;
(ppppp) Town of Honea Path Demolish Structures	\$ 300,000;
(qqqqq) Town of Iva Purchase Train Depot	\$ 500,000;
(rrrrr) Town of Jenkinsville Recreational Activities Upgrades ...	\$ 60,000;
(sssss)Town of Kingstree Kingstree Recreation Center Park	\$ 500,000;
(ttttt) Town of Lake View Community Center Upgrades.....	\$ 84,707;
(uuuuu) Town of Lane Community Center Building	

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Improvements.....	\$ 100,000;
(vvvvvvv) Town of Latta—Infrastructure Upgrades.....	\$ 195,400;
(wwwwwww) Town of McColl—Downtown Improvements	\$ 750,000;
(xxxxxxx) Town of Meggett—Church Flats Road Safety Upgrades .	\$ 460,000;
(yyyyyyy) Town of Norway—Infrastructure	\$ 500,000;
(zzzzzzz) Town of Paolet—Town Hall Upgrades.....	\$ 250,000;
(aaaaaaa) Town of Port Royal—Repairs to Shrimp Deck	\$ 1,000,000;
(bbbbbbb) Town of Ravenel—Town Upgrades	\$ 500,000;
(ccccccc) Town of Ridgeway—Park Revitalization	\$ 50,000;
(ddddddd) Town of Saluda—Saluda Recreation and Wellness Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(eeeeeee) Town of Six Mile New Recreation / Baseball Field.....	\$ 100,000;
(ffffff) Town of St. George Rosenwald School Restoration	\$ 400,000;
(ggggggg) Town of Summerville—Main St. Resiliency Project	\$ 4,000,000;
(hhhhhhh) Town of Ware Shoals Amphitheater Walkway.....	\$ 59,272;
(iiiiiii) Town of Williston—Town Hall Building	\$ 500,000;
(jjjjjjj) Town of Winnsboro—Downtown Revitalization	\$ 500,000;
(kkkkkkk) Union County Clerk of Court—Digital Records Conversion	\$ 20,000;
(lllllll) Upstate Greenways and Trail Alliance—Trail Expansion ...	\$ 5,000,000;
(mmmmmmm) Walhalla Performing Arts Center.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(nnnnnnn) Westminster Senior Outreach	\$ 200,000;
(oooooooo) Williamsburg County—Recreational Improvements	\$ 250,000;
(ppppppp) YMCA of Cane Bay—Enrichment Programs.....	\$ 100,000;
(qqqqqqq) YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee	\$ 1,930,000;
(rrrrrrr) YMCA of Upper Palmetto—Camp Cherokee.....	\$ 750,000;
(sssssss) York County—Park Enhancements	\$ 1,000,000;

(86.1) Of the funds appropriated in item 86(d), a \$5,000 grant shall be made to each of the following municipalities: Anderson, Belton, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, Pendleton, Starr, West Pelzer, and Williamston.

(86.2) Of the funds appropriated in item 86(fffff), a \$10,000 grant shall be made to both Saluda and McCormick Counties, and a \$5,000 grant shall be made to each of the following municipalities: Greenwood, Hodges, Ware Shoals, Ninety Six, Bradley, Troy, Abbeville, Lowndesville, Calhoun Falls, Due West and Donalds.

(86.3) The funds appropriated for item 86(yyyyyy) shall only be used for extending the trail and related ancillary cost and shall not be used for land acquisition or administrative cost.

(87) P320 Department of Commerce

(a) City of Anderson—Economic Development Event	\$ 600,000;
(b) City of Charleston Entrepreneurial Resource Center	\$ 2,500,000;
(c) City of Clinton Industrial Park	\$ 1,500,000;
(d) City of Forest Acres—Redevelopment of Forest Acres.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(e) City of Loris—Old Loris High School Redevelopment.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(f) City of Simpsonville—Economic Development/Capital Projects	\$ 1,000,000;
(g) Fairfield County—Vision Center Inc	\$ 2,000,000;
(h) Graduation Alliance.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(i) South Carolina Quantum Association Curriculum	

