

**SUMMARY OF PROVISO CHANGES
FOR FY 2025-2026
AS PASSED BY HOUSE2**

NOTE: Proviso language unless amended in HOU2 is current Senate language. If amended in HOU2 the HOU2 version has been inserted into the document for that proviso.

SECTION 1 - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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 pupil count, total per pupil funding, teacher salary schedule, and fiscal year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to update weights for virtual charter school students and directs RFA to review the student weightings in the State Aid to Classrooms funding formula to improve its alignment with student enrollment and ensure more consistent funding distributions to districts and charter authorizers. Directs that recommended changes be submitted to the Chairmen of Ways and Means, Senate Finance, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Education by December 1, 2025. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

1.3.(SDE: State Aid to Classrooms) (A) For the current fiscal year, the total pupil count is projected to be ~~769,703~~ 770,504, which includes ~~719,354~~ 712,097 traditional school districts, ~~49,649~~ 57,665 charter school authorizers, and ~~700~~ 742 special school districts. The total appropriations for State Aid to Classrooms represent an average per pupil appropriation of ~~\$5,724~~ \$5,884. The average total per pupil funding, excluding revenue and local bond issues, is projected to be ~~\$8,590~~ \$8,914 from state sources, ~~\$1,245~~ \$1,225 from federal sources, and ~~\$8,145~~ \$8,936 from local sources. This is an average total funding level of ~~\$17,980~~ \$19,075, excluding revenues of local bond issues.

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

	CLASS 8	CLASS 7	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
	DR	MASTERS	MASTERS	BACHELORS	BACHELORS
YRS	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE	DEGREE
EXP		+30 HRS		+18 HRS	
0	\$55,000	\$52,500	\$51,000	\$47,500	\$47,000
1	\$55,500	\$52,750	\$51,250	\$47,750	\$47,250
2	\$56,000	\$53,000	\$51,500	\$48,000	\$47,500
3	\$56,500	\$53,250	\$51,750	\$48,250	\$47,750
4	\$57,000	\$53,500	\$52,000	\$48,500	\$48,000
5	\$57,500	\$54,000	\$53,000	\$49,500	\$49,000
6	\$58,000	\$54,500	\$53,500	\$50,000	\$49,500
7	\$59,000	\$55,000	\$54,000	\$50,500	\$50,000
8	\$60,500	\$55,500	\$54,500	\$51,000	\$50,500

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9	\$62,000	\$56,000	\$55,000	\$51,500	\$51,000
10	\$63,250	\$57,000	\$56,000	\$52,500	\$52,000
11	\$64,500	\$58,000	\$56,500	\$53,000	\$52,500
12	\$65,750	\$59,000	\$57,250	\$53,500	\$53,000
13	\$67,000	\$60,000	\$58,000	\$54,000	\$53,500
14	\$68,250	\$61,000	\$58,750	\$54,500	\$54,000
15	\$69,500	\$62,000	\$59,500	\$55,000	\$54,500
16	\$70,750	\$63,000	\$60,250	\$55,500	\$55,000
17	\$72,000	\$64,000	\$61,000	\$56,000	\$55,500
18	\$72,500	\$64,500	\$61,750	\$56,500	\$56,000
19	\$73,000	\$65,000	\$62,750	\$57,500	\$57,000
20	\$73,750	\$65,500	\$63,250	\$58,000	\$57,500
21	\$74,500	\$66,000	\$63,750	\$58,500	\$58,000
22	\$75,250	\$66,500	\$64,250	\$59,000	\$58,500
23	\$75,750	\$67,000	\$64,750	\$59,500	\$59,000
24	\$76,000	\$67,500	\$65,250	\$60,000	\$59,500
25	\$76,250	\$68,000	\$65,750	\$60,500	\$60,000
26	\$76,500	\$68,500	\$66,250	\$61,000	\$60,500
27	\$76,750	\$68,750	\$66,500	\$61,250	\$60,750
28+	\$77,000	\$69,000	\$66,750	\$61,500	\$61,000

	<u>CLASS 3</u>	<u>CLASS 1</u>	<u>CLASS 7</u>	<u>CLASS 8</u>
	<u>BACHELORS</u>	<u>MASTERS</u>	<u>MASTERS</u>	<u>DR</u>
<u>YRS</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
<u>EXP</u>			<u>+30 HOURS</u>	
0	\$48,500	\$52,500	\$54,000	\$56,500
1	\$48,750	\$52,750	\$54,250	\$57,000
2	\$49,000	\$53,000	\$54,500	\$57,500
3	\$49,250	\$53,250	\$54,750	\$58,000
4	\$49,500	\$53,500	\$55,000	\$58,500
5	\$50,500	\$54,500	\$55,500	\$59,000
6	\$51,000	\$55,000	\$56,000	\$59,500
7	\$51,500	\$55,500	\$56,500	\$60,500
8	\$52,000	\$56,000	\$57,000	\$62,000
9	\$52,500	\$56,500	\$57,500	\$63,500
10	\$53,500	\$57,500	\$58,500	\$64,750
11	\$54,000	\$58,000	\$59,500	\$66,000
12	\$54,500	\$58,750	\$60,500	\$67,250
13	\$55,000	\$59,500	\$61,500	\$68,500
14	\$55,500	\$60,250	\$62,500	\$69,750
15	\$56,000	\$61,000	\$63,500	\$71,000
16	\$56,500	\$61,750	\$64,500	\$72,250
17	\$57,000	\$62,500	\$65,500	\$73,500
18	\$57,500	\$63,250	\$66,000	\$74,000
19	\$58,500	\$64,250	\$66,500	\$74,500
20	\$59,000	\$64,750	\$67,000	\$75,250
21	\$59,500	\$65,250	\$67,500	\$76,000
22	\$60,000	\$65,750	\$68,000	\$76,750
23	\$60,500	\$66,250	\$68,500	\$77,250
24	\$61,000	\$66,750	\$69,000	\$77,500
25	\$61,500	\$67,250	\$69,500	\$77,750

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<u>26</u>	<u>\$62,000</u>	<u>\$67,750</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$78,000</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>\$62,250</u>	<u>\$68,000</u>	<u>\$70,250</u>	<u>\$78,250</u>
<u>28+</u>	<u>\$62,500</u>	<u>\$68,250</u>	<u>\$70,500</u>	<u>\$78,500</u>

(C) For the current fiscal year, the funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms represent the State's contribution to the Aid to Classrooms program for direct instruction of students in kindergarten through grade twelve in our state, which is seventy-five percent of the total salary and employer contribution cost of funding one teacher for every 11.2 students. The salary used to determine the amount of funding required for the state effort is based on that of a teacher having a master's degree and twelve years of experience, which equates to ~~\$57,250~~ \$58,750 on the statewide minimum salary schedule for the current fiscal year and including fringe benefits of ~~\$18,641~~ \$19,129, for a total of ~~\$75,891~~ \$77,879. The types of teachers used in the calculation of student-teacher ratio includes those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b). This includes classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and audiologists in the school districts of the State. School districts are required to meet the statewide minimum salary schedule in the current fiscal year and are required to provide the annual step increase pursuant to Section 59-20-50. No school district is required to increase teacher salaries above the amount necessary to meet the statewide minimum salary schedule as prescribed in this act. For the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 59-20-50(3) of the 1976 Code, as amended, are suspended.

(D) To allocate the funds, the department will calculate the total number of weighted pupil units (WPU) in each school district and in the State. The funds appropriated herein for State Aid to Classrooms represent the state share of the total Aid to Classrooms program, which is seventy-five percent. The local required effort is twenty-five percent of the total program. The total Aid to Classrooms funding for each district is calculated based on the district's percentage of the total statewide weighted pupils multiplied by the total Aid to Classrooms program. The district's local share is calculated by multiplying the total local share by the district's imputed index of taxpaying ability, which is the district's relative fiscal capacity compared to that of all other districts in the State. The State Aid to Classrooms amount allocated to each district will be determined by subtracting the calculation of the district's local share from the calculation of the district's total Aid to Classrooms projected funding. The Statewide Public Charter School District and any approved institution of higher education authorizing charter schools shall receive one hundred percent of the Aid to Classrooms funding from the State. For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, no local match is required for the State Aid to Classroom EIA distributions for the base funding rolled up from the previous fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(L) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, special districts and alternative schools will receive the amount received in the prior fiscal year from these funds.

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

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

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| (1) K-12 pupils or base students including homebound students | 1.00 |
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Students served in licensed residential treatment facilities (RTFs) for children and adolescents as defined under Section 44-7-130 of the 1976 Code shall receive a weighting of 2.10.

(2) Weights for students with disabilities as documented by their Individualized Education Program (IEP)	2.60
(3) Precareer and Career Technology	1.20
(4) Charter school students	
(a) Enrolled in brick and mortar school	1.25
(b) Enrolled in virtual charter school	0.65 <u>0.35</u>
(5) Additional weights for personalized instruction:	
(a) Gifted and Talented	0.15
(b) Academic Assistance	0.15
(c) Limited English Proficiency	0.20
(d) Pupils in Poverty	0.50

(O) The Department of Education will review the child count data for all of the districts and charter school authorizers in the State and identify any school district or charter school authorizer whose percentage of total enrolled students with IEPs is outside of the typical percentage range based on national and state data. The department will then conduct a focused review of the district's special education population and provide technical assistance, as needed, to ensure that students with disabilities are being appropriately identified and served.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(X) The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall review the student weightings used in the State Aid to Classrooms funding formula and examine methods to improve the alignment of State Aid to Classrooms funding with student enrollment while ensuring districts and charter authorizers receive more consistent distributions. The agency must consider input from policymakers and relevant stakeholders as determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Any recommendations for changes to the formula must be submitted to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Education by December 1, 2025.

- 1.19 DELETE** (SDE: School Board Meetings) Directs that school districts with websites must post notices/agendas of school board meetings 24 hours in advance and must also post minutes of the meetings within 10 days of the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1.19.** (SDE: School Board Meetings) Of the funds appropriated through the Department of Education for technology related expenses, school districts that have a website shall place a notice of a regularly scheduled school board meeting twenty four hours in advance of such meeting. The notice shall include the date, time, and agenda for the board meeting. The school district shall place the minutes of the board meeting on their website within ten days of the next regularly scheduled board meeting.~~

- 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 direct the Department and First Steps to collect and share any waiting lists for the 4K program by September 1st, and to determine a process for notifying parents of eligible students available slots. Requested by the Office of First Steps.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

(F) Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by March first of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine and obtain the data necessary and both public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the program, including average daily attendance data, so that consistent enrollment may be determined. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a public or private provider including those funded by CERDEP, Head Start, SC Child Care Scholarships, EIA, Title I, district-funded, and all other federal, state, or local public sources. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs. To aid in the accurate reporting of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools in South Carolina, the Department of Education must provide to the EOC data related to four-year-olds served in formal education programs funded with other state, local, or federal funds, including Title 1 and EIA-District-funded programs, denoting full- or partial-day status.

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

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

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participation. Providers receiving this one-time supplement shall be expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level determined by the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. First Steps shall submit a report detailing its process, expenditures and expanded enrollment to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by March 15.

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

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

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

1.49 AMEND (SDE: Interscholastic Athletic Association Dues) Provides criteria which an interscholastic athletic association, body or entity must meet in order for a state supported school district or school within that district to be permitted to use funds to associate with the organization. Directs that eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall not be more restrictive than they were on January 1, 2020.

HOU: AMEND proviso to revise item (5) to include varsity, sub-varsity, junior varsity, and middle school levels in the uniform system for establishing fines; delete “game” and insert “contest; include fines for a member school refusing to schedule a mandatory region contest with another member school in the same region. Sponsor: Rep. Erickson

SFC: AMEND further to direct that students shall not earn compensation from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL).

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SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

(3)(a)an appeals process in which appeals of the association, body, or entity are made to a disinterested third-body appellate panel which consists of seven members who serve four year terms, with one person appointed by the delegation of each congressional district;

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

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

(d)an appeal stays the determination of a sanction made by the association, body, or entity, or staff member of such, pending the outcome of the appeal;

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

(5) a uniform system applicable to all member schools at the varsity, sub-varsity, junior varsity, and middle school levels, establishing fines for the cancellation of a scheduled ~~game~~ contest regardless of if the ~~game~~ contest is in or out of region, including a member school refusing to schedule a mandatory region contest with another member school within the same region. At a minimum, the school canceling the scheduled ~~game~~ contest must be fined an amount equal to the cost incurred for officials, tickets, and concessions or \$1,000, whichever is greater. If the ~~game~~ contest is rescheduled or cancelled for a documented health or safety reason, the school shall not be fined; ~~and~~

(6) does not permit, allow, or authorize students to earn compensation from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL); and

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

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

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

- 1.70 AMEND** (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) States that the projected Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$59,866. Requires a local district board of trustees to provide a step increase for all eligible certified teachers. Requires districts to use the district salary schedule used in the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase. Suspends the requirement that districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year. *Companion to EIA proviso 1A.31.*

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.70. (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) (4) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year, the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~\$59,866~~ \$61,964. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

(B) Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using at a minimum the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended.

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

- 1.73 DELETE** (SDE: Formative Assessment Data) Requires districts to ensure that all students in first through eighth grades are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool during the fall, winter, and spring. Directs school districts to provide interim and formative assessment data scores by grade and school to the department from the prior fiscal year. Directs the department to compile the information and submit a comprehensive report to the General Assembly by May 31st of the current fiscal year. Directs that any school district that fails to provide the data shall have 10% of their State Aid to Classrooms funding withheld until the data is provided.

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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~~1.73. (SDE: Formative Assessment Data) For the current school year, districts must ensure all students in first through eighth grades are assessed using a state approved interim assessment tool during the fall, winter, and spring. School districts shall provide all interim and formative assessment data scores by grade and school to the Department of Education from the prior school year. The department is directed to compile the information received and submit a comprehensive report regarding performance on such assessments to the General Assembly by May 31 of the current fiscal year. Any school district failing to provide this data to the department shall have ten percent of their State Aid to Classrooms funding withheld until the data is provided.~~

- 1.74 DELETE** (SDE: ESSER Funds) Directs the department to ensure school districts are made aware of permissible uses of the ESSER funds at their disposal. Directs the department distribute a list of cooperative purchasing agreements for districts to utilize to enhance their ESSER fund allocation by 8/1/24. Directs the department to distribute and to provide training and technical support to district personnel.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~1.74. (SDE: ESSER Funds) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the department shall ensure that school districts are made aware of all the permissible uses of ESSER funds that are at their disposal. Before August 1, 2024, the department shall distribute a list of cooperative purchasing agreements, as defined by Section 11-35-4810(1), that school districts may join, participate, or use at their discretion in order to maximize the impact of district ESSER fund allocations. The department shall provide training and technical support to district personnel throughout the process.~~

- 1.77 AMEND** (SDE: Funding for Schools Safety) Outlines the allocation and use of funds for school safety upgrades. Directs the department to create a process for school districts to apply for funding. Directs that applications must be submitted by September 1, 2024 and directs the department to submit a recommended list to the State Board of Education by November 30, 2024.
WMC: AMEND proviso to add that funding is specifically for security assessments and facility upgrades. Updates the calendar year references and changes the submission date of the list of recommended grant awards to December 31. Requested by the Department of Education.
HOU: AMEND further to add “ballistic proof doors” in subsection (A). Sponsor: Rep. Whitmire
SFC: AMEND Further to add “or doors” in subsection (A) regarding bulletproof film.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

(C) Applications must be submitted to the department by September 1, ~~2024~~ 2025. Upon receipt of applications pursuant to the application process adopted by the department, the department shall prioritize the eligible projects with the greatest need using the established criteria and shall submit a list of recommended ~~grant~~ awards to the State Board of Education no later than ~~November 30, 2024~~ December 31, 2025. ~~Grants~~ Funding shall be awarded upon an affirmative vote of the State Board.

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

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

- 1.82** **AMEND** (SDE: Charter School Management Organizations) Directs that a person paid or employed by an EMO or CMO shall not serve on the board of any charter school if the EMO or CMO is contracted to provide any services to the charter school. Directs that a person paid or employed by an EMO or CMO shall not serve on the board of any authorizer's board of a public school district, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, or a public or independent institution of higher learning. Directs that any school in violation of these provisions shall have 50% of all appropriated state funds withheld until compliant.
SFC: AMEND proviso to delete language relating to serving on the board if the EMO or CMO is contracted to provide any services to the charter school.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.82. (SDE: Charter School Management Organizations) A person paid or employed by an Education Management Organization (EMO) or a Charter Management Organization (CMO) shall not be allowed to serve on the board of any charter school sponsored by a public school district, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, or a public or independent institution of higher learning ~~if the EMO or CMO is contracted to provide any services to the charter school~~. Any school violating this provision shall have fifty percent of all appropriated state funds withheld until the school becomes compliant with this provision. A person paid or employed by an EMO or a CMO shall not be allowed to serve on the board of any authorizer's board of a public school district, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, or a public or independent institution of higher learning. Any authorizing board violating this provision shall have fifty percent of all appropriated state funds retained for operations withheld until the authorizer and its board becomes compliant with this provision.

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1.85 **AMEND** (SDE: Teaching Transformation Pilot Program) Directs that \$1,000,000 be allocated to USC's College of Education for a pilot program to reinvent and transform the state's teaching profession. Provides for the goals, intentions, and requirements of the program. Directs the pilot program to be in partnership with selected SC Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and to be designed and developed in collaboration with national partners, Education Resources Strategies and Bank Street College. Requires the pilot program to be anchored in data collection underway by SC-TEACHER, with a grant funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and effective educator practices across the globe. Directs the pilot program to compliment and/or enhance the state's effective innovation in the issue of the state's teaching profession.

WMC: AMEND proviso to add "subject to funding" regarding the allocation of funding for the pilot program, and to delete references to whole child education. Requires a report to be submitted on the success of the pilot program to the Governor, Chairmen of Ways and Means and Senate Finance, and the Superintendent of Education by June 30. Requested by the Department of Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to delete references to a focus on diversifying the teaching workforce for high-need students and stipends for student teachers/residents and the design and development of the pilot program in collaboration with national partners, Education Resource Strategies and Bank Street College

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.85. (SDE: Teaching Transformation Pilot Program) *(A) Subject to funding*, on or before July 31st of the current fiscal year, \$1,000,000 shall be allocated to the University of South Carolina's College of Education for the design and implementation of a pilot program to reinvent and transform the state's teaching profession. The goals of the pilot program are to:

- (1) ~~diversify~~ *support* the PK-12th grade educator workforce;
- (2) address teacher shortages through innovations in educator development; and
- (3) accelerate student learning ~~and systems of whole child education~~.

(B) The pilot program shall support at least three ~~diverse~~ school districts which shall include a minimum of one, with a maximum of two, large urban districts and a minimum of two, with a maximum of four, rural districts in order to:

(1) incentivize the recruitment and preparation of high quality educators ~~including a focus on diversifying the teaching workforce for high need students and stipends for student teachers/residents~~;

(2) support the development of a coherent and financially sustainable system, based on current school funding models, of teacher leadership that improves learning environments and educator retention and effectiveness; and

(3) produce several models of the school-university-community partnerships in South Carolina, testing evidence-based elements of a coherent system of teacher development including, but not limited to:

(a) prototyping a paid teacher residency for South Carolina, modeled from the medical profession, to develop well-prepared new recruits to teaching and new school designs to support teacher learning and leadership ~~for whole child education~~;

(b) applying state of the art technology and tools that save time, not only to help teachers problem-solve instructional challenges, but also to teach students across schools and districts;

(c) reinventing the school day and/or school year calendar as teachers work on different contracts to create expanded and more personalized student learning as well as more opportunities for educators to lead;

(d) reducing teaching loads for some of the state's top teachers, including over six thousand who are National Board certified, so they can lead without leaving the classrooms; and

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(e) rethinking the teacher salary schedule to:

(i) include opportunities for additional pay for increased responsibility, leadership roles, and expanded impact; and

(ii) prototype a menu of financial and nonfinancial incentives for effective educators to work in priority schools, subjects, and grade levels.

