

**SUMMARY OF PROVISO CHANGES FOR FY 2024-2025
AS RECOMMENDED BY
THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

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.
- 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.
- 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.*
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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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. Suspend 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1.85** **AMEND** (SDE: Education Data Dashboard) (SDE: Education Data Dashboard) Directs the EOC pilot an Education Data Dashboard. Requires the dashboard to interface with existing

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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”.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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

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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”.

- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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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.

- 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.
- 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.

SECTION 1A - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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".
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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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.

- 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.

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

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.

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.

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SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- 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.
- 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.
- 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”.
- 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 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.
- 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.

SECTION 13 – H090 – THE CITADEL

- 13.1 ADD** (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.

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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.
- 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.

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.

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.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

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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.

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.

SECTION 31 - J060 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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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.

- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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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.

- 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.”

- 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.

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.

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.

- 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.

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.

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- 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.

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 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.

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.
- 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.

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 regard to retained revenues.

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SECTION 45 - P200 - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PSA

- 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.

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.

- 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.

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.

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.

- 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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

55.23 **ADD** (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to establish the PFAS 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.

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.

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 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.

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

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Treasurer. States this fee must be separate from the application fee. Requested by the Commission on Indigent Defense.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Directs the office to serve as a central resource to collect and publish information regarding

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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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

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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.

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.

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 regard to carry forward funds. Requested by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 fund be used solely for the cost of plate production and reissuance.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 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.

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

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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.

- 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.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 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 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.

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

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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.

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 regard to the Disaster Recovery Office and add language to allow TGEs with SCOR who become full time FTEs with SCOR to retain leave.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

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.

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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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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.

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.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

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

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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.

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.

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

WMC: DELETE proviso.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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Directs counties to notify the department of credits issued and return excess funds received by March 31.

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.
- 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.

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.

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

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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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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 are 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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

117.168 DELETE (GP: Comptroller General Financial Accountability & Remediation Task Force) Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with DOA to conduct a study to evaluate compensation and staffing. Directs that the results of the study shall be reported to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means and the Governor by 12/1/23. Directs the recommended appropriated amount resulting from the study to be the minimum budget request and be submitted by 1/1/24. Directs the Office of Comptroller General to work with the Division of State Human Resources to present a plan for salary staffing and adjustments to JBRC. Directs that EBO shall not approve transfers from office rehabilitation until the plan is presented.

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

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.

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.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

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.

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.

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.

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.

117.80 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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

118.20 ADD (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to appropriate nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2024-25, generated from specific sources.