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	Development and Use Study	\$15,000,000;
(j)	Southern Carolina Alliance—SCIC Industrial Park.....	\$ 750,000;
(k)	Spartanburg County—Spartanburg Infrastructure Upgrades....	\$20,000,000;
(l)	Spartanburg Downtown Development Infrastructure.....	\$10,000,000;
(m)	Study of Offshore Wind Energy.....	\$ 250,000;
(n)	Sumter County—Pocotaligo Industrial Park.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(o)	Town of Lexington—Lexington Conference Center	\$10,000,000;
(p)	Town of Seneca—Downtown Revitalization.....	\$12,000,000;
(q)	Town of Timmonsville—Timmonsville Revitalization Project	\$ 500,000;
(r)	Umoja Village—Economic Development.....	\$ 250,000;
(88)	P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority	
(a)	Town of Campobello Sewer Project.....	\$ 600,000;
(b)	Town of Clover Water and Sewer Projects	\$ 5,000,000;
(c)	Town of Edisto Beach Automated Water Meter Project.....	\$ 500,000;
(d)	Town of James Island Sewer Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(e)	York County Water and Sewer—Blue Granite Acquisition Costs	\$20,000,000;
(89)	K050 Department of Public Safety	
(a)	Anderson County Sheriff's Dept—Equipment	\$ 200,000;
(b)	Beaufort County Sheriff's Dept.—Crime Lab	\$ 500,000;
(c)	Bennettsville Police Dept—Bennettsville Police Dept	\$ 155,000;
(d)	Charleston County Sheriff Reentry and Rehabilitation Program	\$ 591,725;
(e)	Chester County Sheriff's Office—Electronic Records Mgmt. System.....	\$ 600,000;
(f)	City of Beaufort—Maritime Cybersecurity	\$ 2,000,000;
(g)	City of Conway—Public Safety Technology Assistance.....	\$ 134,500;
(h)	City of Florence Police Department Automatic License Plate Reader.....	\$ 397,500;
(i)	City of Florence Police Department Camera Updates.....	\$ 600,000;
(j)	City of Fountain Inn—Historic Downtown Safety Upgrades...	\$ 500,000;
(k)	City of Goose Creek—Fire and Police Training Facility.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(l)	City of Greenwood Police Department—Equipment.....	\$ 140,000;
(m)	City of Sumter Police Department—Equipment Funding	\$ 1,000,000;
(n)	Clarendon County Sheriff Equipment	\$ 73,819;
(o)	Clarendon County Sheriff Training Upgrades.....	\$ 300,000;
(p)	Dillon County Sheriffs Office	\$ 440,000;
(q)	Dillon Police Department—Equipment and Facility Repairs ...	\$ 865,000;
(r)	Fairfield County—First Responder Equipment	\$ 250,000;
(s)	Florence County Local Police Department Grants.....	\$ 400,000;
(t)	Florence County Sheriff Equipment.....	\$ 488,250;
(u)	Greenville County Sheriff Dept.—Armored Vehicle.....	\$ 450,000;
(v)	Hemingway Police Department—Equipment.....	\$ 200,000;
(w)	Lancaster County Sheriff Dept—Crime Scene and Evidencee Unit Improvement.....	\$ 500,000;
(x)	Latta Police Department—Equipment Funding	\$ 90,000;
(y)	Lexington County Sheriff—Crime Scene Lab.....	\$ 156,760;