(C) State funding will support both an external evaluation of the pilot program as well as South Carolina districts participating in a national learning community of other school-university partnerships seeking to transform the educator workforce.

(D) The pilot program to transform the teaching profession will be in partnership with selected South Carolina ~~Historically Black Colleges and Universities~~ which will be critical to recruiting and developing teachers of color. ~~In addition, the pilot program will be designed and developed in collaboration with national partners, Education Resource Strategies and Bank Street College, bringing respective expertise in resource reallocations for innovative school staffing in public education and recruiting and preparing diverse teachers through teaching residences.~~ The pilot program will be anchored in data collection underway by SC-TEACHER, with a grant funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, as well as in effective educator practices from across the globe.

(E) The pilot program shall compliment and/or enhance the state's effective innovations in educator recruitment, induction, evaluation, and professional learning, and draw upon research evidence to create a transformative system of educator development including new ways to compensate teachers and principals that impact student learning and more efficient use of human capital across the State. Current teacher shortages cannot be addressed without transforming the teaching job and the profession itself.

(F) *A report detailing the pilot program's success related to its stated goals including, but not limited to, the success of teacher recruitment and retention of those teachers shall be provided to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance, and the Superintendent of Education by June 30th.*

1.87 **AMEND** (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, 2024. Directs school districts to publish the list of properties on their website by September 15, 2024. Directs the district to transfer property by December 31, 2024 to a governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation to accept the property for public use. States that if no subdivision or state agency accepts the property, the district is directed to offer the property for sale or lease at fair market value. Directs that 5% of state payments be withheld if a district fails to comply.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.87. (SDE: Surplus Property) (A) A school district must transfer, or offer for sale or lease, any surplus real property or property which has been vacant, unused, or unused for direct student instruction for the previous four school years and is not currently included in any district capital improvement plan for future use on or before July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025. All school districts must publish on their website by September 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a list of properties that qualify under this provision.

(B) A school district shall comply with the requirements of this provision by transferring such property to another governmental subdivision or state agency that has provided written confirmation of an intent to accept the property for public use by December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025. Any

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governmental subdivision or state agency providing such written confirmation must comply with all requirements related to the acquisition of real property or surplus property, and/or requirements related to the establishment of permanent improvement projects prior to accepting property transferred pursuant to this provision.

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

- 1.89** **AMEND** (SDE: Alternative Education Programs Options) Directs SDE to create, publish, and provide to all public schools a list of alternative education programs at various institutions to students who are not on track for on-time graduation or who are at risk of dropping out of school. Directs that school counselors should also provide student information those institutions unless the student has opted out pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Directs the department to develop an opt-out form for parents or students eighteen or older and make it available on its website.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update technical language for the students and schools involved in alternative education programs, and to specify the age of students who should receive information on alternative diploma seeking education program to ages sixteen or older. Requested by the Department of Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.89. (SDE: Alternative Education Programs Options) The State Department of Education shall create, publish, and provide to all public schools in the State a list of alternative education programs that can award a high school ~~degree~~ diploma or high school equivalency credential. The list must include, but not be limited to, the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School and the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy. ~~As part of each student's annual review of his Individualized Graduation Plan, school counselors~~ Schools shall distribute information provided by the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, the South Carolina Youth Challenge Academy, and any other appropriate alternative diploma seeking education program to students age sixteen or older who are not on track for on-time graduation or who otherwise are at risk of dropping out of school. ~~School counselors shall provide those institutions~~ The names and addresses of all students age sixteen or older who are not on track for on-time graduation or who are otherwise at risk of dropping out of school, except for students who have opted out of disclosure of directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232g will be made available to these institutions. Parents or students age eighteen or older may complete a form to opt the student out of the disclosure of student contact information with these institutions. The department shall develop this opt-out and each district shall make the form available on its website.

- 1.91** **AMEND** (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, 2025.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

(B) The Department of Education shall work to streamline data collection timelines and processes to reduce burden and increase efficiency of data collection and reporting. For the current fiscal year, legislatively mandated due dates for school, district, and state plans including, but not limited to, District Strategic and School Renewal Plans, Read to Succeed Reading Plans, Academic Recovery Plans, District ADEPT Plans, and School Turnaround Plans are extended at the discretion of the Department of Education, but shall be due by June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

1.100 RESTORE/AMEND (SDE: District Accounting Systems and Best Practices) Directs 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.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: RESTORE original proviso and amend to update calendar reference.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

- (1) one member appointed by the Governor; who shall serve as Chair of the task force;
- (2) the State Superintendent of Education or their designee;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer of the State Department of Education;
- (4) one member of the South Carolina House of Representatives appointed by the Chair of the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee;
- (5) one member of the South Carolina Senate appointed by the Chair of the Senate Education Committee;
- (6) one member appointed by the Chair of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee;
- (7) one member appointed by the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee;
- (8) one member appointed by the Chair of the Board of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office;
- (9) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators;
- (10) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina School Boards Association; and
- (11) one member appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials.

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

(D) The task force must submit recommendations for potential reforms to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate no later than May 31, ~~2025~~ 2026. Recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- (1) increased transparency for school district personnel, stakeholders, and policymakers;
- (2) ensuring alignment to accounting standards across the State;
- (3) ease of reporting;
- (4) consolidation of multiple reports into a streamlined reporting format;
- (5) consistency of data across districts; and
- (6) increased efficiency for school district financial staff.

1.101 **DELETE** (SDE: Charter School Transfer) Directs that a charter school authorized by an institution of higher education may unilaterally transfer its charter and contract to a different authorizer if its current authorizer is under a warning for noncompliance, on probation with its accrediting body, or ceases operations. The current authorizer cannot withhold unspent funds or charge fees for the transfer. Before accepting the transfer, the new authorizer must review any allegations of noncompliance by the previous authorizer and ensure corrective actions are taken before the transfer is approved.

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1.101.** (SDE: Charter School Transfer) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, a charter school that is authorized or chartered by an institution of higher education, or entity owned by or affiliated with an institution of higher education, may unilaterally assign its charter and contract to another willing authorizer provided that its current authorizer is operating under a warning of noncompliance with any core requirements or significant noncompliance of other standards or is on probation by its accrediting body for degree granting higher education institutions. Furthermore, a charter school may apply to have its charter and contract assigned to a different authorizer if its current authorizer ceases operations. An authorizer under warning, on probation, or ceasing operation shall not demand or withhold any unspent appropriated funds held by or owed to a charter school. Furthermore, the authorizer may not charge any fees associated with the school having its charter and contract assigned to another authorizer. Prior to accepting an assignment application, the receiving authorizer shall consider any existing allegations by the prior authorizer that the assigning school is in noncompliance with its charter contract and determine whether any corrective action should be taken by the school, and the assignment shall not be allowed unless and until the corrective action has been taken.~~

1.103 **DELETE** (SDE: First Steps Division) Authorizes First Steps to operate independently from SDE effective July 1.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Office of First Steps.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1.103.** (SDE: First Steps Division) Effective July 1, 2024, the Office of First Steps is authorized to operate independently from the Department of Education. The Office of First Steps shall work with the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office, in consultation with~~

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~~the Department of Education, to separate out funding sources, employees, proviso language, and anything else pertinent to formally separate First Steps from the Department of Education.~~

- 1.105 AMEND** (SDE: School Nurses Unencumbered Time) Encourages school districts to include school nurses in the unencumbered time requirements pursuant to Section 59-5-63.
SFC: AMEND proviso to incorporate school nurses into the statewide policy outlining penalties and exceptions to unencumbered time requirements.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.105. (SDE: School Nurses Unencumbered Time) Of the funds appropriated through the Department of Education for school districts, the department shall work with school districts to ~~encourage~~ incorporate, where practical, ~~to include~~ school nurses ~~in~~ into the statewide policy outlining penalties and exceptions to the unencumbered time requirements ~~in pursuant to~~ Section 59-5-63.

- 1.107 AMEND** (SDE: Strategic Compensation Pilot Program) Creates the Strategic Compensation Pilot Program for certified teachers. Establishes the criteria for the applicants and requires a report to be submitted to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the pilot program.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete “certified teachers” and add “potential” in reference to secondary indicators. Add “and charters” in regard to entities receiving funds under this grant, and add that reports produced on effectiveness of the pilot shall place an emphasis on yearend data. Requested by the Department of Education.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: AMEND further to delete “grant” and insert “pilot.”
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.107. (SDE: Strategic Compensation Pilot) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the department shall establish as strategic compensation ~~for certified teachers~~ pilot program for which districts or charter schools may elect to apply. The department shall ensure through its awards that at least half of participants are in a “critical need geographic area” as designated annually by the State Board of Education.

(B) The criteria for the ~~grant~~ pilot application shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) measurement of educator effectiveness using student academic growth data as the primary indicator;
- (2) additional measures of educator effectiveness including observation data, student survey data, attendance data, etc. as potential secondary indicators;
- (3) ability to utilize student information systems and data governance policies to ensure appropriate rostering of students to their "educator(s) of record";
- (4) demonstration of entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to implement a strategic compensation program that attracts, rewards, and recognizes educators;
- (5) a quarterly reporting requirement to ensure key milestones are achieved and that fiscal stewardship and fidelity to core premise is evident; and
- (6) evidence that the strategic compensation design is aligned with proven South Carolina efforts and/or proven national efforts that are backed by evidence.

(C) Districts and charters receiving funding under this ~~grant~~ pilot shall provide data as requested by the department to produce a report on the effectiveness of the pilot to be provided to the General Assembly, with particular emphasis placed on year-end data once available.

- 1.112 AMEND** (SDE: Interscholastic Athletics) Directs that students who attend independent schools shall not be denied the opportunity to try out for and participate in an interscholastic athletic

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program offered at a public school. Provides the criteria and eligibility requirements for students to be able to participate in the program. Defines “independent school”.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the requirement that “the private school’s enrollment for grades nine through twelve does not exceed two hundred students” in order to participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered at a public school.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.112. (SDE: Interscholastic Athletics) (A) No funds appropriated or authorized in this act that are distributed to a school district may be used to deny individual students who attend independent schools in this State the opportunity to try out for and, if selected, participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered at a public school in the district if the:

(1) student resides within the attendance zone boundaries of the public school;

(2) independent school that the student attends is not a member of the South Carolina High School League ~~and the private school’s enrollment for grades nine through twelve does not exceed two hundred students;~~

(3) independent school attended by the student does not offer the particular sport for the student’s gender;

(4) particular sport in which the student seeks to participate is offered at the public school located in the attendance zone where the student resides;

(5) student notifies the superintendent of the public school district in writing of his intent to try out in the particular sport as a representative of the public school before the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he wishes to try out;

(6) student pays for all sport-specific fees charged by the public school for an individual student to participate in the particular sport;

(7) student meets all public school district eligibility requirements with the exception of the:

(a) school district’s school or class attendance requirements; and

(b) class and enrollment requirements of the association administering the interscholastic sports;

(8) student and the student’s parent or guardian agree for the student to be subject to the code of conduct of the public school; and

(9) student was not expelled from the same public school during the same academic year.

(B) Additionally, a public school district may not expend funds to contract with a private entity that supervises interscholastic athletic programs if the private entity prohibits the participation of independent school students in interscholastic athletic programs supervised by the entity.

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

(D) A public school may expend funds on students specified in subsection (A) to participate in an interscholastic athletic program.

(E) The provisions of this proviso shall not be construed as imputing any public school academic, athletic, or extracurricular policies or procedures to any private school that a student attends if that student also participates in a public high school league sport pursuant to the terms of this act outside of the requirements related to maintaining a certain grade-point average and grade level for participating in and attending regularly scheduled practices of the sports team.

(F) For purposes of this proviso, “independent school” means a school:

(1) established by an entity other than the State or a subdivision of the State;

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- (2) supported primarily by private or nonpublic funds; and
- (3) operated by private individuals operating in their private capacity and not by people who are publicly elected or appointed to operate the school.

- 1.115 DELETE** (SDE: Williamsburg County School District) Directs SDE to prepare a report on the Williamsburg County School District citing the reasons for declaring a state of emergency, to be provided to the respective delegation by January 1st.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Education.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~1.115. (SDE: Williamsburg County School District) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the department shall prepare a written report on the Williamsburg County School District which is under management by the department. The report must be provided to the Williamsburg County Legislative Delegation by January 1st. The report must include the initial reasons cited by the State Superintendent of Education for declaring a state of emergency that resulted in the department assuming management of the district, the year in which the declaration was made, and the steps taken by the department to address such matters. This report also must include recommended actions to end the management of the district, including a plan that contains stated benchmarks and timelines for returning management of the school district back to the locally elected school board.~~

- 1.117 ADD** (SDE: Activity Buses) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow activity buses to be utilized by nonprofit organizations and allow the school districts to impose fees and conditions for the use of the buses.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

1.117. (SDE: Activity Buses) In the current fiscal year, school districts may offer the services of activity buses to nonprofit organizations and may impose conditions and fees for the use of buses including, but not limited to, liability coverage for any loss incurred during the period of activity or use.

- 1.118 AMEND NEW PROVISO** (SDE: Assessments and Final Grade Determination) **HOU:** ADD new proviso to direct that school districts shall not weigh standardized benchmark assessments in final grades unless the assessment measures content has been taught in the course and is instructor approved. Directs that violations may lead to reduced state funding. Sponsor: Rep. Pedalino. **Note: Proviso 1.119 in HOU2.**
SFC: AMEND new proviso to delete reference to the prohibition of assigning a weight to standardized assessments unless the assessment measures content taught in the course and instead directs that no district may require the inclusion of student performance on district-selected assessments. Directs that these assessments can only be used as formative tools and exclusively measures content taught in the course. Directs that these provisions do not apply to End of Course assessments.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1.118. (SDE: Assessments and Final Grade Determination) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, no school district receiving funds pursuant to Section 1 of the Appropriations Act may require the

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inclusion of student performance on any district-selected benchmark assessment in calculating a student's final grade in any course or subject. District-selected benchmark assessments may only be used as formative assessments for informing instructional purposes and shall not factor into a student's course grade unless the assessment is developed or directly approved by the course instructor and exclusively measures content that has previously been taught in the course. Any school district found in violation of this provision may be subject to corrective action, including a reduction in state funding allocations as determined by the department. These provisions do not apply to End of Course assessments.

- 1.119** **ADD** (SDE: Charter School Contracts) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to allow a charter school to apply for a new authorizer if its current authorizer ceases operations. Sponsor: Sen. Hembree

1.119. (SDE: Charter School Contracts) If a public or independent institution of higher learning charter authorizer ceases operations, any charter school under a current contract with the authorizer may apply to a new authorizer for the remainder of the charter school's contract term. Of the funds appropriated, the Department of Education shall create a streamline transfer process for this purpose.

- 1.120** **ADD** (SDE: Charter School Authorizer Contracts) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to direct that if a public or independent higher education charter authorizer ceases operations, affected charter schools may apply to a new authorizer for the remainder of their contract term. Directs that charter schools with approved applications but no executed contracts may also seek a new authorizer. Directs the department to develop a LEA closure protocol and a timeline for transferring schools and reviewing applications, to be fully implemented by June 1, 2026. Schools will not need to resubmit full applications unless the new authorizer identifies specific concerns. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

1.120. (SDE: Charter School Authorizer Contracts) If a public or independent institution of higher learning charter authorizer ceases operations, any charter school under a current contract with the authorizer may apply to a new authorizer for the remainder of the charter school's contract term. Any charter school with an approved application that has not yet executed a contract as of the effective date of this act may elect to request that a new authorizer consider its application. Of the funds appropriated, the Department of Education shall create a LEA closure protocol to be fully implemented by June 1, 2026 and a timeline for the transfer of any charter schools and the receipt and review of any applications by a new authorizer for this purpose. Schools shall not be required to resubmit a full application unless the new authorizer specifically identifies an area of concern.

SECTION 1A - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA

- 1A.4** **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/State Agencies) Provides for the distribution of funds as recommended by the department and funded by the General Assembly to adjust teacher pay based on the local school district where the agency is located for instructional personnel employed by a state agency not containing a school district.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete references of "recommended by the Department of Education" in regard to distribution of funds and "Section 1, VIII.F" in regard to EIA appropriations.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.4. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/State Agencies) (A) Each state agency which does not contain a school district but has instructional personnel shall receive an appropriation ~~as recommended by the Department of Education and~~ funded by the General Assembly for teacher salaries based on the following formula: Each state agency shall receive such funds as are necessary to adjust the pay of all instructional personnel to the appropriate salary provided by the salary schedules of the school district in which the agency is located. Instructional personnel may include all positions which would be eligible for EIA supplements in a public school district, and may at the discretion of the state agency, be defined to cover curriculum development specialists, educational testing psychologists, psychological and guidance counselors, and principals. The twelve-month agricultural teachers located at Clemson University are to be included in this allocation of funds for base salary increases. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, and the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe are authorized to increase the salaries of instructional personnel by an amount equal to the percentage increase given by the school district in which they are ~~both~~ located.

(B) Teacher salary increases ~~recommended by the Department of Education and~~ funded in this act shall be incorporated into each agency's EIA appropriation ~~contained in Section 1, VIII.F.~~

1A.9 **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) Provides guidelines for distributing teacher supply reimbursement of up to \$400 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 tax return.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that the reimbursement shall not be reported as income on the employee's W-2 and that the district may not withhold the amount of the supply check from the employee's salary. Updates calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.9. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) (A) All certified and non-certified public school teachers identified in PCS, certified special school classroom teachers, certified media specialists, certified guidance counselors, and career specialists who are employed by a school district, a charter school, or lead teachers employed in a publicly funded full day 4K classroom approved by the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness, as of November thirtieth of the current fiscal year, based on the public decision of the school board may receive reimbursement of \$400 each school year to offset expenses incurred by them for teaching supplies and materials identified by the employee as essential for student success. Funds shall be disbursed by the department to School districts by July fifteenth based on the last reconciled Professional Certified Staff (PCS) listing from the previous year. With remaining funds for this program, any deviation in the PCS and actual teacher count will be reconciled by December thirty-first or as soon as practicable thereafter. Based on the public decision of the school district and no later than May fifteenth annually, the district shall notify all individuals entitled to receive these funds the manner in which the funds will be disbursed. Funds may be disbursed to each teacher via check in a manner separate and distinct from their payroll check on the first day teachers, by contract, are required to be in attendance at school for the current contract year, or the funds may be disbursed to each teacher via direct deposit as long as the funds are handled in a manner to be

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separate and distinct from their payroll check. This reimbursement shall not be considered by the state as taxable income or reported as income on the employee's annual W-2 form, and a district may not withhold or garnish the amount of the supply check from an employee's salary. Special schools include the Governor's School for Science and Math, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Felton Lab, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District. Funds distributed to school districts or allocated to schools must not supplant existing supply money paid to teachers from other sources. If a school district requires receipts for tax purposes the receipts may not be required before December thirty-first. Districts that do not wish to require receipts may have teachers retain the receipts and certify for the district they have received the allocation for purchase of teaching supplies and/or materials and that they have purchased or will purchase supplies and/or materials during the fiscal year for the amount of the allocation. Districts shall not have an audit exception related to non-retention of receipts in any instances where a similar instrument is utilized. Any district requiring receipts must notify any teacher from whom receipts have not been submitted between November twenty-fifth and December sixth that receipts must be submitted to the district. Districts may not add any additional requirement not listed herein related to this reimbursement.