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(z) Marion County Sheriff Law Enforcement Training Facility \$ 500,000;
(aa) Marlboro County Sheriff Marlboro County Sheriff Equipment/Vehicles \$ 500,000;
(bb) McCormick Co. Sheriffs Dept. Law Enforcement Equipment	..... \$ 553,500;
(cc) Oconee County Sheriff Cameras and Body Scanner	..... \$ 450,000;
(dd) Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Field Force Unit Gear and Aviation Unit Gear	..... \$ 137,472;
(ee) Sumter County Sheriff's Office Training Center Upgrades	... \$ 625,000;
(ff) Sumter Law Enforcement Center Forensic Technology Annex	..... \$ 500,000;
(gg) Tega Cay Police Dept. Equipment	..... \$ 160,000;
(hh) Town of Bluffton Police Department Law Enforcement Equipment	..... \$ 50,000;
(ii) Town of Clover Police Training Facility	..... \$ 250,000;
(jj) Town of Gifford Police Department Equipment	..... \$ 63,541;
(kk) Town of Hampton Fire and Police Equipment	..... \$ 320,000;
(ll) Union County Detention Center	..... \$ 1,500,000;
(90) N080 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services	
(a) Fresh Start Transitional Project	..... \$ 250,000;
(b) Paths to Wholeness Transition Program	..... \$ 100,000;
(c) Turn90 Reentry Program	..... \$ 667,000;
(91) N120 Department of Juvenile Justice	
(a) Juveniles Upholding Morals and Principles of Society Youth Mentoring Program	..... \$ 50,000;
(b) PACE Center for Girls	..... \$ 550,000;
(92) R360 Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation	
(a) Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department	..... \$ 350,000;
(b) Chesterfield County Life Safety Equipment	..... \$ 750,000;
(c) City of Barnwell Fire station	..... \$ 500,000;
(d) City of Fountain Inn Fire Station Upgrades	..... \$ 4,000,000;
(e) City of Gaffney Fire Department Fire Training Center	..... \$ 400,000;
(f) City of Marion Fire Dept. Fire Department Training Center	. \$ 250,000;
(g) City of Mauldin Mauldin Fire Station	..... \$ 250,000;
(h) Clover Fire Department	..... \$ 500,000;
(i) Colleton County Fire Station Neyles Community	..... \$ 600,000;
(j) Lesslie Fire Dept. Fire Dept. Training Tower	..... \$ 100,000;
(k) Lewis Fire Dept. Fire Truck with Gear	..... \$ 250,000;
(l) Lexington County Fire Services PPE Gear	..... \$ 184,000;
(m) Macedonia Fire Department	..... \$ 400,000;
(n) Marlboro County Fire Service	..... \$ 300,000;
(o) River Falls Fire Department	..... \$ 100,000;
(p) Sharon Volunteer Fire Department (Phase 2)	..... \$ 30,000;
(q) Smyrna VFD Smyrna VFD (Phase 2)	..... \$ 40,000;
(r) South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs	..... \$ 95,000;
(s) Town of St. Matthews Fire Department \$ 750,000;
(t) Turbeville Area Fire Station \$ 1,000,000;

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- (93) ~~R600 Department of Employment and Workforce~~
 - ~~Colleton County—County Career Skills Center \$ 150,000;~~
- (94) ~~U120 Department of Transportation~~
 - ~~(a) Chester County—Lighting Safety Upgrades..... \$ 450,000;~~
 - ~~(b) City of Columbia—Assembly St. Railroad Grade Separation Project..... \$10,000,000;~~
 - ~~(c) City of Columbia—Beltline Blvd Redevelopment Projects..... \$ 2,000,000;~~
 - ~~(d) City of Columbia—Williams Street Gateway..... \$ 7,000,000;~~
 - ~~(e) City of Conway—Carolina Bay Construction..... \$ 677,000;~~
 - ~~(f) City of Easley Traffic Congestion Mitigation \$ 2,000,000;~~
 - ~~(g) City of Sumter North Mainstreet Corridor Improvements \$ 1,000,000;~~
 - ~~(h) Devine Street Corridor and Accessibility..... \$ 1,500,000;~~
 - ~~(i) Dorchester County—Pedestrian Crossing for Bacons Bridge Road..... \$ 2,200,000;~~
 - ~~(j) Elevate SC 22 Over Waccamaw River..... \$30,000,000;~~
 - ~~(k) Highway 90 Improvements and Expansion..... \$ 5,000,000;~~
 - ~~(l) Lexington County—Local Stormwater Management \$ 200,000;~~
 - ~~(m) Pickens County—Highway 183 \$10,000,000;~~
 - ~~(n) Southern Evacuation Lifeline Permitting and Engineering \$ 5,000,000;~~
 - ~~(o) Town of Hilton Head Island Independent Bridge Replacement Study..... \$ 300,000;~~
 - ~~(p) Town of Summerville—Central Ave. Pedestrian Safety Sidewalk \$ 400,000;~~
- (95) ~~U300 Division of Aeronautics~~
 - ~~(a) Beaufort County Airports—Hilton Head Airport Extension..... \$ 750,000;~~
 - ~~(b) Hilton Head Airport—Mandatory Relocation..... \$ 750,000;~~
- (96) ~~D300 Office of Resilience~~
 - ~~Data Coordination Office..... \$ 250,000;~~
- (97) ~~D500 Department of Administration~~
 - ~~Tri City Visionaries \$ 300,000;~~
- (98) ~~E160 State Treasurer~~
 - ~~(a) City of York—Downtown Development and Upgrades \$ 4,774,000;~~
 - ~~(b) Orangeburg County—County Marketing..... \$ 100,000;~~
 - ~~(c) Orangeburg County—Nix Stilton Community Center \$ 400,000;~~
 - ~~(d) Ritter Community Center \$ 400,000;~~
- (99) ~~E240 Adjutant General~~
 - ~~SCEMD Alternative Operating Center \$ 750,000;~~
- (100) ~~E280 Election Commission~~
 - ~~Florence County—Election Storage Building..... \$ 500,000;~~