(B) Any classroom teacher, including a classroom teacher at a South Carolina private school, that is not eligible for the reimbursement allowed by this provision, may claim a refundable income tax credit on the teacher's ~~2024~~ 2025 tax return, provided that the return or any amended return claiming the credit is filed prior to the end of the fiscal year. The credit is equal to \$400, or the amount the teacher expends on teacher supplies and materials, whichever is less. If any expenditures eligible for a credit are made after December thirty-first, the teacher may include the expenditures on his initial return or may file an amended ~~2024~~ 2025 return claiming the credit, so long as the return or amended return is filed in this fiscal year. The Department of Revenue may require whatever proof it deems necessary to implement the credit provided by this part of this provision. Any person receiving the reimbursement provided by this proviso is ineligible to take the income tax credit allowed by this proviso.

- 1A.21 DELETE** (SDE-EIA: Reading) Directs that the funds allocated to the department for reading shall be used to provide districts with research-based strategies, professional development, and the implementation of the research-based strategies. Requires the department and school districts to use the most cost effective method when providing professional development and directs the utilization of ETV when able to provide such services. Requires the department to establish measurements for monitoring impact on student achievement.

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**1A.21.** (SDE-EIA: Reading) The funds allocated to the Department of Education for reading shall be used to provide districts with research-based strategies and professional development and to work directly with schools and districts to assist with implementation of research-based strategies. When providing professional development the department and school districts must use the most cost effective method and when able utilize ETV to provide such services throughout the state. The department shall establish measurements for monitoring impact on student achievement.~~

- 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 1.47.*

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WMC: AMEND proviso to direct the Department and First Steps to collect and share any waiting lists for the 4K program by September 1st, and to determine a process for notifying parents of eligible students available slots. Requested by the Office of First Steps.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(F) Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by March first of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine and obtain the data necessary and both public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the program, including average daily attendance data, so that consistent enrollment may be determined. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a public or private provider including those funded by CERDEP, Head Start, SC Child Care Scholarships, EIA, Title I, district-funded, and all other federal, state, or local public sources. The Department of Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs. To aid in the accurate reporting of four-year-olds in poverty served in formal education programs in public schools in South Carolina, the Department of Education must provide to the EOC data related to four-year-olds served in formal education programs funded with other state, local, or federal funds, including Title 1 and EIA-District-funded programs, denoting full- or partial-day status.

(G) For eligible children residing in school districts that do not participate in CERDEP, the Department of Education is required to develop and implement inter-district transfer policies that

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give parents or guardians the option of their eligible child attending an out-of-district school that participates in CERDEP.

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

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

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

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may authorize the transfer of funds between the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps.

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

1A.31 AMEND (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) States that the projected Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be \$59,866. 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 proviso to update the Southeastern average teacher salary and fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.31. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) (A) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year, the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~\$59,866~~ \$61,964. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

(B) Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using at a minimum the district salary schedule utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended.

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

1A.41 AMEND (SDE-EIA: EOC-South Carolina Autism Society) Directs that \$500,000 of the EIA funds appropriated for Partnerships, Education Oversight Committee (A85) be transferred quarterly from the EOC to the South Carolina Autism Society for the Autism Parent-School Partnership Program. Requires the society, on or before August 1, 2024, 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, 2025.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.41. (SDE-EIA: EOC-South Carolina Autism Society) (A) Of the funds appropriated in Section 1A, VIII.F. Partnerships, Education Oversight Committee (A85), \$500,000 must be transferred in quarterly installments from the Education Oversight Committee to the South Carolina Autism Society for the Autism Parent-School Partnership Program. No more than ten

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percent of these funds may be used for central office related administrative purposes, with the remaining funds used to directly provide services through the Parent-School Partnership Program.

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

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

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

1A.44 **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: CDEPP Student Information and Reporting) Requires the department and First Steps to acquire unique student identifiers or SUNS numbers by the 45th day for each student that is enrolled in the CDEPP program and to provide a report on the information to various committees by November 30th. Requires the department and First Steps provide any information the EOC requires for the annual CDEPP report by November 30th.

WMC: AMEND proviso to change "CDEPP" to "CERDEP" to accurately reflect the program name of the Child Early Reading and Development Education Program. Requested by the Department of Education.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.44. (SDE-EIA: ~~CDEPP~~ CERDEP Student Information and Reporting) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness must acquire unique student identifiers or SUNS numbers for each student enrolled in the ~~CDEPP~~ CERDEP program no later than the 45th day and must provide a report of such to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Education Oversight Committee by November thirtieth. The Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness must provide any information required by the Education Oversight Committee for the annual ~~CDEPP~~ CERDEP report no later than November thirtieth.

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. require EOC to evaluate the allocated funds and their impact on

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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.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that funds may not be used to cover costs or fees for hiring and/or relocating international teachers and to update the evaluation submission date.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to delete the directive that funds may not be used to cover costs or fees for hiring and/or relocating international teachers and to update the evaluation submission date.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At a minimum, the incentives shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(G) The Education Oversight Committee is required to complete an evaluation of the impact of the funds and incentives related to the Rural Teacher Recruiting Incentive. A completed evaluation is due to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the Governor's Office ~~no later than December 15 of the current fiscal year~~ *by June 30, 2026*.

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 the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.51. (SDE-EIA: Career and Technology Education) Of the funds appropriated for Career and Technology Education, multi-district careers centers that received funds in Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 from the State Aid to Classrooms line item shall receive in the current fiscal year at least \$2,750,000. The balance of funds appropriated for Career and Technology Education will be distributed to school districts and multi-district career centers based on the prior year actual student enrollment for career and technology education courses, with no district or multi-district career center receiving less than \$50,000. Funds may be expended for the purchase of career and technical equipment, the up fitting of facilities and the purchase of consumables, regional career specialists, and such evidence-based initiatives like High Schools that Work and Project Lead the Way. Each district must include in the district plan submitted to the Office of Career and Technology Education information on other career and technical equipment available. The district must include, at a minimum, equipment located at the career center and at the technical college, information on the alignment of equipment to current industry jobs and needs in the state as recommended by career and technical program advisory committees. District plans must

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include charter schools within the school district offering at least one career and technical education completer program. School districts and career centers may carry forward unexpended funds to be used for the same intended purposes to up fit career and technical facilities and replace career and technical program consumables. In addition, \$125,000 of the funds appropriated shall be allocated to the Palmetto Partners for Science and Technology for robotics competition, curriculum, and support.

- 1A.56 AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Grants Committee) Establishes the guidelines for the Department of Education's Innovation Grants, with a committee composed of seven members from both education and business sectors. Outlines the criteria for selecting grantees, which include raising student achievement, closing achievement gaps in reading and math, and demonstrating the ability to implement scalable, evidence-based models. Directs that applications must be submitted by June 30th, with awards announced by July 31st with priority given to applicants offering matching funds or in-kind donations, especially in high-poverty districts. Directs that grantees must undergo external evaluations, and one grant will focus on developing a system for tracking and evaluating educational software effectiveness across districts. Allows the department to carry over funds for these initiatives into the next fiscal year.
- SFC:** AMEND proviso to add specificities of the members comprising the grants committee. Adds to the awarding criteria that the school or district should not have received three consecutive years of funding from the grants committee. Amends item (E) so that the department shall select the external evaluator.
- SEN:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.56. (SDE-EIA: Grants Committee) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Innovation Grants, the grants committee shall accept applications per the established process for new grantees not to exceed the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.

(B) The process shall include the application and selection process. The grants committee must be comprised of seven members, one member of the Senate appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, three two members selected from the education community, and ~~four~~ three members selected from the business community. The suggested criteria for awarding the grants to schools or school districts or directly purchasing services must include, but are not limited to:

- (1) identification of key measurable benchmarks to raise student achievement and ensure all students are prepared to graduate college, career and civic ready;
- (2) innovative strategies to close student achievement gaps in reading and mathematics, with a focus on schools with an academic achievement rating of below average and unsatisfactory;
- (3) a demonstrated ability to implement the initiative or model as outlined in the application; and
- (4) a demonstrated ability to be both replicable and scalable with priority given to projects grounded in evidence-based practices that have significantly impacted student achievement outcomes; and
- (5) no funding received from the grants committee in the last three consecutive years.

(C) Notice of grant opportunities and applications shall be posted on the department's website by May 30th. Applications for funding must be submitted to the department by June 30th. Notification of grant awards and final grant amounts shall be sent to applicants by July 31st.

(D) Applicants who commit to a match will be given priority in the selection process. The match may be met by funds or by in-kind donations, such as technology, to be further defined by

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the grants committee. Public school districts and schools that have high poverty and low achievement will receive priority for grants when their applications are judged to meet the criteria established for the grant program. De-identified student level data shall be submitted, including a definition of program fidelity. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means and the Chairman of Senate Finance by June 30th.

(E) Grantees will be required to participate in an external evaluation by selecting an evaluator ~~from a *approved by the* department approved list as prescribed by the committee in the application. Funding for the evaluation shall be based on a percentage of the grantee's final award.~~

(F) The grants committee must award at least one grant to an applicant providing an assessment tool that will provide each district with a local inventory dashboard of education software programs used by their students and teachers, and that includes an aggregate dashboard of program usage from across the state, for the department. Additionally, the system must provide a compilation of usage data by educator and student, be able to conduct rapid cycle evaluations to measure the effectiveness of education software programs based on student outcomes, and support evidence-based analysis of education software programs aligned to the required levels of evidence in the Every Student Succeeds Act. Any system procured must meet the state and agency minimum IT security standards as prescribed by the department. The department is authorized to carry forward and expend any balance for funds authorized in the prior fiscal year for Innovation Grants that provide an assessment tool as described herein in the current fiscal year.

- 1A.60 DELETE** (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: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the provision using the first \$1.6 million in additional funds not carried forward or otherwise appropriated to reimburse school districts for reduced meals and up to \$5,000,000 in additional funds not carried forward or otherwise appropriated for instructional materials and school bus purchase. Provides a list of items that carried forward funds may be used for.

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HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update various appropriations.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to include additional appropriations. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

1A.63. (SDE-EIA: Surplus) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, EIA cash funds from the prior fiscal year and EIA funds not otherwise appropriated or authorized must be carried forward and expended on the following items in the order listed.

~~The first \$1.6 million in additional funds carried forward and not otherwise appropriated or authorized may be used to reimburse school districts for reduced meals for the Child Nutrition Program and up to \$5,000,000 in additional funds carried forward and not otherwise appropriated or authorized may be used for instructional materials and school bus purchase.~~

(1) \$1,600,000 to reimburse school districts for reduced meals for the Child Nutrition Program;

(2) \$1,500,000 to the South Carolina Technical College System to create in partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System Foundation (SCTCSF) a pilot program to increase the number of individuals earning an associate's degree in education who will then transfer to a four-year institution of higher learning and complete a bachelor's degree in education. The pilot program will provide a cost-efficient, accelerated online, in-person or hybrid program to facilitate completion of an education degree. Focusing on rural South Carolina communities, the SCTCSF will partner with local school districts to identify future teachers, provide apprenticeship opportunities, and encourage future long-term employment in rural school districts for Tech-to-Teach graduates. The SCTCSF shall issue a report to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Education Oversight Committee by June 30, 2026;

(3) \$20,000,000 to the Department of Education for School Facilities Safety Upgrades;

(4) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Education for School Buses;

(5) \$750,000 to the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation to support the Ag in the Classroom program by providing resources and professional development to teachers and schools;

(6) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Education for the Teacher Strategic Compensation;

(7) \$23,519,825 to the Department of Education for Summer Reading Camps;

(8) \$6,000,000 to the Statewide Implementation of the Imagination Library; and

(9) the balance of \$18,114,175 to the Department of Education for the purchase of instructional materials.

1A.69 **AMEND** (SDE-EIA: Developmental Education and Therapy Services) Directs that of the funds appropriated for Developmental Education and Therapy Services, \$486,486 shall be allocated to the Meyer Center; \$1,513,514 shall be allocated to Pattison's Academy; and \$1,300,000 for Palmetto Excel.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that funds shall be disbursed by the department to the district in full not later than December 1, and the district shall remit the total allocation to the schools within 30 calendar days.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to delete funding allocated to the SC Public Charter School District for Palmetto Excel.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to update appropriated funds. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

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1A.69. (SDE-EIA: Developmental Education and Therapy Services) Of the funds appropriated for Developmental Education and Therapy Services for students with multiple documented disabilities, ~~\$486,486~~ \$651,501 shall be allocated to the Meyer Center, ~~\$1,513,514~~ \$1,648,499 shall be allocated to Pattison's Academy, and ~~\$1,300,000~~ \$1,000,000 shall be allocated to the SC Public Charter School District for Palmetto Excel. The funding allocated to the Public Charter School District is estimated to serve 150 students. If less students are served, the money must be retained and not expended by the Public Charter School District on a pro rata basis. Funds shall be disbursed by the department to the district in full not later than December 1, and the district shall remit the total allocation to the schools within 30 calendar days.

- 1A.71 DELETE** (SDE – EIA: Testing Pilot) Directs SDE to expend \$300,000 to pilot the feasibility of requiring a passing score on a rigorous test of reading instruction and intervention and decision-making principles for initial early childhood and elementary education licensure.
SFC: DELETE proviso.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

1A.71. (SDE-EIA: Testing Pilot) ~~Of the funds appropriated for assessment, the Department of Education will expend \$300,000 to pilot the feasibility of requiring a passing score on a rigorous test of scientifically research-based reading instruction and intervention and data-based decision making principles, as determined by the State Board of Education, for initial early childhood and elementary education licensure.~~

- 1A.72 AMEND** (SDE – EIA:: High Intensity Tutoring) Directs SDE to provide funds to school districts and community partners to pilot academic support programs for high-dosage, low ratio tutoring by compensated tutors for mathematics and reading. Directs SDE to prioritize available funding for academic support program applications. Provides the scheduling and student placement requirements of the tutoring sessions. Requires SDE and EOC to prepare a report on the effectiveness of the academic support group programs and submit it to the Governor and General Assembly. Directs LEAs and charter schools to submit data to SDE upon request.
SFC: AMEND proviso to direct that at least 95% of appropriated funds shall be awarded as grants to participating LEAs and public charter schools, separate from other state or federal grants. Directs the Department of Education to solicit education service providers for a qualified list, with key dates for the current school year; and issue a grant application for LEAs and charter schools, with key dates provided. Directs that grantees can carry over unspent funds from the previous fiscal year into the current one.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

1A.72. (SDE-EIA: ~~High-Intensity~~ High-Dosage Tutoring) (A) The Department of Education is authorized to provide funds to school districts and community partners in the current fiscal year ~~to pilot~~ for academic support programs providing high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring to students in mathematics and reading by compensated tutors.

(B) The Department of Education ~~should~~ shall prioritize available funding for academic support program applications that include LEA Local Education Agencies (LEA) or local funding matches, LEA capacity for successful program implementation, or a large proportion of students needing priority placement within an academic support program. Of the funds appropriated, at least 95% shall be distributed as grants to participating LEAs and public charter schools and shall not be combined with any other state or federal grant program.

(C) The Department of Education may collaborate with community partners to implement and conduct academic support programs. Academic support program partners shall comply with

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personnel criminal history checks and any applicable building safety standards. The Department of Education shall issue a solicitation for education service providers to be included on a qualified provider list. For the current school year, this solicitation shall be published by August; provider applications shall be submitted by September 1; and provider approval notices shall be issued by October 1.

(D) The Department of Education shall issue a grant application for LEAs and public charter schools. For the current school year, this application shall be published by September 15 but not before September 1; grant applications shall be submitted by October 15; and grant awards shall be issued by November 15. Grantees may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

(E) At a minimum, eligible academic support programs shall include tutoring sessions totaling one and a half hours per week. Tutoring sessions should be scheduled at least twice weekly for forty-five minutes. Tutoring sessions shall be held in small group settings of no more than three students per tutor but may occur within or outside the regular school day. Students scoring, or expected to achieve, "Does Not Meet Expectations" on the statewide summative assessment should be given priority placement within the academic support program.

(F) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Oversight Committee, shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of the academic support programs for the Governor and General Assembly. Participating LEAs and public charter schools shall submit data as requested by the Department of Education including, but not limited to, student enrollment, attendance, and student pre-/post-test scores from a state-approved formative assessment or high school content assessment.

1A.74 ADD (SDE-EIA: CERDEP Foundational Literacy Skill Training) WMC: ADD new proviso to direct SDE to provide training on literacy skills to all public school educators and aides who work with CERDEP, and staff of the Office of First Steps in every district that has CERDEP classrooms. Provides a stipend for educators who successfully complete the training. Allows SDE to carry forward and expend funds for the same purposes. Requested by the Department of Education.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

1A.74. (SDE-EIA: CERDEP Foundational Literacy Skill Training) (A) Beginning in the 2025-26 Fiscal Year with funds available, the Department of Education will train public school educators and class aides working with children in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) and to staff of the Office of First Steps to School Readiness in foundational literacy skills. Each school district with CERDEP classrooms shall participate in the implementation of this foundational literacy skills training.

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

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

1A.75 ADD (SDE-EIA: Assessment Pilot) SEN: ADD new proviso to authorize school districts in Lexington County to use allocated funds for a pilot program to administer assessments used for

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kindergarten readiness and the state assessment programs included in Title 59, Chapter 18 to students identified as English Language Learners. Sponsor: Rep. Ott

1A.75. (SDE-EIA: Assessment Pilot) Of the funds authorized and appropriated in this act, any school district located in Lexington County is authorized to expend funds to implement a pilot program to administer assessments required by the State to students identified as English Language Learners in their native language. Students will continue to be identified as English Language Learners in the same manner as the prior school year. Required assessments include, but are not limited to, those used for kindergarten readiness and the state assessment program included in Title 59, Chapter 18.

- 1A.76 ADD** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Loan Program) **HOU2:** Directs that up to \$10 million from South Carolina's Teacher Loan Program will support certified public school teachers, with \$5 million for refinancing student loan debt statewide, and \$5 million for loan forgiveness in high-vacancy districts with 10% or higher teacher vacancy rates per the 2024–25 Teacher Supply and Demand Report. Sponsor: Rep. Collins **Note: Proviso 1A.75 in HOU2.**

1A.76. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Loan Program) Of the available funds in the Teacher Loan Program revolving account administered by the SC Student Loan Corporation, up to \$5,000,000 shall be made available to assist in refinancing student loan debt for all certified teachers employed in the public schools of the State. An additional \$5,000,000 from the revolving loan account will be made available to teachers for loan forgiveness patterned after the SC Teacher Loan in the following school districts based on the number of teacher vacancies and/or the number of teachers of record uncertified in the subject area in which they are teaching: Bamberg, Allendale, Calhoun, Jasper, Lee, and McCormick school districts that show a vacancy rate of ten percent or greater based on the 2024-25 Teacher Supply and Demand Report.

SECTION 3 - H660 - LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

- 3.5 DELETE** (LEA: FY 2024-25 Lottery Funding) Directs expenditure of lottery funds for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.....~~
- ~~Gambling Addiction Services.....~~ \$ 100,000;
- (2) ~~State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship.....~~ \$ 15,348,953;
- (3) ~~Instructional Materials.....~~ \$ 1;
- (4) ~~Commission on Higher Education—College Transition Program Scholarships.....~~ \$ 3,551,046;

and

- (5) ~~Commission on Higher Education—Newberry College Dyslexia Program.....~~ \$ 1,000,000.

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

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

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

- (1) ~~Clemson University—Student Experiential Learning.....~~ \$ 4,500,000;
- (2) ~~University of South Carolina System—Carolina Internship Pilot Program.....~~ \$ 4,500,000;
- (3) ~~State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education—High Demand Job Skill Training Equipment.....~~ \$ 25,000,000;
- (4) ~~Department of Education—School Bus Purchase.....~~ \$ 28,299,999;
- (5) ~~Department of Education—Instructional Materials.....~~ \$ 35,000,000;
- (6) ~~Commission on Higher Education—Higher Education~~

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Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP)..... \$ 9,000,000;
(7) Graduate Medical Education \$ 1;
(8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive
Education—Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Pilot Program..... \$ 700,000;
(9) Commission on Higher Education—Technology—Public
Four Year, Two Year, and State Technical Colleges \$ 8,000,000;

and

(10) Department of Education—Teacher Strategic Compensation
Pilot Program..... \$ 5,000,000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for College Transition Scholarships, the commission shall provide scholarships to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established College Transition Program (CTP) that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The commission, in consultation with the CTPs, shall develop guidelines establishing scholarship eligibility, retention, and/or renewal requirements in accordance with this paragraph. Scholarships shall be awarded to each South Carolina resident student enrolled in an established public CTP in an amount of at least \$2,500 per semester, not to exceed \$10,000 per academic year (including summer semester), and no student may receive a scholarship for more than eight semesters in total. In addition, the limitations of Proviso 11.10 notwithstanding, individual CTPs shall have the discretion to

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~~allocate a portion of their aggregate funding provided pursuant to this provision for need-based grants to eligible students. This discretion is allowable only to the extent that the funding for need-based grants for eligible CTP students provided pursuant to Proviso 11.10 has first been fully exhausted. The commission, in cooperation with the CTPs, shall collect and report the number of scholarship recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. The commission shall provide this report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than September 30. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and used for the same purpose, except that up to \$250,000 may be used by the CTP consortium (known as The South Carolina Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium) to be used collaboratively by the consortium to promote better awareness of CTP programs statewide as an option for youth with intellectual disabilities after high school through dedicated support for activities such as, but not necessarily limited to, student recruitment, development and maintenance of a consortium website and associated materials, and the provision of strategic informational events for prospective students and families across the State.~~

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

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

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~~Initiative funds for eligible faculty for each program; and (6) retention rates, new hires and vacancies for full time, part time (including adjunct), and clinical faculty for each eligible program. The Commission may also request institutions to provide other information related to nursing workforce development. This report shall be submitted to the House Education and Public Works Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.~~

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

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

~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

3.6. (LEA: Ticket Sales) DELETED

- 3.7 AMEND NEW PROVISO (LEA: FY 2025-26 Lottery Funding) SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the expenditure of lottery funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26.
SEN: AMEND new proviso to update the expenditure of lottery funds. Sponsor: Sen. Peeler

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HOU2: AMEND new proviso to update funding amounts. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

3.7. (LEA: FY 2025-26 Lottery Funding) (A) There is appropriated from the Education Lottery Account for the following education purposes and programs and funds for these programs and purposes shall be transferred by the Executive Budget Office as directed below. These appropriations must be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for education. For cash flow purposes, the Executive Budget Office may facilitate limited transfers from the general deposits of the state for the exclusive purpose of ensuring the timely distribution of scholarships and tuition assistance payments as provided below. Any use of this transfer allowance must include full reimbursement from the Education Lottery Account to the general deposit accounts of the state prior to the close of the fiscal year.

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

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

(D) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2023-24 certified surplus, and Fiscal Year 2024-25 projected surplus and undesignated fund balance are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Commission on Higher Education - LIFE Scholarships as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59..... \$ 215,903,281;
- (2) Commission on Higher Education - HOPE Scholarships as provided in Section 59-150-370..... \$ 13,007,732;
- (3) Commission on Higher Education - Palmetto Fellows Scholarships as provided in Section 59-104-20..... \$ 60,957,272;
- (4) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – Tuition Assistance..... \$ 52,994,528;
- (5) Commission on Higher Education – Need Based Grants \$ 80,000,000;
- (6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission – Tuition Grants ... \$ 20,000,000;
- (7) Commission on Higher Education – National Guard Tuition Repayment Program \$ 6,200,000;
- (8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship..... \$ 70,151,047;
- (9) South Carolina State University..... \$ 2,500,000;
- (10) Commission on Higher Education – Nursing Initiative..... \$ 10,000,000;
- (11) Commission on Higher Education - PASCAL..... \$ 1,500,000;
- (12) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – readySC..... \$ \$4,172,999;
- (13) Commission on Higher Education – Newberry College Dyslexia Program..... \$1,000,000; and
- (14) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program..... \$ 700,000.

(E) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:

- (1) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services – Gambling Addiction Services..... \$ 100,000;
- (2) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship..... \$ 10,848,952;

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(3) Commission on Higher Education – College Transition

Program Scholarship..... \$ 3,551,046;

(4) State Department of Education – School Bus Purchase \$ 1;

(5) Commission on Higher Education – Higher Education

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

(6) Commission on Higher Education – Technology – Public

Four-Year, Two-Year, and State Technical Colleges \$1.

(F) Any unclaimed prize funds available in excess of the Board of Economic Advisors estimate of \$23,500,000 shall be appropriated as follows:

Department of Education – School Bus Purchase..... \$All remaining.

(G) If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2025-26 is less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.

(H) Fiscal Year 2025-26 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided in Section 59-150-360. Annually, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.

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

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

(K) Fiscal Year 2025-26 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for Fiscal Year 2025-26 are fully funded.

(L) If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2025-26 certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2024-25 projected surplus, and Fiscal Year 2023-24 certified surplus and the undesignated fund balance are less than the amounts appropriated, the Executive Budget Office is authorized to use surplus lottery proceeds accumulated in the lottery account from previous fiscal years to fully fund appropriations from the lottery authorized by the General Assembly. If a revenue shortfall still exists once the fund balance has been exhausted, then the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis, except that a reduction must not be applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

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

(N) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for College Transition Scholarships, the commission shall provide scholarships to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established College Transition Program (CTP) that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The commission, in consultation with the CTPs, shall develop guidelines establishing scholarship eligibility, retention, and/or renewal requirements in accordance with this paragraph. Scholarships shall be awarded to each South Carolina resident student enrolled in an established public CTP in an amount of at least \$2,500 per semester, not to exceed \$10,000 per academic year (including summer semester), and no student may receive a scholarship for more than eight semesters in total. In addition, the limitations of Proviso 11.10 notwithstanding, individual CTPs shall have

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the discretion to allocate a portion of their aggregate funding provided pursuant to this provision for need-based grants to eligible students. This discretion is allowable only to the extent that the funding for need-based grants for eligible CTP students provided pursuant to Proviso 11.10 has first been fully exhausted. The commission, in cooperation with the CTPs, shall collect and report the number of scholarship recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. The commission shall provide this report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than September 30. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and used for the same purpose, except that up to \$250,000 may be used by the CTP consortium (known as The South Carolina Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Consortium) to be used collaboratively by the consortium to promote better awareness of CTP programs statewide as an option for youth with intellectual disabilities after high school through dedicated support for activities such as, but not necessarily limited to, student recruitment, development and maintenance of a consortium website and associated materials, and the provision of strategic informational events for prospective students and families across the State.

(O) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for Need-Based Grants, public colleges and universities must submit requests to carry forward Need-Based Grants to the Commission on Higher Education by June 30, 2026, and final invoices for Need-based Grants by a date determined by the commission. For Fiscal Year 2025-26, all eligible students must be awarded up to the maximum allowable amount prior to any Need-Based Grant funds being carried forward. Funds only shall be carried forward if all eligible Need-based Grant students at the public colleges and universities are fully funded with financial aid that does not require student repayment. Funds allocated for Fiscal Year 2025-26 must be distributed in the same academic year.

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

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of Nursing Initiative funds for eligible faculty for each program; and (6) retention rates, new hires and vacancies for full-time, part-time (including adjunct), and clinical faculty for each eligible program. The Commission may also request institutions to provide other information related to nursing workforce development. This report shall be submitted to the House Education and Public Works Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Education Committee, and Senate Finance Committee.

- 3.8** **ADD** (LEA: Purchase of Lottery Tickets) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 59-150-70(D)(2). Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

3.8 (LEA: Purchase of Lottery Tickets) For the current fiscal year, Section 59-150-70(D)(2) is suspended.

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

- 7.3** **AMEND NEW PROVISO** (JDLHS: Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the School to carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expend at the discretion of the board.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: AMEND new proviso to delete language that allows carry forward to be expended pursuant to the discretion of the board of trustees.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

7.3. (JDLHS: Carry Forward) The Governor's School for Agriculture at John De La Howe may carry forward any appropriated or generated unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

- 7.4** **ADD** (JDLHS: Use of Income Received by the School) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require income received on specified agricultural related endeavors to be used for permanent improvements, maintenance, and school operating expenses.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

7.4. (JDLHS: Use of Income Received by the School) All income that the school receives from the sale of timber or farm products, from the sales and services provided by the meats processing facility, and from programs and events facilitated by the agency must be used for the construction, erection, and building of permanent improvements at the school, for maintaining and equipping of capital improvements, and for the purpose of covering expenses of the school's programs and operations.

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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

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SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- (9) blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions;
 - (10) applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation;
 - (11) multilateral organizations focusing on Israel only for peace or human rights investigations; and
 - (12) denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist, provided, however, that criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.
- (C) South Carolina public colleges and universities shall take into consideration the definition of anti-Semitism for purposes of determining whether the alleged practice was motivated by anti-Semitic intent when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of a college or university policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion.
- (D) Nothing in this proviso may be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or Section 2, Article I of the South Carolina Constitution, 1895.

- 11.18 DELETE** (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.
SFC: DELETE proviso.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

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

- 11.19 DELETE** (CHE: Battelle Alliance at Savannah River National Lab) Directs 20% of the funds appropriated for the Battelle Alliance to be allocated to South Carolina State, 40% shall be allocated to USC, and 40% shall be allocated to Clemson University. Requires the funds to be expended collaboratively to conduct research and develop workforce training programs to fill engineering, science, research, and management positions. Requires the universities to submit a

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plan and timeline to CHE and its Board of Commissioners on how the funds will be utilized to further the mission prior to receiving any funds, and requires the plan to be reviewed by Battelle. Requires the plan to also be submitted to JBRC and SFAA for approval before funds can be allocated or expended. States that if the plan is not approved by June 30 by all entities, the funds must be remitted back to the general fund.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

~~Prior to the allocation or expenditure of any funds, the three universities shall collaborate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education a comprehensive plan and timeline for how the funds will be utilized to further the mission and support of the Savannah River National Lab. The plan also must be reviewed by Battelle for alignment with laboratory missions and university goals. This collaborative plan must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education and approved by its Board of Commissioners. After approval of the plan, the commission shall submit the plan to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment and to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority for approval before any funds can be allocated or expended. If the plan is not approved by June 30, 2024 by the Commission on Higher Education, Joint Bond Review Committee, and State Fiscal Accountability Authority, all funds must then be remitted back to the general fund of the state. Funds allocated for this purpose shall not be transferred or utilized for any other purpose.~~

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

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SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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

SECTION 19 – H240 – SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: DELETE new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

19.2. (SCSU: Loan Forgiveness) DELETED

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

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

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

20.3. (USC: South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network) Of the funds appropriated to the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, not less than \$3,200,000 shall be expended for the South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network. In addition, when

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instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds by a certain percentage, the university may not reduce the funds for the South Carolina ~~Children's Advocacy Medical Response System~~ Child Abuse and Neglect Network greater than such stipulated percentage.

- 20.10 DELETE** (USC: SC TEACHER Advisory Committee) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to create an advisory committee to study recommend policy changes to enhance the teaching of the educator workforce. Provides for the composition of the committee.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: DELETE new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

20.10. (USC: SC TEACHER Advisory Committee) DELETED

SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 23.3 DELETE** (MUSC: Pediatric Transgender Clinic) Directs that MUSC shall not use any appropriated funds to support any action furthering a gender transition of a minor child under the age of sixteen. Directs that the provision does not prohibit MUSC from providing medically necessary treatment unrelated to gender transition or mental health counseling services.
SEN: DELETE proviso. *Ruled Out of Order.*

~~**23.3. (MUSC: Pediatric Transgender Clinic) No funds appropriated to MUSC pursuant to this appropriations act shall be used to fund or support any action furthering the gender transition of a minor child under the age of sixteen. This proviso shall not prohibit MUSC from providing medically necessary treatment that is unrelated to physical gender transition. Further, this proviso does not prohibit mental health counseling services.**~~

- 23.6 ADD** (MUSC: Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Assessment) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the MUSC Hospital Authority to work with current alcohol and substance abuse treatment providers to evaluate the need for long-term inpatient rehab programs. Requires the Authority to submit a report outlining their efforts and proposed plan to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by September 20, 2025.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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

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

- 25.7 DELETE** (TEC: York Fund Repurpose) Redirects funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022 for the Board for the York Technical College Baxter Hood Center to be used for the York Technical

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College Health Science Building. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward for the same purposes.

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

SFC: DELETE proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: AMEND new proviso to update the name of the program and delete reference to using funds to hire a public relations agency and employing additional personnel.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

25.10. (TEC: SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the SC Workforce Competitiveness Initiative, and in collaboration and consultation with trade associations representing manufacturing, the State Board shall develop, deploy, and manage a public awareness campaign to ensure that parents, students, and educators understand employment opportunities, workplace environments, and careers in manufacturing and related industries in South Carolina. Related industries include, but are not limited to, transportation, distribution, logistics, warehousing,

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construction, and information technology. Funds must be used to create, deploy, and otherwise develop and manage the awareness campaign. Unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

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

25.11. (TEC: Emergency Medical Personnel) DELETED

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

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

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

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

- 25.14 ADD** (TEC: Dual Enrollment Courses) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to require all technical colleges to adopt policies prohibiting automatic enrollment of students in dual enrollment courses and direct the State Board to withhold 10% of funding if such policies are not adopted.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

25.14. (TEC: Dual Enrollment Courses) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the board shall require all technical colleges to adopt policies prohibiting automatic enrollment of students in dual enrollment courses. The State Board

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shall withhold ten percent of state funding for any technical colleges failing to adopt such policies.

SECTION 27 - H870 - STATE LIBRARY

- 27.1** **AMEND** (LIB: Aid to Counties Libraries Allotment) Directs that funds appropriated for "Aid to County Libraries is allotted on a per capita basis, using the 2020 Census, with a \$150,000 minimum amount to be received by each county. Directs that county libraries must certify that there are no books or materials that appeal to the prurient interest of children under the age of 17 in certain book sections or with parental consent, prior to receiving the allocated funds.
SFC: AMEND proviso to direct that counties shall receive allocations in two equal parts and to receive these allocations must have an adopted policy in place. Directs that if a county library doesn't submit satisfactory certifications, its funding shall be withheld. Allows the Legislative Delegation to request a State Library review if requirements are not being met, and funds shall be held until compliance is verified in writing.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

27.1. (LIB: Aid to Counties Libraries Allotment) The amount appropriated in this section for "Aid to County Libraries" shall be allotted to each county on a per capita basis according to the official United States Census For 2020, as aid to the County Library. No county shall be allocated less than \$150,000 under this provision. Counties shall receive their allocations in two equal parts To receive this aid, local library support shall not be less than the amount actually expended for library operations from local sources in the second preceding year. Prior to receiving ~~any~~ each of these ~~funds~~ allocations, county libraries must certify to the State Library and have an adopted policy in place that their county libraries do not offer any books or materials that appeal to the prurient interest of children under the age of seventeen in children's, youth, or teen book sections of libraries and are only made available with explicit parental consent. Failure to provide these certifications in a manner satisfactory to the State Library shall result in the immediate withholding of the allocation. If the local Legislative Delegation presents evidence that these requirements are not being met by a county library, the delegation may request a comprehensive review of the certification by the State Library. All remaining funds shall be withheld until the State Library verifies full compliance with these requirements and issues a written determination of compliance to the delegation.

- 27.5.** **AMEND** (LIB: SCLENDS) Allows the State Library to accept money for the South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System (SCLENDS). Directs that the consortium shall allow South Carolina libraries the ability to share resources and provide a forum for sharing expertise in technical areas such as systems administration and cataloging. Directs that funds received for SCLENDS be placed in a special account and only be used to pay for items related to SCLENDS. Authorizes unexpended funds to be carried forward and be used for the same purpose.
WMC: AMEND proviso to change "Evergreen" to "Electronic." Requested by the State Library.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

27.5. (LIB: SCLENDS) (A) The State Library may accept money for the South Carolina Library ~~Evergreen~~ Electronic Network Delivery System (SCLENDS), a consortium providing patrons access to more library materials. The consortium shall allow South Carolina libraries the

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ability to share resources and provide a forum for sharing expertise in technical areas such as systems administration and cataloging. Funds received by the State Library for SCLENDS shall be placed in a special account and shall only be utilized to pay for items related to SCLENDS.

(B) Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 28 - H910 - ARTS COMMISSION

- 28.6** (ARTS: Greenville Cultural and Arts Center) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso that authorizes the City of Greenville to disperse a portion of funds allocated in Act 91 of 2019 to a relevant arts entity. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

28.6. (ARTS: Greenville Cultural and Arts Center) The City of Greenville is authorized to disperse a portion of the \$7,000,000 appropriated in Act 91 of 2019 in Proviso 118.16(41)(9) to the Greenville Cultural and Arts Center to a relevant arts entity.

SECTION 29 - H950 - STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION

- 29.6** **AMEND** (MUSM: Remittance to General Services) Directs the State Museum to remit at least \$1,800,000 to the Department of Administration as compensation for expenses associated with its lease of the Columbia Mills Building.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the remitted amount from \$1.8 million to \$3,505,361.94. Requested by the State Museum Commission.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

29.6. (MUSM: Remittance to General Services) The State Museum is directed to remit not less than ~~\$1,800,000~~ \$3,505,361.94 to the Department of Administration as compensation for expenses associated with the premises it leases in the Columbia Mills Building. In the event the General Assembly or the Executive Budget Office implements a mid-year across-the-board budget reduction, the rent that the State Museum remits to the Department of Administration shall be reduced by the same percentage as the assessed budget reduction.

SECTION 31 - J060 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- 31.5** **AMEND** (DPH: Cancer/Hemophilia) Prohibits the amounts appropriated for prevention, detection and surveillance of cancer, for providing cancer treatment services, and for the hemophilia assistance program from being transferred to other programs and prohibits the funds from being reduced more than a pro-rata share in the event of any mid-year reductions or base reductions assessed to the department.
WMC: AMEND proviso to include “other blood disorders.” Requested by the Department of Public Health.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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31.5. (DPH: Cancer/Hemophilia *and Other Blood Disorders*) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the funds appropriated herein for prevention, detection and surveillance of cancer as well as providing for cancer treatment services, \$545,449 and the hemophilia *and other blood disorders* assistance program, \$1,186,928 shall not be transferred to other programs within the agency and when instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds within the department by a certain percentage, the department may not act unilaterally to reduce the funds for any cancer treatment program and hemophilia *and other blood disorders* assistance program provided for herein greater than such stipulated percentage.

- 31.31 DELETE** (DPH: Abortion Clinic Certification) Requires a non-hospital facility that is licensed and certified by DPH to perform abortions to provide a report to DPH before January 31, 2017, on the number of physicians that performed an abortion at the facility between July 1 and December 31, 2016 who did not have admitting and staff privileges at a local certified hospital; the percentage of these physicians in relation to the overall number of physicians who performed abortions at the facility; and to provide certain summary information on the level of aftercare resulting from the abortion and direct that the summary must not divulge privileged or confidential information. Requires a \$25 filing fee be remitted to the department along with the report.