and

- (101) ~~P320 Department of Commerce~~
 - ~~Town of Fort Mill—Downtown Economic Development \$25,000,000.~~

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

(D) For purposes of item (B)(67) and all items thereafter, 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 item (B)(67) and all items thereafter, the Executive Budget Office may authorize the transfer of items among state agencies upon request of the agencies.~~

118.19 DELETE (SR: Bull Street Corridor Relocation) Directs DOA to conduct an RFP for the purpose of relocating state agencies located on Bull Street in Columbia. Provides the requirements of the properties to be considered for the relocation. Directs DOA to present the results of the RFP to JRBC by 11/1/23.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

~~**118.19.** (SR: Bull Street Corridor Relocation) From funds appropriated or authorized in this act, the Department of Administration is directed to conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purposes of relocating one or all the state agencies or their successor agencies currently located on Bull Street in the City of Columbia. Properties to be considered must have space to accommodate all of one or more agency to be relocated in one building or campus, to include any additional Columbia area offices of the same agency or agencies, as practicable. For the purposes of this proviso, a campus is defined as multiple buildings located on the same or adjacent parcels or property that share a common main entrance. In conducting the RFP, the Department of Administration must prioritize the condition of the proposed properties and all amenities to include, large group meeting space, other amenities to support agency mission, amenities and conditions conducive to employee health and recruitment, employee and visitor safety and security, ease of access from the interstate, ease of public access to include, but not limited to, surface parking and the number of employees to be relocated. The Department of Administration must present the results of the RFP to include a recommended lease to the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) on or before November 1, 2023. After review and comment of the JBRC, the lease is deemed legislatively approved and, notwithstanding other provision of law, no further approvals are required.~~

118.20 AMEND (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to appropriate nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2024-25, generated from specific sources.

HOU: AMEND FURTHER to add a nonrecurring allocation to the State Treasurer for audit allocation and directs the Treasurer to provide an itemized expenditure report of the funds to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance on 12/31/24 and a final report on 6/30/25. Directs that the funds be utilized to comply with proviso 93.19.

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

(1) \$57,879,811 from Contingency Reserve Fund;

(2) \$453,077,259 from Fiscal Year 2023-24 Projected Surplus; and

(3) (\$4,955,000) for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Incremental Income Tax Reduction

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 2023-24 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

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This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25 after September 1, 2024, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2023-24.

(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 by September 30, 2024, for the purposes stated:

- (1) F010 - General Reserve Fund
 - General Reserve Fund Contribution..... \$24,326,198;
- (2) X220 - Aid to Subdivisions - State Treasurer
 - Aid to Planning Districts \$ 1,000,000;
- (3) H630 - Department of Education
 - (a) School Facilities Safety Upgrades..... \$20,000,000;
 - (b) School Safety Mapping \$ 5,000,000;
- (4) H710 - Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
 - Dorm Improvement..... \$ 650,000;
- (5) H750 - School for the Deaf and the Blind
 - (a) Campus Wide HVAC \$ 3,000,000;
 - (b) Campus Upgrades \$ 340,000;
- (6) L120 - Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe
 - (a) Campus Security Cameras..... \$ 400,000;
 - (b) De la Howe Hall Site Work \$ 3,000,000;
- (7) H640 - Governor's School for Arts and Humanities
 - Residence Hall Renovation and Upgrades - Phase II..... \$ 5,000,000;
- (8) H650 - Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
 - Cooling Tower Replacement..... \$ 320,000;
- (9) H030 - Commission on Higher Education
 - Governor's Study of Higher Education..... \$ 3,000,000;
- (10) H790 - Department of Archives and History
 - (a) Digital Enhancements for Research Room Customers..... \$ 300,000;
 - (b) Energy Surcharge and DTO Service Costs Offset..... \$ 250,000;
 - (c) SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission..... \$ 2,000,000;
- (11) H910 - Arts Commission
 - Implementation of SCAC Hubs \$ 2,000,000;
- (12) H960 - Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission
 - (a) Edens Collection of SC Artifacts \$ 177,000;
 - (b) Renovate Gist Rotating Exhibit Gallery \$ 213,000;
- (13) J060 - Department of Public Health
 - (a) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring \$15,499,458;
 - (b) IT Infrastructure Maintenance \$ 3,000,000;
- (14) L040 - Department of Social Services
 - Family Resource Center \$ 1,000,000;
- (15) P120 - Forestry Commission
 - Recruitment and Retention..... \$ 350,000;
- (16) P160 - Department of Agriculture

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	<u>(a) Recruitment and Retention</u>	<u>\$ 311,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Technology Efficiency Infrastructure</u>	<u>\$ 606,000;</u>
<u>(17) P200 - Clemson University Public Service Activities</u>		
	<u>(a) PSA Renovation, Repair, and Equipment</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Statewide Operational and Programmatic Support</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000;</u>
<u>(18) P210 - SC State University Public Service Activities</u>		
	<u>(a) Construction of the South Carolina Limnology Research Center</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Health Quad Initiative</u>	<u>\$ 250,000;</u>
<u>(19) P240 - Department of Natural Resources</u>		
	<u>(a) Technology Equipment Rotation and Communication Lines</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Insurance Reserve Fund Increase and Utilities</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Law Enforcement Boat Rotation</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(d) Agency Equipment</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(e) Hatchery Operations</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
<u>(20) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism</u>		
	<u>(a) Agency Property Development</u>	<u>\$12,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Destination Specific Grants</u>	<u>\$11,450,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Film Incentives</u>	<u>\$10,000,000;</u>
	<u>(d) SCATR - Regional Promotions</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000;</u>
	<u>(e) Sports Marketing Program</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
	<u>(f) Statewide Marketing</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>
	<u>(g) Undiscovered SC Grant Program</u>	<u>\$ 250,000;</u>
	<u>(h) Venues at Arsenal Hill Project</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>
	<u>(i) Market Competitiveness Salary Adjustment - Field Staff</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000;</u>
<u>(21) P320 - Department of Commerce</u>		
	<u>(a) Charleston International Airport</u>	<u>\$20,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Myrtle Beach International Airport</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
	<u>(d) Closing Fund</u>	<u>\$10,000,000;</u>
<u>(22) P400 - SC Conservation Bank</u>		
	<u>Conservation Grant Funding</u>	<u>\$13,000,000;</u>
<u>(23) P450 - Rural Infrastructure Authority</u>		
	<u>Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Match</u>	<u>\$ 4,082,990;</u>
<u>(24) P500 - Department of Environmental Services</u>		
	<u>(a) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring</u>	<u>\$ 6,435,448;</u>
	<u>(b) IT Infrastructure Maintenance</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,036;</u>
	<u>(c) Clean-Up of Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000;</u>
	<u>(d) Transfer - State Water Plan and River Basin Planning Implementation</u>	<u>\$ 2,800,000;</u>
<u>(25) B040 - Judicial Department</u>		
	<u>Legal Fees</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
<u>(26) E200 - Attorney General's Office</u>		
	<u>(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program – Supplemental Allocation</u>	<u>\$ 3,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Residential and Emergency Housing for Minor</u>	