HOU: DELETE proviso. Sponsor: Rep. Hewitt

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**31.31.** (DPH: Abortion Clinic Certification) Prior to January 31, 2017, a facility other than a hospital that is licensed and certified by the department to perform abortions must file a report with the department that provides the number of physicians that performed an abortion at the facility between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, who did not have admitting privileges at a local certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on staff physicians at the certified hospital and the percentage of these physician in relation to the overall number of physicians who performed abortions at the facility. The report must include a summation of any abortion that resulted in an outcome which required a level of aftercare that exceeds what is customarily provided by physicians in such cases in accordance with accepted medical practice and indicate whether or not the abortion was performed by a physician with admitting privileges at a local certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on staff physicians at the certified hospital. Any summation of any abortion must not divulge any information that is privileged or required to be maintained as confidential by any provision of law. An applicable facility must remit a twenty five dollar filing fee to the department for the report required by this provision.~~

- 31.34 AMEND** (DPH: HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention) Authorizes funds for HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment to be used to develop a partnership with the Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative to provide services to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Includes a plan for prevention and treatment of Hepatitis C. Directs the department to ensure that the funds are spent solely for testing and treatment services. Allows funds to be used to enhance services provided through federal funds allocation or the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program rebate funds. Directs Ryan White Part B Grants funds be included in the funds allowed to enhance services.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update language to better align with the intended use of funds in the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and HCV.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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31.34. (DPH: HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Health in the current fiscal year for HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment, the department shall ~~develop a partnership~~ partner with the Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative and expend \$500,000 to provide ~~comprehensive medical, dental, preventative,~~ psychological, and educational services to all patients, regardless of their financial ~~situation, or~~ insurance ~~status, or~~ status that may impact their ability to pay. In addition, the Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative shall deploy its plan ~~for the treatment and prevention~~ as a facilitator of Hepatitis C *Virus (HCV) management strategies.* The department shall ensure the funds are expended ~~solely~~ primarily for testing, prevention, education, treatment, and follow-up services of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C, ~~and providing primary care and dental care~~ HCV. As well, funds may be used ~~to enhance the services provided through a~~ in combination of ~~with~~ with Ryan White Part B Grant funds ~~and,~~ other federal funds, or the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program rebate funds for education and instruction.

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

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

- 31.49** **ADD** (DPH: Health-Related Programs) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the department to conduct a study and create a report on all health related services, programs, and activities provided by state agencies. Requires the report to be submitted by June 30, 2026.
SEN: DELETE proviso. Sponsor: Sen. Davis

31.49. (DPH: Health-Related Programs) **DELETED**

- 31.50** **ADD** (DPH: Florence Health Department HVAC) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to redirect funds from Florence Health Department HVAC to be utilized for the Florence Office relocation and furniture. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 31.48 in HOU2.**

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

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SECTION 33 - J020 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the funding contained in subsection (F) for local alcohol and drug abuse authorities.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33.32 **ADD** (DHHS: Prohibit Funding to Abortion Providers) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require the Director to withhold funding to abortion providers allowed under the law.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

33.32. (DHHS: Prohibit Funding to Abortion Providers) The Director shall withhold funding to abortion providers to the fullest extent allowed under the law.

SECTION 35 - J120 - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

35.10 **AMEND** (DMH: Orangeburg Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility) Authorizes the department to use up to \$2,000,000 of its available one-time funds to secure a site in Orangeburg County and prepare it for licensure as a Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility. Directs the department to provide a status report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance, Senate Medical Affairs, House Ways and Means, and Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committees by January 10, 2025.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

35.10. (DMH: Orangeburg Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility) The Department of Mental Health, through its Orangeburg Area Mental Health Center, is authorized to utilize up to two million dollars of its available one-time funds to secure an appropriate site for development, operations, or support of a Crisis Stabilization Unit Facility in Orangeburg County. The department shall provide a report on the status of its efforts to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs Committee by January 10, ~~2025~~ 2026.

35.13 **ADD** (DMH: Out of Home Placement) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to provide that funds allocated in Act 84 of 2023, Section 118.19(27)(c) for State-Operated Intensive Group Homes shall be redirected to support out-of-home placements. Requested by the Department of Mental Health.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

35.13. (DMH: Out-of-Home Placement) The funds appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, Section 118.19(27)(c) to the Department of Mental Health for State-Operated Intensive Group Homes shall be redirected for the purpose of out-of-home placements. An out-of-home placement refers to a situation where a child or adolescent is removed from their home and is placed in a foster care or treatment setting. This includes therapeutic group homes for youth with severe emotional issues that, because of their family or legal circumstances, cannot be treated on an outpatient basis.

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

37.7 **ADD** (DAODAS: Real Property Sale Approval) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to direct that no county drug and alcohol authority receiving state funds may sell, transfer, or dispose of real property without prior approval from a majority of the local legislative delegation of the county where the property is located. Directs that the authority must submit a written request with transaction details and receive written approval before proceeding. Sponsor: Sen. Young

37.7. (DAODAS: Real Property Sale Approval) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no county drug and alcohol authority receiving state funds shall sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any real property owned by the authority without prior approval from a majority of the local legislative delegation representing the county in which the property is located. The authority shall submit a written request to the delegation, including details of the proposed sale, and receive written approval before proceeding with any transaction as to the real property.

SECTION 38 - L040 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

38.2 **AMEND** (DSS: Recovered State Funds) Authorizes the department to withhold a portion of state funds recovered under Title IV-D.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update federal program and office names. Requested by the Department of Social Services.

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HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

38.2. (DSS: Recovered State Funds) The department shall withhold a portion of the State Funds recovered, under the Title IV-D Program, for credit to the general fund in order to allow full participation in the federal “set-off” Federal Tax Refund Offset program offered through the ~~Internal Revenue Service~~ Bureau of the Fiscal Service, the withholding of unemployment insurance benefits through the Department of Employment and Workforce and reimbursement for expenditures related to ~~blood~~ genetic testing. Such funds may not be expended for any other purpose. The Department of Social Services shall be allowed to utilize the State share of Federally required fees, collected from non-TANF clients, in the administration of the ~~Child Support Enforcement Program~~ Child Support Services Division. Such funds may not be expended for any other purpose. However, this shall not include ~~Child Support Enforcement Program~~ Child Support Services Division incentives paid to the program from federal funds to encourage and reward cost effective performance. Such incentives are to be reinvested in the program to increase collections of support at the state and county levels in a manner consistent with federal laws and regulations governing such incentive payments. The department shall not use clerk of court incentive funds to replace agency operating funds. Such funds shall be remitted to the appropriate state governmental entity to further child support collection efforts.

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

WMC: AMEND to update the amount of monthly foster care payments. Requested by the Department of Social Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update the amount of monthly foster care payments.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

ages 0 – 5	\$670 <u>\$700</u> per month
ages 6 - 12	\$783 <u>\$818</u> per month
ages 13+	\$827 <u>\$863</u> per month

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

38.23 **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.

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WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the fiscal year reference. Requested by the Department of Social Services.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to include "In the current fiscal year."

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

38.23. (DSS: Internal Child Fatality Review Committees) ~~For Fiscal Year 2024-25, In the current fiscal year,~~ the Department of Social Services shall continue the work of the Internal Child Fatality Review Committees (internal committees) pursuant to the authority granted in Sections 43-1-60(3), 43-1-80, and 63-7-910(E) to allow for the rapid and expeditious review of reported child fatalities that are reported to the Department of Social Services on suspicion of abandonment, child abuse, neglect or harm as defined in Section 63-7-20. This review process will enable the department to respond to the safety needs of any surviving siblings and will lead to improvement in the department's efforts to prevent child fatalities caused by abandonment, child abuse, neglect, or harm. Each internal committee shall be composed of a board-certified child abuse pediatrician, an agent from the State Law Enforcement Division, a local law enforcement officer, a representative from the local coroner's office, and representatives from the Department of Social Services. The internal committee may invite other service provider organizations as deemed necessary. The department is authorized to provide reasonable compensation for board-certified child abuse pediatricians serving on an internal committee. Internal committees shall have access to information and records maintained by a provider of medical care regarding a child whose death is being reviewed by the internal committee, including information on prenatal care; all information and records maintained by any state, county, or local government agency including, but not limited to, birth certificates, law enforcement investigation data, county coroner or medical examiner investigation data, parole and probation information and records, and information and records of health agencies that provided services to the child or family. The meetings, information obtained by, reports prepared by, and statements made before the internal committees are confidential and protected from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, criminal and civil proceedings, and subpoenas as set forth in Sections 63-7-940 and 63-7-1990.

38.25 **DELETE** (DSS: Wilderness Therapeutic Camps) Directs DSS to make and promulgate any licensing standards rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of Article 1 of Title 63, Chapter 11, relating to child welfare agencies, as applied to Wilderness Therapeutic Camps. Define "Wilderness Therapeutic Camp."

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Social Services.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

38.25. (DSS: Wilderness Therapeutic Camps) ~~The Department of Social Services shall make and promulgate such rules and regulations relating to licensing standards and other matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Title 63, Chapter 11, Article 1 of the 1976 Code as applied to Wilderness Therapeutic Camps. For this purpose, a "Wilderness Therapeutic Camp" is a therapeutic camp organization or facility with an outdoor or wilderness focus that is engaged in receiving children for care and maintenance, either part or full time, but shall not include any summer camp, day camp, or after school program, and shall also not include any other outdoor education or youth development program or facility where participants usually attend for less than 15 days, and does not include any licensed residential group care organization,~~

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~~child caring institution or group home or facility that meets the facility requirements of S.C. Code of Regulations Section 114-590.~~

- 38.26 DELETE** (DSS: Group Home Transition) Directs the department to provide financial and administrative support to group homes to enable any necessary transition of services or the development of new service models for children and young adults. Directs that group homes with young adults ages 18 to 23 are not required to provide 24 hour face to face supervision.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by Department of Social Services.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**38.26.** (DSS: Group Home Transition) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Social Services shall provide financial and administrative support and flexibility to Group Homes in order to best enable any necessary transition of services or the development of new service models for children and young adults. Group Homes with young adults between the ages of 18 to 23 years residing in approved and supervised independent living programs shall not be required to provide 24 hours per day face to face supervision for the resident. Regulatory and contractual requirements must not be different for supervision and staff ratios when a young adult aged 18 to 23 is a resident in an approved and supervised independent living program.~~

SECTION 40 - L060 - DEPARTMENT ON AGING

- 40.5 AMEND** (AGING: Home and Community Based Services) Directs that Home and Community-Based Services state funds be used for services that most directly meet the goal of allowing seniors to live safely and independently at home. Defines allowable services; provides a methodology for allocating these funds to the Area Agencies on Aging; allows the AAAs to spend up to 10% for administrative services and the department to retain 1/4 of 1% to monitor and oversee the program; allows the department to retain up to 3% to be allocated for cases of a recognized emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor and directs that if the funds are not allocated they are to be treated as carry forward funds and reallocated to the AAA's; requires each AAA to submit a budget to the Department on Aging's for approval that indicates the services to be provided; authorizes these funds to be carried forward and used for the same purpose; and prohibits the funds from being transferred and used for any other purpose.
WMC: AMEND proviso to add pest control and dental and other supportive health services to allowable services. Requested by the Department on Aging.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: AMEND further to delete reference to dental and other supportive health services.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

40.5. (AGING: Home and Community-Based Services) State funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services shall be used to fund those services that most directly meet the goal of allowing seniors to live safely and independently at home. Allowable services, as defined in the Department on Aging's State Plan, include: programs to promote social connection, group dining, home delivered meals, transportation to group dining sites, transportation for essential trips, personal care, homemaker, Home Chore, Home Modification, Legal Assistance, ~~and Assessments,~~ and pest control. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) may expend no more than ten percent for administrative services and one-quarter of one percent shall be retained by the Department on Aging to provide monitoring and oversight of the program.

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However, up to three percent of the annual state appropriation for Home and Community-Based Services may be retained at the Department on Aging to be allocated by the department to the affected regions in cases of an emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor. If these funds are not utilized in the fiscal year allocated, they are to be treated as carry forward funds and reallocated to the AAAs. The Intrastate Funding Formula shall be used as a guideline for the allocation of state funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services. The Department on Aging shall develop and implement a structured methodology to allocate the state Home and Community-Based Services funding. The methodology shall include flexibility to reallocate funds amongst the AAAs, and be composed of, at a minimum, the following factors: a minimum base amount, the fiscal year's federally allocated funds, federal and state carry forwards funds, and an appropriate weighted proportion that will achieve the mission of the Department on Aging to provide as many services as possible to the citizens of South Carolina. Each AAA shall submit a budget for approval by the Department on Aging indicating the services to be provided. Any unexpended Home and Community-Base Services funds in this program shall be carried forward by the Department on Aging and used for the same purposes. Funds may not be transferred from the Home and Community-Based special line item for any other purpose.

- 40.10** **ADD** (AGING: Allocations and Aid Carryforward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow carry forward of funds for allocations or aid from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year. Requested by the Department on Aging.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

40.10. (AGING: Allocations and Aid Carryforward) Unexpended funds appropriated to the Department on Aging for allocations or aid shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose by the department.

- 40.11** **ADD** (AGING: Grant Forgiveness) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to forgive the senior center permanent improvement grant awarded to the town of Pacolet in 2013. Sponsor: Rep. Moss

40.11. (AGING: Grant Forgiveness) The senior center permanent improvement grant awarded to the town of Pacolet in 2013 for the renovation of the Pacolet Mill Cloth Room is hereby forgiven.

SECTION 41 - L800 - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

- 41.4** **DELETE** (DCA: Home Visiting Pilot) Allows the department to use funds appropriated to the Children's Trust Fund to pilot home visiting programs that target zero- to three-year old children in the county not receiving home visiting services.
WMC: DELETE proviso.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**41.4.** (DCA: Home Visiting Pilot) With funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Children's Advocacy for the Children's Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Children's Trust Fund may pilot additional home visiting programs in collaboration with county-~~

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~~wide school districts, using one or more evidence-based models targeting zero- to three-year-old children in the county currently not receiving home-visiting services.~~

SECTION 42 - L320 – HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

42.6 **AMEND** (HFDA: Collaboration) Directs HFDA to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity to explore funding opportunities to increase and preserve the supply of affordable and workforce housing.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to delete the existing language and insert that the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority may provide up to \$5 million to Habitat for Humanity South Carolina to expand affordable homeownership through a block grant. Directs Habitat for Humanity to administer the proposal and oversee obligations. Directs HFDA and Habitat for Humanity to enter into an MOU by July 31 regarding the funds and the eligible project activities. States that no more than 20% of the funds can be spent in a single county. Requires an annual report to be submitted no later than June 30 on the expenditure of the funds. Sponsor: Reps. Cobb-Hunter and B.J. Cox

42.6. (HFDA: Collaboration) ~~To address the issues of lack of affordable home ownership across the state, the South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority shall collaborate with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina to explore funding opportunities aimed at increasing and preserving the supply of affordable housing and workforce housing in the State. In accordance with the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund Act (Section 31-13-450), the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority may collaborate with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina by providing up to \$5,000,000 in existing funds for the current fiscal year. These funds shall be used to increase and preserve affordable homeownership across the state through a lump-sum block grant allocated to Habitat for Humanity South Carolina. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall administer the affordable housing proposal and oversee programmatic obligations to local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. The two entities shall establish a memorandum of understanding no later than July 31 which outlines the distribution and maintenance of funds and eligible project activities, including a program implementation stipend. Of the \$5,000,000, Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall not allocate more than twenty percent of the total annual funding in any single county during the fiscal year, in accordance with Section 31-13-445. An annual report summarizing the expenditure of funds shall be submitted to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees no later than June 30.~~

SECTION 43 - P120 - FORESTRY COMMISSION

43.7 **ADD** (FC: Response to Declared Emergencies) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that if a declared emergency requires a response by the South Carolina Forestry Commission pursuant to Section 25-1-440, the State Treasurer and Comptroller General can use funds from the Disaster Trust Fund to cover costs, if available. Directs that if the Disaster Trust Fund is insufficient, the General Fund may be used, with a cap of \$3,000,000 transferred to the commission. Directs that notification be made to the Governor, Senate Finance Committee Chairman, and House Ways & Means Committee Chairman after any transfer and any reimbursed funds will be returned to the original fund, up to the amount initially provided.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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43.7. (FC: Response to Declared Emergencies) In the event of a declared emergency pursuant to Section 25-1-440 requiring the response of the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General are hereby authorized and directed to pay from the Disaster Relief Fund of the State such funds as necessary to cover the costs incurred, if available. In the event the Disaster Trust Fund is exhausted or does not have a balance sufficient to cover the incurred costs, the General Fund of the State may be utilized. The total amount transferred to the South Carolina Forestry Commission shall not exceed \$3,000,000. Upon any transfer of funds, the State Treasurer and the Comptroller General shall notify the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee. Any funds reimbursed to the State shall be deposited in the respective fund from which it was transferred, up to the amount of funds advanced to the South Carolina Forestry Commission for these activities.

SECTION 44 - P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- 44.2 AMEND** (AGRI: Fruit/Vegetable Inspectors Subsistence) Authorizes up to a \$30 daily subsistence allowance to be paid to temporary fruits and vegetables inspectors instead of paying meals and lodging expense reimbursements.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the designated budget line item. Requested by the Department of Agriculture.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

44.2. (AGRI: Fruit/Vegetable Inspectors Subsistence) A daily subsistence allowance of up to \$30.00 may be allowed for temporarily employed fruits and vegetables inspectors from funds generated by fruits and vegetables inspection fees and budgeted under other funds in Program III. Marketing Services, D. Inspection Services ~~Program II. Consumer Protection, B. Inspection Services~~, in lieu of reimbursements for meals and lodging expense.

- 44.12 ADD** (AGRI: Commodity Boards Interest Retention) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow Commodity Boards to retain and carry forward interest accrued from the Boards' accounts held by the State.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

44.12. (AGRI: Commodity Boards Interest Retention) Commodity Boards shall be allowed to retain and carry forward any accrued interest generated from the Boards' accounts held by the State, including interest generated from assessments collected from producers, as defined in Section 46-17-40.

- 44.13 ADD** (AGRI: Seed and Plant Certification) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to allow for other laboratories qualified in seed certification to be used for seed testing. Precludes Clemson University from certifying seeds unless the seeds to be tested are accompanied by a report stipulating that the seeds comply with the agricultural laws of the State.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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44.13. (AGRI: Seed and Plant Certification) For the current fiscal year certification of seeds and plants in regard to germination and mechanical purity of the seed depends upon the reports of the seed laboratory of the State Department of Agriculture or other laboratory providing a scope of testing satisfying the requirements dictated by the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies and utilizing rules for testing as defined by the Association of Official Seed Analysts. Seeds may not be certified by Clemson University unless the germination and purity test reports of the seed laboratory of the department or other laboratory as defined above indicate that the seeds comply with the agricultural seed laws of this State.

SECTION 46 – P210 - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 46.1** **ADD** (SCSU-PSA: Animal Research and Education) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct SCSU PSA to coordinate and collaborate with the Clemson Veterinary School on the Animal Research and Education Center.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

46.1. (SCSU-PSA: Animal Research and Education) For the current fiscal year, South Carolina State Public Service Activities is directed to coordinate and collaborate with the Harvey S. Peeler Jr. College of Veterinary Medicine for the expenditure of funds appropriated for the Animal Research and Education Center. Any future appropriations for the Center shall require the same coordination and collaboration between the same agencies.

SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- 47.1** **RESTORE** (DNR: Publications Revenue) Allows the department to retain revenues generated from the sale of “South Carolina Wildlife” magazine and its by-products in order to become self-sustaining.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the allowance for general funds to be utilized for the South Carolina Wildlife magazine. Requested by the Department of Natural Resources.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: RESTORE original proviso.
SEN: ADOPT original proviso.

47.1. (DNR: Publications Revenue) For the current fiscal year all revenue generated from the sale of the “South Carolina Wildlife” magazine, its by-products and other publications, shall be retained by the department and used to support the production of same in order for the magazine to be self-sustaining. In addition, the department is authorized to sell advertising in the magazine and to increase the magazine’s subscription rate, if necessary, to be self-sustaining. No general funds may be used for the operation and support of the “South Carolina Wildlife” magazine.

- 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 calendar year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

47.19. (DNR: Deer Processing Pilot Program) Funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Pilot Deer Donation Program shall be used for the creation and implementation of a deer processing pilot program. This program shall be designated to incentivize the harvesting of antlerless deer in areas that are having impacts on the agriculture sector of the State's economy. The grants to processors will allow hunters to deliver antlerless deer to the processors without a processing fee if the deer is to be donated as established by the department in the grant. The department is authorized to create a program and provide grants year-round to deer processors in this state. Grants shall only be provided to deer processors who agree to donate the processed meats to non-profit organizations. The department shall establish a fee structure to be paid to cooperating deer processors before awarding grants. The department may contract with vendors without competition. A report shall be provided by the department to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, on the implementation of the pilot program and the grants awarded.

47.20 **DELETE** (DNR: Barnwell County) Redirects funds appropriated for the Steel Creek Boat Landing Repair to the County of Barnwell for the Barnwell Outdoor Amphitheater.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Natural Resources.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

47.20. (DNR: Barnwell County) ~~Funds remaining of the \$200,000 appropriated in Act 94 of 2021, Section 118.18(B)(77) to the Department of Natural Resources for the Steel Creek Boat Landing Repair shall be redirected to the County of Barnwell for the Barnwell Outdoor Amphitheater.~~

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

49.19 **DELETE** (PRT: Barnwell County) Redirects funds appropriated for the Barnwell County YMCA to the County of Barnwell for the Barnwell Outdoor Amphitheater.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

49.19. (PRT: Barnwell County) ~~Funds remaining of the \$1,500,000 appropriated in Act 102 of 2023, Section 118.19(B)(86)(i) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the Barnwell County YMCA shall be redirected to the County of Barnwell for the Barnwell Outdoor Amphitheater.~~

49.21 **DELETE** (PRT: Cherokee County Midway Complex) Redirects funds appropriated for Cherokee County Former Broad River Electric Facility Renovation to the Cherokee County for the Midway Complex.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

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SEN: ADOPT deletion.

49.21. (PRT: Cherokee County Midway Complex) ~~The funds appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, Section 118.19, Item (86)(w) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Cherokee County Former Broad River Electric Facility Renovation shall be redirected to Cherokee County for the Midway Complex.~~

49.23 **DELETE** (PRT: Criterion Club of Dillon Funds) Redirects remaining funds appropriated for the Criterion Club of Dillon to the Dillon School District 4 Facility upgrades project.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

49.23. (PRT: Criterion Club of Dillon Funds) ~~Funds remaining of the \$125,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 118.19 (B)(93)(ffff) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the Criterion Club of Dillon shall be transferred and used for the Dillon School District 4 Facility upgrades.~~

49.24 **AMEND NEW PROVISO** (PRT: Local Film Carry Forward) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the SC Film Commission to carry forward and expend funds to allow \$2 million for film project rebate opportunities to be available to local producers whose budgets are \$250,000 to \$999,999. Provides the requirements for qualification of the rebate program.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: AMEND new proviso to update the proviso title and the carry forward language.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

49.24. (PRT: Local Film Carry Forward) *(A) Any unexpended funds authorized or appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the South Carolina Film Commission may be carried forward. For Fiscal Year 2025-26, up to two million dollars of these carried forward funds shall be used to create a pilot program whereby:*

(B) An entity may apply to receive a state rebate with a project budget of a minimum of \$250,000 and maximum of \$999,999. Organizations certifying the satisfaction of the following requirements may receive a state rebate for 25% of all production costs, including wages and supplies, after a cumulative audit from the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the South Carolina Film Commission. The requirements are as follows:

(1) producer must be registered with both the South Carolina Secretary of State and the South Carolina Department of Revenue;

(2) producer must be a primary resident of South Carolina with a minimum of two years of residency in this state;

(3) all production activity must be physically in South Carolina;

(4) all producers' personal and corporate income taxes must be current;

(5)(i) applicant must disclose the fiduciarily responsible parties with existing production;

(ii) the production funds must be in a separate account and be used exclusively for the production;

(6) production must have full funding prior to producing; and

(7) production must include a five-second long static or animated official FilmSC logo in the end credits before the below-the-line crew crawl for the life of the project and a link to filmsc.com on the production's web page.

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(C) Upon application approval, production-based activity must begin within 60 calendar days. Once an application is approved by the South Carolina Film Commission, the project must be completed and funds expended within three years of the approval date. The final rebate will be distributed to the production company on record.

- 49.25 DELETE** (PRT: Town of McColl Repurpose) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow funds appropriated to the Town of McColl for Downtown Improvements to be redirected for the Main Street Methodist Church of Dillon's slate roof replacement project.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: DELETE new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

49.25. (PRT: Town of McColl Repurpose) DELETED

- 49.26 ADD** (PRT: Calhoun Falls State Park Marina) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct appropriated or carried forward funds for Calhoun Falls State Park to be used to initiate construction of a marina.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

49.26. (PRT: Calhoun Falls State Park Marina) Of the funds appropriated or carried forward in prior fiscal years for Calhoun Falls State Park, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism is directed to utilize these funds to initiate construction of the marina during the current fiscal year.

- 49.27 ADD** (PRT: Pine Island State Park Access) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct PRT to restrict public access of Pine Island State Park to scheduled visitors.
HOU2: ADOPT new proviso. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 49.26 in HOU2.**

49.27. (PRT: Pine Island State Park Access) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the department shall restrict public access of Pine Island State Park to scheduled visitors only. All visitors must have confirmed appointments, and such appointments shall be staggered to prevent overcrowding and ensure safety of the surrounding area.

- 49.28 ADD** (PRT: Sports Marketing) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to direct that \$2,000,0000 of funds appropriated for Sports Marketing shall be allocated for marketing and promotion of a motorsports entertainment complex. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 49.27 in HOU2.**

49.28. (PRT: Sports Marketing – Motorsports Entertainment Complex) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Sports Marketing, \$2,000,000 shall be allocated for the marketing and promotion of a motorsports entertainment complex, as defined in Section 12-21-2425, that hosts more than one National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing national touring race in this State.

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SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- 50.26 DELETE** (CMRC: Lexington County Repurpose) Redirects funds appropriated to the Town of Lexington for the conference center to be used for the Sunset Split project.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

~~**50.26.** (CMRC: Lexington County Repurpose) The \$10,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 84 of 2023, by proviso 118.19, Item (87)(e) to the Town of Lexington for the Lexington Conference Center shall be redirected to be used for the Sunset Split project. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.~~

- 50.27 DELETE** (CMRC: Lexington County CC Repurpose) Redirects funds appropriated to the Town of Lexington for the convention center to be used for the Sunset Split project.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**50.27.** (CMRC: Lexington County CC Repurpose) The \$1,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 94 of 2021, by proviso 118.18(77) to the Town of Lexington for the Lexington County Convention Center and the \$5,000,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, by proviso 118.19(93)(rrrrr) to the Town of Lexington for the Lexington County Conference Center shall be redirected to be used for the Sunset Split project. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.~~

- 50.28 ADD** (CMRC: Economic Development Funds) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to reallocate funds to be used by the department to support economic infrastructure and other economic purposes. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

50.28. (CMRC: Economic Development Funds) Funds appropriated by Act 3 of 2023, Section 1(C), are reallocated for use by the Department of Commerce to support economic development infrastructure and other economic development purposes.

SECTION 55 – P500 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- 55.10 AMEND** (DES: Pollutants Remediation Fund) Establishes the PFOS, PFOA, and Emerging Pollutants Remediation Fund within the DES Environmental Affairs Division. Defines the purposes of the fund and provides a funding mechanism for private well owners and public drinking water systems. Defines “facilitate drinking water improvements”, provides qualifications on disbursement of forgivable loans and grants from the fund, and describes which additional funds may be deposited. Allows the department to use up to \$2,000,000 for PFAS strategy implementation, staffing, and other costs associated with fund administration.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update percentage amounts for funds made available to private well owners and municipal, county, joint, and small public drinking water systems.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

55.10. (DES: Pollutants Remediation Fund) (A) Of the funds appropriated for PFAS Remediation, there is established within the Department of Environmental Services the PFOS, PFOA, and Emerging Pollutants Remediation Fund which shall be held and administered by the department for the purpose of remediating drinking water perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) pollution, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) pollution, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), and pollution from other emerging contaminants of concern to the department, currently identified or later identified at or above the EPA Health Advisory Limit or EPA Maximum Containmentment Level. Earnings on balances in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year accrue only to the credit of the fund, and the fund shall be available in perpetuity for the purpose of remediating PFOS, PFOA, and other emerging contaminants.

(B) ~~Sixty~~ At least sixty percent of the funds shall be made available to private well owners and municipal, county, joint, or otherwise small public drinking water systems ~~serving thirty thousand customers, or fewer,~~ in the form of forgivable loans or grants. ~~Forty~~ Up to forty percent of the funds shall be made available to municipal, county, joint, or otherwise public drinking water systems serving more than thirty thousand customers, in the form of forgivable loans or grants.

(C) Forgivable loans or grants may be disbursed from the fund for the purposes of:

(1) facilitating drinking water improvements that prevent exposure to PFOA and PFOS through drinking water if the combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS are at or above the EPA Health Advisory Limit of 70 parts per trillion or an updated health advisory or Maximum Contaminant Level issued by EPA;

(2) facilitating drinking water improvements that prevent exposure to PFOA and PFOS through drinking water if a regulated water utility demonstrates evidence of a known source and the presence of PFOA or PFOS, and a department-approved risk assessment indicating the potential to adversely affect public health in the future, regardless of if the current combined concentrations are at or above the EPA Health Advisory Limit of 70 parts per trillion;

(3) facilitating drinking water improvements that prevent exposure to Cyanobacteria to include, but not be limited to, Microcystis, Lyngbya, Dolichospermum, and Planktothrix at or above EPA drinking water health advisories;

(4) facilitating drinking water improvements that prevent exposure to other emerging contaminants of concern to the department through drinking water if these concentrations of these contaminants exceed an EPA Health Advisory Limit or an EPA Maximum Contaminant Level; or

(5) facilitating drinking water improvements that prevent exposure to other emerging contaminants of concern to the department through drinking water if a regulated water utility demonstrates evidence of a known source and the presence of the contaminants, and a department-approved risk assessment indicating the potential to adversely affect public health in the future, regardless of if the current concentrations are at or above the EPA Health Advisory Limit or EPA Maximum Contaminant Level.

(D) For purposes of this provision, “facilitate drinking water improvements” means providing for the construction or improvements to drinking water supply, storage, treatment, and distribution facilities and associated costs, as determined in consultation between the department, water provider, and the well owner as the most reasonable, that are necessary to:

(1) change water sources including, but not limited to, connecting a private well to public water system or regionalization efforts that facilitate the merger of one or more drinking water systems to a source with no PFOS and PFOA or with lower combined concentrations of PFOS and PFOA; or

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(2) treat drinking water, including the utilization of point-of-use or point-of-entry drinking water treatment or filtration systems that are certified by a third-party certification body as compliant with NSF/ANSI standards to remove or significantly reduce concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), and other emerging contaminants of concern that meet or exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) as set forth by a national primary drinking water regulation proposed by the EPA.

(E) Additional funds may be deposited into the fund, which may include:

(1) funds appropriated by the General Assembly;

(2) private grants, gifts, and bequests;

(3) contributions to the fund in satisfaction of any public or private obligation for environmental mitigation or remediation, whether such obligation arises out of law, equity, contract, regulation, administrative proceeding, or judicial proceeding;

(4) net proceeds of bonds issued by the department; and

(5) interest or other income earned on the monies in the fund.

(F) The department may use up to \$2,000,000 from the fund for implementation of its PFAS strategy and for staffing or other costs associated with the administration of the fund.

55.14 **AMEND** (DES: Water Recreational Resources Fund Transfer) Requires DNR to transfer \$708,000 from the special water recreational resources fund to DES for the hydrology and aquatics nuisance species program.

SFC: AMEND proviso to delete the amount of “\$708,000” for the DNR transfer and insert that the transfer shall be in the amount “calculated for the Aquatics Nuisance Species Program.”

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

55.20 **AMEND** (DES: Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program) Creates 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.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the reporting requirement date.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

(B) Interested parties may apply to be considered for participation in the pilot program, but no more than five applicants can be selected for participation at any one time. The terms and

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conditions for participation by the projects selected by the department shall be set forth in a written agreement which shall provide, at a minimum, that a selected project must cease to operate if it is having a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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

- 55.21** **AMEND** (DES: Dam Repair Assistance) Directs the department to establish a Dam Repair Assistance Grant Program using funds for system upgrades. Directs that the program will provide cost-sharing grants of up to 75% of the total cost to fix deficiencies in high and significant hazard dams regulated under the Dams and Reservoir Safety Act. Directs the department to create and post policies, criteria, and guidance for the program on its website by October 15, 2024.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the website posting requirement.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

55.21. (DES: Dam Repair Assistance) Of the funds appropriated for system upgrades, there is established within the Department of Environmental Services a Dam Repair Assistance Grant Program. The funds shall be utilized for cost-sharing grants to correct dam deficiencies identified by the Department for high and significant hazard dams regulated under the Dams and Reservoir Safety Act. A grant of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total cost to correct the dam deficiency identified by the department may be provided. Funds may also be used by the department to administer and manage the grant program. System upgrades funds shall be carried forward and expended for the same purpose. The department shall ~~draft~~ maintain policies, criteria, and guidance for the grant program ~~by October 15, 2024, which shall be posted~~ on the department's website.

- 55.25** **AMEND** (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) Creates the PFAS removal evaluation fund and pilot program. Provides the requirements of the program and requires a progress report to be submitted by June 30.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the progress report submission date.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

55.25. (DES: PFAS Pilot Program) There is established within the Department of Environmental Services the PFAS Removal Evaluation Fund. The Department of Environmental Services shall use the fund to create and implement the PFAS Removal Evaluation Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate and facilitate the implementation of emerging technologies to remove PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. The department will establish the selection criteria, terms, and conditions for participation in the pilot program. A progress report on the viability of the piloted technologies and their effectiveness in PFAS removal shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

- 55.26** **AMEND NEW PROVISIO** (DES: Permitting Timeframes) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DES to issue decisions on permit applications within 90 days of receipt. Allows DES to require preapplication meetings prior to the application review period and to allow the review period to be extended if mutually agreed upon in writing.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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SFC: AMEND new proviso to add an exemption for Energy Infrastructure Projects, which include electric and natural gas transmission, generation, and related infrastructure and excludes this category of projects from the 90-day permitting decision requirement

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

55.26. (DES: Permitting Timeframes) Except for Energy Infrastructure Projects, which are defined as the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure, the Department of Environmental Services will issue a decision on a completed application for a permit no later than ninety days after the date the application is received by the department. The department may require a preapplication meeting with the applicant to establish milestones within the review period prior to commencing the ninety-day review period. The department and applicant may mutually agree in writing to extend the ninety-day review period. Such agreement shall be in writing and state a specific date on when the extension will end. The department shall not stop, stay, or otherwise alter the review period without such written agreement with the applicant.

SECTION 57 - B040 - JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

57.3 **AMEND** (JUD: Judicial Expense Allowance) Provides a \$1000 monthly expense allowance to full time judges.

WMC: AMEND proviso to increase the monthly allowance to \$1500. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

57.3. (JUD: Judicial Expense Allowance) Each Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Family Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge and any retired judge who receives payment for performing full-time judicial duties pursuant to Section 9-8-120 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, shall receive one thousand five hundred dollars per month as expense allowance.

57.19 **DELETE** (JUD: Circuit Court Judges) Suspends the requirements of Section 14-5-130 for the current fiscal year.

WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

57.19. (JUD: Circuit Court Judges) ~~From the funds appropriated to the Judicial Department, the requirements of Section 14-5-130 pertaining to circuit court judges absenting themselves from the State shall be suspended for the current fiscal year.~~

57.20 **AMEND NEW PROVISO** (JUD: Travel Court) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeal judges may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for a traveling term of court outside of Richland County. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

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SFC: AMEND new proviso to delete reference of reimbursement for actual expenses and add language that allows Justices and Judges to elect to receive actual expenses incurred for meals and lodging in lieu of the allowable subsistence expense.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

57.20. (JUD: Travel Court) Upon approval of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court Justices and Judges of the Court of Appeals or any acting Justice on the Supreme Court or acting Judge of the Court of Appeals may elect to receive actual expenses incurred for lodging and meals in lieu of the allowable subsistence expense for a traveling term of court held outside of Richland County.

- 57.21 ADD** (JUD: Calhoun and Supreme Court Building Office Space Renovations) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that funds from Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(48) be redirected to renovate office space in the Calhoun Building and the Supreme Court Building. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

57.21. (JUD: Calhoun and Supreme Court Building Office Space Renovations) Funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(48) to the Judicial Department for the Court of Appeals New Courtroom and Office Space shall be redirected to be used to renovate office space located in the Calhoun Building and Supreme Court Building.

- 57.22 DELETE** (JUD: Across the Board Budget Reductions) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that if EBO or the General Assembly implements an across the board budget reduction, funds appropriate in Part 1A, Section 57 are exempt. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: DELETE new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

57.22. (JUD: Across the Board Budget Reductions) DELETED

- 57.23 AMEND** (JUD: Administrative Expense for Retired Judges) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that the requirement for retired judges or justices to serve three consecutive months without pay before receiving the pay difference provided for in Section 9-8-120(3) is suspended. Directs that a retired judge or justice shall receive \$400 per day for full judicial duties with approval from the Chief Justice. Requested by the Judicial Department.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: AMEND new proviso to update proviso title and direct that upon approval by the Chief Justice, a retired judge or justice appointed by the Chief Justice shall receive \$400 a day.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

57.23. (JUD: Administrative Expense for Retired Judges) Upon approval of the Chief Justice, a retired judge or justice appointed by the Chief Justice to perform judicial duties shall receive \$400 a day.

- 57.24 ADD** (JUD: Chief Administrative Judge Allowance) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that each chief administrative judge assigned to Circuit and Family Courts shall receive a monthly allowance of \$1000. Requested by the Judicial Department.

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HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

57.24. (JUD: Chief Administrative Judge Allowance) Each Chief Administrative Judge assigned to Circuit and Family Courts shall receive one thousand dollars per month as an administrative allowance.

- 57.25** **ADD** (JUD: Equal Parenting and Alimony Reform) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to create the Equal Parenting and Alimony Reform Study Committee. Provides for the composition and requirements of the committee. Directs the committee to study the concept of the presumption of equally shared parenting time in custody orders and reforms on the alimony system. Requires the committee to report their findings to the General Assembly by March 1, 2026.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

57.25. (JUD: Equal Parenting and Alimony Reform) (A) There is created the Equal Parenting and Alimony Reform Study Committee. This committee is charged with studying and making recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the concept of the presumption of equally shared parenting time in custody orders, and regarding reforms to the alimony system with a focus on permanent alimony to ensure fair and equitable economic allocations. Membership of the study committee shall be comprised of five members as follows:

(1)Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, or his designee, who shall serve as Co-Chair;

(2)Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, or his designee, who shall serve as Co-Chair;

(3)one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his designee;

(4)one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee; and

(5)one member appointed by the Governor.

(B) The study committee shall provide findings and make recommendations to the General Assembly by March 1, 2026, at which time the study committee shall dissolve. Members of the study committee shall receive mileage, per diem, and subsistence from the Judicial Department as provided by law. Staff support for the study committee shall be provided by the relevant standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as appropriate.

SECTION 59 - E200 - OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

- 59.17** **ADD** (AG: ICAC Affiliate Counseling and Spousal Support Group) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the Attorney General's Office to provide monthly counseling sessions for the law enforcement and prosecution staff affiliated with the ICAC Task force, and to provide 4 annual group counseling sessions for the spouses of the ICAC Task Force members.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

59.17. (AG: ICAC Affiliate Counseling and Spousal Support Group) From funds appropriated, the South Carolina Attorney General's Office (SCAGO) is authorized to provide private monthly counseling sessions with a clinically licensed mental health professional for the law enforcement and prosecution staff trained by the SCAGO and affiliated with the SC Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and to provide four annual group counseling sessions for the spouses of the ICAC Task Force members.

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SECTION 60 - E210 – COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION

- 60.3** **AMEND** (PCC: Judicial Circuits State Support) Directs that funds appropriated for Judicial Circuits State Support be apportioned quarterly to the circuits on a per capita basis.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update distributed amounts. Requested by the Prosecution Coordination Commission.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

60.3. (PCC: Judicial Circuits State Support) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for Judicial Circuits (16) State Support shall be apportioned among the circuits. The first ~~\$4,692,961~~ \$7,632,961 shall be distributed on a per capita basis based upon the current official census. The next ~~\$1,659,041~~ \$2,919,041 shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis. Payment shall be made as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical.

SECTION 62 - D100 - STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

- 62.25** **ADD** (SLED: PTSD Treatment Program) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that coroners and deputy coroners are eligible to participate in the PTSD treatment program.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

62.25. (SLED: PTSD Treatment Program) Coroners and deputy coroners, as defined in Section 17-5-5, shall be eligible for the PTSD treatment program administered through the State Law Enforcement Division and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistant Program.

- 62.26** **ADD** (SLED: Executive Protection Unit) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to authorize SLED to use state counter-terrorism funds to operate an Executive Protection Unit for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, their families, and elected successors. Allows protection to be extended to other officials or dignitaries if facing credible threats with approval. Authorizes DNR and DPS to designate personnel and equipment if needed. Sponsor: Rep. Wooten **Note: Proviso 62.25 in HOU2.**

62.26. (SLED: Executive Protection Unit) (A) Of the funds appropriated in Part 1A, Section 63, State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), for Counter-Terrorism, SLED is authorized to maintain an Executive Protection Unit and shall employ personnel to provide protective services and security to the Governor, the Governor's immediate family, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor-elect, the Governor-elect's immediate family, and the Lieutenant Governor-elect.

(B) Upon request and subject to the approval of the Chief of SLED, based on a demonstrable need or a specifically identified threat to the individual to be protected, SLED is further authorized to utilize the funds appropriated to provide protective services for, or to support existing security details assigned to, current or former public officials or employees of this State or of the United States, visiting Governors from other states and their immediate families, visiting legislative leadership from other states, and officials or dignitaries of the governments of foreign countries who are visiting this State.

(C) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Natural Resources are authorized to designate or assign appropriate personnel, equipment, funds, or other resources to

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support the provision of protective services authorized herein as requested by and in consultation with the Chief of SLED. If SLED requests the assistance of other law enforcement agencies in the State of South Carolina, those officers are authorized to provide such assistance as may be requested by the Chief of SLED.

(D) Law enforcement officers assigned to any security detail or who provide the protective services authorized herein shall only perform services related to the provision of security to the executives and shall not provide any unrelated law enforcement action during the assignment absent specific directive from the Chief of SLED to address an identified threat to the public, which shall only be considered after all executives have been safeguarded.

SECTION 63 - K050 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- 63.8** **AMEND** (DPS: School Safety Program) Directs the department to hire certified law enforcement officers to serve as school resource officers for districts that lack adequate resources to hire a school resource officer, determined by the most recent index of taxpaying ability in the district. Provides for the requirements of the department and the districts. Directs districts to collaborate with local law enforcement when applying for funding. Allows unexpended funds to be carried forward and expended for salaries, equipment, and training. Requires school district superintendents to report the numbers of resource officers to the department. Directs the Department of Education to transfer any fund balance in the program to DPS by August 15.
SEN: AMEND proviso to add authorized private companies to where funding is provided in making awards. States only school districts in Tier IV counties are authorized to use private companies to hire qualified officers as school resource officers. Sponsor: Sen. Sabb
HOU2: AMEND proviso to amend (B) to state that if local law enforcement is unable to assign certified law officers to a school district, then the district is allowed to employ private security but restricts it to one private officer per school. Allows the agencies to apply for funding through the department. Sponsor: Rep Kirby

63.8. (DPS: School Safety Program) (A) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers in this act shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a school resource officer for school districts, including the South Carolina Public Charter School District and schools authorized by an institution of higher learning, that otherwise would lack the adequate resources to hire their own school resource officers. In making determinations of eligibility, the department shall use the most recent index of taxpaying ability as the district's indicator of ability to pay with districts of the lowest index of taxpaying ability receiving priority consideration. Districts, in collaboration with a local law enforcement agency of its choosing, must apply for funding through the department. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency, or private companies, as authorized, to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that shall serve as a full time school resource officer. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for salaries, equipment, and training. School district superintendents shall provide to the department at the end of each quarter the number of full and part-time school resource officers that currently serve schools in their respective districts, regardless of the fund sources supporting those officers.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), if local law enforcement agencies are unable to assign certified law enforcement officers to a school district, then a school district may employ private security to serve as school safety officers. No district may employ more than one private security safety officer per school. Upon written certification from such local law enforcement agencies

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stating the inability to assign certified law enforcement officers to serve as school resource officers, the district may apply for and receive funding through the department.

(C) The Department of Education shall transfer any fund balance to the Department of Public Safety by August 15.

SECTION 66 - N080 - DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES

- 66.6** **AMEND** (DPPP: Reentry Transition Services) Directs the department to allocate up to \$500,000, if available, for reentry transition services.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

66.6. (DPPP: Reentry Transition Services) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services shall allocate up to \$500,000 of any fund balances, if available, for reentry transition services.

SECTION 67 - N120 - DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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

~~**67.14.** (DJJ: Other Funds) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year 2024-25, the Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized to carry forward and expend for agency operating and/or capital needs any cash or fund balances from the following sources: Law Enforcement Funding; Traffic Education Program App; Juvenile Detention Services; Joint Children's Committee; Court Fines Detention Services; and Dedicated Court Fines. For purposes of this provision, agency operating and/or capital needs includes the following items: (1) The recruitment and retention of qualified staff; (2) Youth Services Training and Community Programs; (3) Physical Plant Maintenance and Upgrades; and (4) Projects on both the Agency's Master Plan and Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan. The department shall submit a plan regarding the use of these funds to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Corrections and Penology Committee, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. This plan shall be submitted for review before the expenditure of any of these funds.~~

- 67.17** **AMEND NEW PROVISO** (DJJ: Capital Expenditure Charge) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct local governments using juvenile detention services from DJJ must pay a capital expenditure charge of \$200 per day per child, up to 30 days, in addition to a \$50 daily operating fee. Directs that if local governments do not fully fund these charges, the remaining balance will

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be transferred from the local government fund to the department on their behalf, and such transfers will be considered as funds distributed to the local government.

SEN: AMEND new proviso to direct local governments who are using juvenile detention services provided by DJJ to pay a charge of \$125/child/day, not exceeding 25 days, for new admissions after July 1, 2025. Directs that the charge is in addition to the per diem charge that offsets operating expenses. Sponsors: Sen. Martin, Hembree, and Bright Matthews

67.17. (DJJ: Capital Expenditure Charge) Local governments utilizing the juvenile detention services provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice shall pay a capital expenditure charge of \$125 per day per child not to exceed 25 days to the department for new admissions after July 1, 2025, to cover capital expenditures and investments in the facilities that house such juveniles. This capital expenditure charge is in addition to the per diem charge of \$50 that offsets operating expenses. If full funding is not received from the local governments, then the remainder of the funds due shall be transferred to the department from the local government fund on behalf of such local governments. The transfer to the department on behalf of the local government shall be deemed to have been distributed to the local government.

SECTION 71 - L460 - COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS

- 71.7** **ADD** (CMA: Carry Forward of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification Budget) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the commission to carry forward unexpended funds and expend the funds on the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting. Requested by the Commission for Minority Affairs.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

71.7. (CMA: Carry Forward of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification Budget) The Commission for Minority Affairs may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance or other funds from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures related to the transfer of the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification to it from the Department of Administration.

SECTION 72 - R040 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- 72.4** **ADD** (PSC: Avoided Cost Experts) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to authorize the commission to repurpose funds authorized in the General Appropriations Act of 2023 for expenses incurred for third-party consultants and experts. Requested by the Public Service Commission.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

72.4. (PSC: Avoided Cost Experts) The Public Service Commission is authorized to use and expend funds appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, Proviso 118.19(52) for the South Carolina Integration Study, for expenses incurred for third-party avoided cost consultants and experts employed through contract or otherwise and retained pursuant to Section 58-41-20(I). The appropriation is redirected for the Public Service Commission to utilize these funds to pay for the third-party avoided cost consultants and experts employed through contract or otherwise.

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SECTION 73 - R060 - OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

- 73.10** **ADD** (ORS: Rural Community Centers) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff to allocate up to \$250,000 from available fund balances to support rural community centers offering broadband, Wi-Fi, and telehealth services for underserved residents. Directs that assistance will be provided through local chambers of commerce to ensure these services are accessible within twenty miles for all underserved residents across the State.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

73.10. (ORS: Rural Community Centers) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall allocate up to \$250,000 of any fund balances, if available, to support rural community centers that provide broadband, Wi-Fi, and telehealth services for underserved residents in rural communities. Support shall be provided by a local chamber of commerce to assist in having these services throughout the State so that no underserved resident would have to travel more than twenty miles to reach a fully-equipped community center.

- 73.11** **ADD** (ORS: Coal Plant Conversion) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to direct ORS to evaluate the feasibility of converting retiring coal plants to biomass facilities using woodchips or other organic fuel. Allows the hiring of third-party experts, with costs assessed to utilities based on their five-year average retail peak demand and recoverable through fuel costs base rates. Sponsor: Sen. Campsen

73.11. (ORS: Coal Plant Conversion) From the funds appropriated to the Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the investor-owned utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, as appropriate, the office shall evaluate the feasibility of converting retiring coal plants into biomass plants fueled by woodchips or other organic matter. The Office of Regulatory Staff may engage third parties with relevant prior experience conducting similar evaluations. The cost of any experts and consultants engaged by the Office of Regulatory Staff for purposes of this proviso shall be assessed to the electrical utilities pro rata based on their five-year average of retail peak demand and shall be recoverable by the electrical utilities through their base rate for fuel costs established pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

SECTION 78 - R200 - DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

- 78.4** **DELETE** (INS: Coastal Insurance Markets) Directs the department to conduct a study on the coastal property insurance market. Provides for the composition and provisions of the study. Directs the study to be submitted to SFC, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, WMC, and the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, and the Governor by October 1. Directs the department to immediately initiate efforts to recruit additional insurance providers in the market.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Insurance.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~*78.4. (INS: Coastal Insurance Markets) From the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Insurance shall conduct a study on the status and market conditions of the South Carolina coastal property insurance market. The study shall include the number of property insurance companies participating in the coastal insurance market, coastal insurance premium*~~

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~~pricing, coastal insurance market outlook for the future, possible strategies to stabilize our State's coastal insurance market, efforts the department may utilize to recruit additional insurance providers, and any other information deemed pertinent to the issue including suggested statutory changes. The study shall be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, and the Governor by October 1, 2024. The department is further directed to immediately initiate statutorily allowed efforts to recruit additional insurance providers in the coastal property insurance market.~~

- 78.5** **DELETE** (INS: Review and Study Committee) Creates a review and study committee to conduct a thorough review of the State's civil justice and insurance laws and address coverage availability, premium rates, and deductibles. Provides for the composition of the committee. Directs the committee to submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor by January 31, 2025.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

78.5. (INS: Review and Study Committee) ~~(A) There is created a review and study committee to be comprised of nine members:~~

~~(1) one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate, one Senator appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, and one Senator appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee;~~

~~(2) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and~~

~~(3) three members of the public at large appointed by the Governor.~~

~~(B) Of the members appointed by the Governor, one member must have substantial academic or professional experience in the insurance industry, one member must be a practicing attorney with extensive experience representing plaintiffs in insurance related litigation, and one member must be a practicing attorney with extensive insurance defense experience. The members of the committee must meet as soon as practicable after appointment and organize by electing one of the committee's members as chairman and other officers as the committee may consider necessary. Thereafter, the committee must meet as necessary to fulfill the duties required by this proviso at the call of the chairman or by a majority of the members. A quorum consists of five members who shall serve without compensation, and are ineligible for the usual mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. Staffs of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, and the House of Representatives Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee shall be available to assist the committee in its work. Any other expenses incurred by the committee shall be paid equally from each respective house's approved account subject to the approval of the Senate Operations and Management Committee and the Speaker of the House, and unless authorized by a further or subsequent enactment, shall conclude the committee's business by January 31, 2025, at which time the committee is dissolved. The General Assembly may extend the dates by which the committee shall submit reports required by this proviso.~~

~~(C) The committee shall conduct a thorough review of this State's civil justice and insurance laws from the standpoint of adequacy, equity, and efficiency with the goal of continuing to maintain and enhance South Carolina as an optimum competitor in its effort to both retain and attract new individuals and business to relocate, live, work, and invest in South Carolina. The~~

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~~committee shall address coverage availability, premium rates, and deductibles in the following five categories: (1) property and casualty for single family dwellings, multi family units, and condominium complexes and commercial buildings; (2) automobiles and trucks; (3) commercial general liability; (4) business; and (5) restaurant /tavern/bar liability liquor liability. The committee shall review how other states' civil justice and insurance laws compare with South Carolina's laws regarding coverage availability, premium rates, and deductibles. No later than January 31, 2025, the committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the full General Assembly and the Governor and make the report available to the public on the General Assembly's website.~~

SECTION 79 - R230 - BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- 79.2** **ADD** (FI: Database Funding) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to allow the Consumer Finance Division of the Board of Financial Institutions to use carry forward dollars to fund the deferred presentment transaction database. Sponsor: Sen. Climer

79.2 (FI: Database Funding) The Consumer Finance Division of the Board of Financial Institutions shall use carried forward dollars to fund the deferred presentment transaction database and shall promulgate regulations regarding the fee to fund the system, and, if necessary, the cost of any fee increase must be divided equally between the lender and the borrower.

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

- 81.14** **AMEND** (LLR: Compensatory Payment) Allows exempt Office of State Fire Marshal employees, at the agency director's discretion and if funds are available, to be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing comp time during a Governor declared State of Emergency or in a situation that requires the use of mutual assistance under Section 25-1-450, relating to duties of state, county, and municipal governments for mutual assistance in emergencies.
WMC: AMEND proviso to add the Fire Academy to the eligible employees for being paid in actual hours worked. Requested by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

81.14. (LLR: Compensatory Payment) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor or in the event of a situation requiring the use of mutual assistance under Section 25-1-450 of the 1976 Code, exempt employees of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Office of State Fire Marshal and Fire Academy may be paid for actual hours worked, in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the agency director, and providing funds are available.

- 81.17** **ADD** (LLR: License Renewal) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to direct the Real Estate Commission to renew the expired license of brokers or associates with 25 or more years or licensure and over the age of 65 if they are in good standing. Exempts the licensee from the continuing education requirements and requires the applicant to pay the renewal fee. Sponsor: Sen. Rankin

81.17. (LLR: License Renewal) From the funds appropriated to Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Real Estate Commission shall, upon application, renew the expired license of any licensee of a broker or associate with twenty-five years or more of licensure in

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South Carolina and who is sixty-five years of age so long as, at the time of expiration, the licensee was in good standing with the commission. Upon renewal, the licensee is exempt from continuing education requirements as provided by law. The applicant must pay the renewal fee as provided by law and the commission may use such revenues to further the mission of the commission.

SECTION 82 - R400 - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- 82.2 RESTORE** (DMV: Cost Recovery Fee/Sale of Photos or Digitized Images) Authorizes DMV to collect and retain fees, not to exceed rates charged as of February 1, 2001, to recover the costs of producing, purchasing, handling and mailing information and/or documents . Allows the department to collect and retain fees to defray costs associated with fulfilling FOIA requests. Prohibits the sale of photographs taken for driver's licenses or personal identification cards. Directs that revenue generated by fees, with an exception to FOIA requests, be placed into the State Highway Fund.
- WMC:** AMEND proviso to eliminate the restriction that limits fees charged for the products at the department to be tied to the rate charged as of February 1, 2001, and to allow the department to retain the balance of the revenue collected from any increase to fees above the rate charged on February 1, 2001. Requested by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.
- SFC:** RESTORE original proviso.
- SEN:** ADOPT original proviso.

82.2. (DMV: Cost Recovery Fee/Sale of Photos or Digitized Images) The Department of Motor Vehicles may collect processing fees and fees to recover the costs of the production, purchase, handling and mailing of documents, publications, records and data sets. The department may collect and retain fees to defray the cost associated with fulfilling a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The amount charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles for any fees collected pursuant to this proviso may not exceed the rates that the department charged as of February 1, 2001. The Department of Motor Vehicles may not sell, provide or otherwise furnish to private parties, copies of photographs, whether digitized or not, taken for the purpose of a driver's license or personal identification card. Photographs and digitized images from a driver's license or personal identification card are not considered public records. With the exception of the cost associated with fulfilling a FOIA request, revenue generated by the fees imposed by this provision must be placed into the State Highway Fund as established by Section 57-11-20 of the 1976 Code and be distributed as provided in Section 11-43-167.

- 82.14 ADD** (DMV: Electronic Titling) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to require the DMV to utilize up to \$1,000,000 of funds appropriated to contract with a third party vendor to create and implement an electronic titling program for vehicle dealers, lenders, auctioneers, and owners and requires that the electronic titling services for dealers, lenders, and auctioneers be operational by June 30, 2026.
- SEN:** ADOPT new proviso.

82.14. (DMV: Electronic Titling) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles for IT System Modernization, up to \$1,000,000 shall be utilized for the creation of an Electronic Titling Program to provide electronic vehicle title processing services to include the transfer of vehicle ownership and the placement and release of liens for automotive dealers, lenders, and auctioneers, and comparable electronic titling services for vehicle owners and other customers. The department shall select and contract with a third-party vendor to create and

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implement the program. Electronic titling services for automotive dealers, lenders, and auctioneers must operational no later than June 30, 2026.