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	<i>Victims of Human Trafficking Grants</i>	\$ 1,000,000;
(27)	<i>E210 - Prosecution Coordination Commission</i>	
	<i>Diversion Program Database</i>	\$ 11,000;
(28)	<i>D100 - State Law Enforcement Division</i>	
	(a) <i>Agency Operating</i>	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) <i>Personnel Equipment</i>	\$ 500,000;
(29)	<i>K050 - Department of Public Safety</i>	
	(a) <i>DPS Weapon Transition</i>	\$ 700,000;
	(b) <i>IT Infrastructure Maintenance</i>	\$ 1,900,000;
	(c) <i>Vehicle Equipment and Radars</i>	\$ 500,000;
	(d) <i>Vehicle Maintenance Costs</i>	\$ 1,000,000;
(30)	<i>N040 - Department of Corrections</i>	
	(a) <i>Agency Operating</i>	\$ 7,989,000;
	(b) <i>Transitional Care Unit and K9 Unit</i>	\$ 500,000;
(31)	<i>N080 - Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services</i>	
	<i>IT Infrastructure Maintenance</i>	\$ 1,200,000;
(32)	<i>N120 - Department of Juvenile Justice</i>	
	<i>Technical Consulting and Assistance</i>	\$ 2,500,000;
(33)	<i>R360 - Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation</i>	
	(a) <i>Matching Funds for Grants</i>	\$ 503,095;
	(b) <i>Office of State Fire Marshal - Operational Expenses</i>	\$ 1,054,333;
(34)	<i>R400 - Department of Motor Vehicles</i>	
	<i>SCDMV IT System Modernization</i>	\$ 5,000,000;
(35)	<i>U120 - Department of Transportation</i>	
	<i>Bridge Modernization</i>	\$200,000,000;
(36)	<i>A150 - Codification of Laws and Legislative Council</i>	
	<i>Printing Expenses</i>	\$ 100,000;
(37)	<i>A170 - Legislative Services Agency</i>	
	<i>Network Infrastructure</i>	\$ 246,235;
(38)	<i>D500 - Department of Administration</i>	
	(a) <i>Audit Contracting</i>	\$ 3,000,000;
	(b) <i>Cybersecurity and Asset Protection Systems</i>	\$ 4,050,000;
	(c) <i>First Responder Communication Modernization (800MHz)</i> \$	1,000,000;
	(d) <i>Healthcare Campus Relocation</i>	\$14,511,113;
	(e) <i>Rent Increase for State-Owned Buildings</i>	\$ 1,000,000;
	(f) <i>Statehouse Grounds Study</i>	\$ 200,000;
	<i>(38.1) From the funds appropriated in item 38(d), the Department of Administration may cover the costs associated with the relocation of affected agencies located along the Bull Street corridor as directed by proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023. The funds may also be used to reimburse the department for costs incurred in the previous fiscal year that are directly related to implementation activities of proviso 118.22 of Act 84 of 2023. The funds shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account and may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used only for the purposes included in this provision.</i>	
(39)	<i>E120 - Comptroller General's Office</i>	
	<i>Office Modernization</i>	\$ 1,250,000;
(40)	<i>E160 - State Treasurer's Office</i>	
	(a) <i>Database Services</i>	\$ 192,000;

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(b) Audit Support..... \$ 1,200,000;

(40.1) From the funds appropriated in item 40(b), the Office of the State Treasurer shall provide an itemized expenditure report of the funds to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on December 31, 2024, and a final itemized expenditure report of the funds on June 30, 2025. The funds shall be utilized to comply with proviso 93.19.

(41) E240 - Adjutant General's Office

(a) Armory Revitalization..... \$ 3,300,000;

(b) SC LEAP..... \$ 36,000;

(c) SCEMD – State EOC Expansion..... \$ 6,251,000;

(42) E260 - Department of Veterans' Affairs

(a) Military Child Education Coalition..... \$ 182,000;

(b) Military Enhancement Fund..... \$ 8,000,000;

(c) MJ “Dolly” Cooper State Veterans’ Cemetery –
Committal Shelter II..... \$ 1,280,000;

(d) Veteran Homes - Critical Capability Development..... \$ 87,164;

(e) Veteran Trust Fund..... \$ 1,000,000;

(f) South Carolina Veteran Coalition and Mobile Application \$ 150,000;

(43) E280 - Election Commission

(a) Election Operations..... \$ 7,983,023;

(b) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant..... \$ 216,977;

(44) E500 - Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

Cybersecurity and IT Fees..... \$300,000; and

(45) E550 - State Fiscal Accountability Authority

AHSC Performance Management Study..... \$ 130,000.

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