- 82.15** **ADD** (DMV: E-Titling) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to direct that the DMV must follow state procurement procedures to contract a third-party vendor for developing an electronic/digital vehicle titling program. Directs that this program will serve business customers such as dealers, lenders, and auctioneers, handling title transfers, and lien processing. Directs that a implementation timeline must be established and submitted to the Senate Finance, Senate Transportation, House Ways and Means, and House Education and Public Works Committees by June 30, 2026. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 82.14 in HOU2.**

82.14. (DMV: E-Titling) (A) Of the funds appropriated in Part 1A, Section 82, Department of Motor Vehicles, for Administration – Classified Positions, the department must complete the procurement process as established in the South Carolina Procurement Code to award a contract for and establish a timeline to implement an electronic/digital titling program. The electronic/digital title program must provide electronic vehicle title processing services to include the transfer of vehicle ownership and the placement and release of liens for business customers including automotive dealers, lenders, and auctioneers.

(B) The department shall select and contract with a third-party vendor to create the program with a clear timeline of implementation established and approved by the applicable stakeholders by June 30, 2026. The department must provide the timeline of implementation to the Committees of Senate Finance, Senate Transportation, House Ways and Means, and House Education and Public Works by June 30, 2026.

SECTION 83 - R600 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE

- 83.5** **AMEND** (DEW: REED Act Spending Authority) Authorizes DEW to spend up to \$2,375,072 of funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the U.S. Social Security Act. Directs the funds be used to for UI, WIOA, and Employment Services Programs. Prohibits the funds from being obligated after a 2-year period beginning July 1, 2024.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference. Requested by the Department of Employment and Workforce.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

83.5. (DEW: REED Act Spending Authority) The Department of Employment and Workforce is authorized to expend up to \$2,375,072 of funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the United States Social Security Act, as amended. The funds must be used under the direction of the Department of Employment and Workforce, for the purpose of funding Unemployment Insurance, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and Employment Services Programs. No part of the funds herein authorized may be obligated after a two-year period beginning on July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025. The amount obligated pursuant to this provision shall not at any time exceed the amount by which (a) the aggregate of amounts transferred to the accounts of the State pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act exceeds (b) the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration and paid out for administration and paid out for benefits and as required by law to be charged against the amounts transferred to the account of this State.

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- 83.7 DELETE** (DEW: Systemic Study of Higher Education) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DEW to use appropriated funds to contract state and national experts for a study assessing whether South Carolina's public higher education system and degree programs align with the state's current and future workforce needs. The study will analyze enrollment trends, campus space utilization, graduation rates, workforce alignment, system efficiency, and barriers to degree attainment, including cost comparisons with regional states. Directs public institutions of higher education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical College System to collaborate by providing data. Directs that DEW's procurement of experts is exempt from standard state purchasing procedures, though competition should be maximized. Directs that a final report is due by June 30, 2026 to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, President of the Senate, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, with a possible six-month extension upon approval.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: DELETE new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.
HOU2: ADOPT deletion. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

83.7. (DEW: Systemic Study of Higher Education) DELETED

SECTION 84 - U120 - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- 84.11 DELETE** (DOT: Preventative Maintenance Credit) Authorizes DOT to transfer a portion of the motor fuel user fee held in the Infrastructure Maintenance Trust Fund to DOR to satisfy the preventative maintenance credits.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Transportation.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~**84.11.** (DOT: Preventative Maintenance Credit) The Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer a portion of proceeds of the motor fuel user fee received from Section 12-28-310(D) to the Department of Revenue in order to satisfy the requirements of the preventive maintenance credit in Section 12-6-3780(B)(2).~~

- 84.17 AMEND NEW PROVISO** (DOT: Waiver Valuations) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to authorize DOT to use the waiver valuation process for right-of-way acquisitions of the Department with cost estimates of \$20,000 or less.
SEN: AMEND new proviso to delete reference to state funds and require the department to submit a report on the waiver valuations to the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee by 6/30/26. Sponsor: Sen. Adams

84.17. (DOT: Waiver Valuations) For federal funds appropriated to the department, cost estimates of twenty thousand dollars or less for uncomplicated acquisitions of real property, defined as those involving unimproved strips of land with no damages, no changes in highest and best use, or no significant costs to cure, are considered waiver valuations as defined by the Federal Highway Administration and shall not be subject to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. The department shall submit a detailed report on the waiver

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valuations to the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30, 2026.

- 84.18** **ADD** (DOT: Indirect Cost Waiver Federally Funded Projects) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to authorize DOT to retain indirect cost recoveries from federal projects, deposit them into the State Highway Fund, and use them for transportation system upkeep.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

84.18. (DOT: Indirect Cost Waiver Federally Funded Projects) The Department of Transportation shall retain indirect cost recoveries relating to federally funded projects. Indirect cost recoveries shall be retained by the Department in accordance with Section 2-65-70(B) and shall be deposited in the State Highway Fund and used by the agency for repairs, maintenance, and improvements to the existing transportation system.

- 84.19** **ADD** (DOT: Waiver Valuations) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to direct for federally-appropriated funds, cost estimates under \$20,000 for simple real property acquisitions are classified as waiver valuations per Federal Highway Administration guidelines and appraisers licensed in South Carolina are exempt from certain Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice rules when handling these. Directs that the Department must report details of such valuations to the Senate Transportation and House Education and Public Works Committees by June 30, 2026. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 84.17 in HOU2.**

84.19. (DOT: Waiver Valuations) For federal funds appropriated to the department, cost estimates of twenty thousand dollars or less for uncomplicated acquisitions of real property, defined as those involving unimproved strips of land with no damages, no changes in highest and best use, or no significant costs to cure, are considered waiver valuations as defined by the Federal Highway Administration. Licensed or certified appraisers, licensed pursuant to S.C. Code Title 40, Chapter 60, preparing or reviewing a waiver valuation are precluded from complying with Standards Rules 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice," as promulgated by the Appraisals Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation. The department shall submit a detailed report on the waiver valuations to the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30, 2026.

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, 2025 to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references. Requested by the State Ports Authority.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

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Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, to continue the Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project.

- 88.6** **AMEND** (SPA: Funds for Due Diligence on Port-Related Facility) Directs the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) to distribute up to \$2,000,000 of funds previously appropriated in the Jasper Ocean Terminal Facility Permitting and Infrastructure Fund to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (SCRDA) for service as an intermediary and professional service provider with counties with economic interests in Jasper County's ocean terminal-related improvements. Directs SCRDA to submit a written request to the Department of Commerce for review and approval of a distribution from SCSPA to SCRDA before the distribution of funds. Directs SCRDA to provide a report summarizing negotiations and communications with GPA to the President of Senate, Speaker of the House, and the Governor by 1/31/25.
- WMC:** AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.
- HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.
- SFC:** AMEND further to change the distributed installments to \$1,800,000. Deletes references for initial site preparation and environmental assessments, including supporting infrastructure for port related development and property ownership. Directs the SCSPA, GDOT, and Corps to construct a port logistics facility on a 1,400 acre site in Jasper County, near Highway 17 and the Talmadge Bridge to serve the Port of Savannah. Provides for the dredge, easement, and disposal of material information, and the requirements of the negotiations for the development. Deletes the requirement for the SCRDA to submit a written report on the negotiations and recommendations.
- SEN:** AMEND proviso to delete SCSPA from negotiations, update the acreage for the Logistics Site, and delete the reference to DMMP Tract 14A and 14B in regards to conveyance of fee simple title. Directs that SCPA will work to fac and agreement for a cold storage facility or the Logistics Site. Sponsor: Sen. Davis

88.6. (SPA: Funds for ~~Due Diligence on Port-Related Facility~~ Logistics Site in Jasper County) Of the funds previously appropriated to the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) in the Jasper Ocean Terminal Facility Permitting and Infrastructure Fund, SCSPA is directed to distribute, in installments and subject to the approvals as hereinafter provided, up to ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$1,800,000 to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (SCRDA) for SCRDA's service as an intermediary and service provider on behalf of a coalition of its interested member counties with economic interests in Jasper County's ocean terminal-related improvements to procure legal, financial, engineering, and other professional services necessary to analyze, and to the extent appropriate, engage in negotiations with the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) ~~supporting infrastructure for port related development of the Jasper Ocean Terminal site and supporting property owned by the joint venture and/or nearby property currently owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Services should include, without limitation, the following: field geotechnical work of the dredge area to provide guidance for developing the site; conducting an environmental site assessment to determine if any environmental conditions warrant further review, including potentially entering into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract with the Department of Environmental Services; conducting an ALTA boundary survey and subdivision plat; initial archaeological field work and reports necessary to coordinate with the State Historic Preservation Office for the necessary scope of a final Cultural Resource Information System study; and coordinating with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for technical documents and plans necessary to secure the release of an existing spoil easement,~~ the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and the United States Corps of Engineers (Corps) to construct a port logistics facility on an approximately 100-acre tract of land (Logistics Site) in Jasper County on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River, adjacent to Highway 17, proximate to the

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Talmadge Bridge, and across the river from Hutchinson Island to serve warehousing and cold storage needs. The Logistics Site is one of the seven Dredged Material Containment Areas (DMCA) designated in the Corps' Savannah Harbor Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP), all of which are encumbered by a perpetual spoil easement (Spoil Easement) held by the Corps and used by the Corps for the disposal of materials dredged from the Savannah River, the Logistics Facility being shown on the DMMP as DMMP Tract 12A. The referenced negotiations by the SCRDA with the GPA, the GDOT, and the Corps shall include, without limitation, the potential acquisition and/or conveyance of fee simple title or other property interests in exchange for (1) the conveyance of fee simple title to DMMP Tract 12A, currently owned by the GDOT; and (2) the Corps' release of the Spoil Easement as an encumbrance on DMMP Tract 12A in order to allow said tract to be developed into a Logistics Site. SCSA will work to facilitate an agreement to accommodate a cold storage facility or the Logistics Site as reasonably necessary in support of the referenced negotiations. Prior to receiving funds from SCSA, SCRDA shall submit a written request to the Department of Commerce for the review and written approval of a distribution from SCSA to SCRDA, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, with a copy of the written request by SCRDA and the written approval from the Department of Commerce to be provided to SCSA prior to the distribution of funds. On or before January 31, 2025, SCRDA shall submit a written report to the President of the South Carolina Senate, the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and the Governor of South Carolina, summarizing the substance of its negotiations and communications with GPA and recommending a course of action for consideration.

SECTION 91 - A990 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

- 91.13 AMEND** (LEG: In-District Compensation) Directs that legislators receive \$1,000 per month for in-district compensation.
SEN: AMEND proviso to change "\$1,000" to "\$2,500." Sponsors: Sen. Martin, Leber, and Jackson

91.13. (LEG: In-District Compensation) All members of the General Assembly shall receive an in-district compensation of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 per month.

- 91.27 ADD** (LEG: LAC Third-Party Agency Operational Review) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to authorize the Legislative Audit Council to use designated funds to contract an independent third-party, free from conflicts of interest, to conduct operational and expenditure reviews of at least two state agencies. The reviews will focus on improving efficiency, reducing costs, streamlining operations, and evaluating regulatory relevance. The LAC will oversee secure data access and ensure legal compliance, confidentiality, and protection of sensitive information. A final report detailing findings and recommendations must be submitted to the LAC, General Assembly, and Governor by January 1, 2026. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

91.27. (LEG: LAC Third-Party Agency Operational Review) (A) The following applies to the funds appropriated in Proviso 118.22(65) of this Act for Government Efficiency RFP Review:
(1) "Council" means the Legislative Audit Council.
(2) "Independent third-party" means a person or entity that has no personal, familial, or business relationship, and no economic interest, that is distinct from that of the general public, in connection with the agency under review.

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(i) To be qualified, a person or entity must not be affiliated with, or act on behalf of, any entity that appears before, is regulated by, or conducts business directly or indirectly with an agency selected for review.

(ii) A person or entity is disqualified from serving as the independent third party if they are regulated by the agency, conduct business with the agency, or are associated with a regulated entity in a way that creates a continuing or frequent conflict with the duties imposed by this provision.

(3) "Economic interest" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 8-13-100(11) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act

(4) "Agency means an authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive or judicial departments of state government, including administrative bodies. "Agency" includes a body corporate and politic established as an instrumentality of the State.

(B) From the funds appropriated to the council, or from funds otherwise authorized by the General Assembly for this purpose, the council shall issue a Request For Procurement to engage an independent third-party to conduct operational and expenditure reviews of no fewer than two agencies to be selected at the discretion of the council.

(1) In making its determination, the council may consider relevant factors including, but not limited to, the total amount of funds appropriated to the agency, number of full-time employees or the equivalent thereof, breadth of regulatory or service responsibilities, within the State.

(2) This provision shall not be construed to allow the inclusion of entities with narrowly defined missions, limited regulatory impact, or minimal administrative infrastructure.

(C) The scope of each third-party review shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) identifying opportunities to streamline agency operations, improve internal efficiencies, reduce procurement and operational expenses, eliminate wasteful government spending, evaluate existing agency contracts for potential cost savings or restructuring, modernize government operations and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, and achieve overall spending reductions;

(2) identifying duplicative or inefficient functions that may be consolidated within an agency, across departments of the same agency;

(3) reviewing for the adequacy and continuing relevance of regulations promulgated by the agency and identifying regulations that are inconsistent with the statute, obsolete, or expand their meaning beyond the intent of the statute;

(4) ensuring effective use of taxpayer dollars; and

(5) leveraging innovative practices that focus on transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

(D) To carry out the provisions of this item, the council is authorized to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with the selected agencies to access and share relevant data, documents, and records with the independent third-party reviewer. The agency under review shall cooperate in good faith with requests for information made by the council, subject to applicable state and federal confidentiality and privacy laws.

(E) The council shall serve as the gatekeeper of agency data, documents, and records and is responsible for ensuring that all data, documents, and records shared with the independent third party has been reviewed and, where required by law, appropriately redacted or anonymized by the selected agencies. In facilitating access to such data, the council shall take reasonable measures to ensure the nondisclosure of any personal identifiable information, protected health information, or other confidential information, in accordance with the Family Privacy Protection Act (Section 30-2-10, et seq.), the Freedom of Information Act (Section 30-4-10, et seq.), Health

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Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1320, et seq.), and other applicable provisions of state and federal law.

(F) The independent third-party must enter into a data-sharing and confidentiality agreement with the council and shall not retain or disclose any confidential information obtained in the course of the review. The third party shall take reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to or disclosure of data and shall return or destroy all agency information at the conclusion of the review, as required by the terms of the agreement or applicable law.

(G) The third party shall not use or disclose any confidential or internal information obtained through the agency review in a manner that would affect an economic interest held by the independent third party, a member of its personnel or executive leadership, a member of their immediate families, or any individual or business with which the independent third party is associated.

(H) The provisions of Sections 8-13-700, 8-13-705, 8-13-710, 8-13-725, and 8-13-730 shall apply to the conduct of the independent third-party as if the third party were a public official or employee.

(I) Unless otherwise authorized by law, the third party shall not willfully examine, nor aid or abet the examination of, any individual tax return, workers' compensation record, health or medical record, or social services record in the possession or control of the agency if the purpose of such examination is improper or otherwise unrelated to the scope of the review.

(J) By January 1, 2026, the independent third party shall submit a written report to the Council, General Assembly and the Governor detailing all findings, recommendations, and actions taken pursuant to this provision.

SECTION 92D - D300 - OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

92D.1 AMEND (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) Directs that improvements to real or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, resulting from damage caused by the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, made after the event and before June 30, 2025, 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 calendar year references, add Hurricane Helene in reference to the catastrophic weather events, and add the Office of Resilience's Rapid Rebuild Program to the listed offices for funding improvements. Requested by the Office of Resilience.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

92D.1. (SCOR: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015, Hurricane Matthew of 2016, ~~or~~ Hurricane Florence of 2018, or Hurricane Helene of 2024, after the event and before June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, is not considered an improvement and may not be reassessed at a higher rate as a result of the assistance provided. This provision only applies if, as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program implemented by the Office of Resilience, or its predecessor, the Disaster Recovery Office, or the Office of Resilience's Rapid Rebuild Program funded by the Disaster Relief and Resilience

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Reserve Fund. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.

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

- 92D.4** **ADD** (SCOR: Hurricane Helene Habitat for Humanity Collaboration) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to allocate \$2 million to SCOR for the Hurricane Helene Home Repair Program, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina. The program will expand the Common Housing Operating Picture to repair homes for low- to moderate-income households in FEMA-designated counties. SCOR will set guidelines and distribute funds based on need and program capacity, with at least 55 homes repaired across 10 counties. Habitat for Humanity will manage local efforts and report quarterly to SCOR. A final program report is due to the Governor and the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means by June 30, and unspent funds may be carried forward. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

92D.4. (SCOR: Hurricane Helene Habitat for Humanity Collaboration) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) for Fiscal Year 2025–26, \$2,000,000 shall be allocated for the Hurricane Helene Home Repair Program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina. This program shall expand the Common Housing Operating Picture (CHOP) to repair owner-occupied residential homes for low- to moderate-income households located in FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)–designated counties.

(B) Grant funds shall be awarded to Habitat for Humanity South Carolina and distributed by county based on criteria established by SCOR, including demonstrated need, program capacity, local unmet needs, and alignment with the South Carolina Hurricane Helene Housing Strategy.

(C) SCOR shall develop program guidelines, including subaward procedures, reporting requirements, and accountability measures. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall coordinate with SCOR to manage program obligations and oversee local Habitat affiliates responsible for conducting repairs.

(D) Homeowner eligibility shall be determined by SCOR via CHOP, unless otherwise authorized by SCOR. Grant funds may be used for home repairs. A minimum of 55 homes damaged by Hurricane Helene shall be repaired across no fewer than 10 FEMA IA–declared counties. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall submit quarterly outcome and budget reports to SCOR.

(E) By June 30 of the fiscal year, SCOR shall submit a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees detailing grant allocations, participating affiliates, homes repaired, and the program’s impact on post-disaster housing recovery. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward and used for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

- 93.13** **AMEND** (DOA: Federal/Other Fund Authorization Adjustments) Authorizes EBO to approve and report agency requests for federal and other fund authorization adjustments.
SFC: AMEND proviso to direct that EBO shall provide a quarterly report to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and means of interim authorization of funds adjustments granted

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to state agencies and institutions of higher education and to further provide a report by 2/1 identifying the amount of unused federal and other funds authorization for the most recently completed fiscal year by agency.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

93.13. (DOA: Federal/Other Fund Authorization Adjustments) The Executive Budget Office (*EBO*) is authorized to approve agency requests for federal and other fund authorization adjustments. Requests will be approved and reported by the Executive Budget Office pursuant to Chapter 65, Title 2, the “South Carolina Federal and Other Funds Oversight Act”. For the current fiscal year, EBO shall provide a quarterly report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of all interim authorization of funds adjustments granted to state agencies or institutions of higher education during the current fiscal year. Any interim authorization adjustments requested by any state agency or institution of higher education may only be granted by EBO if meeting every applicable criterion delineated in the South Carolina Federal and Other Funds Oversight Act. EBO shall further provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee by February 1st of the current fiscal year identifying, by agency, the amount of unused federal and other funds authorization for the most recently completed fiscal year.

93.14 **AMEND** (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Allow funds appropriated to SCEIS to be carried forward and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference. Requested by the Department of Administration.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

93.14. (DOA: SCEIS Carry Forward Authorization) Notwithstanding any provision of state law, for Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, unexpended funds appropriated for the SC Enterprise Information System may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

93.16 **DELETE** (DOA: State Treasury Forensic Accounting Review Audit) Directs DOA, using funds appropriated for Audit Contracting, to hire an independent forensic accounting firm to conduct a comprehensive review of all cash and investments held in the South Carolina State Treasury. The review will include reconciling these assets with records from state agencies SCEIS and STARS, as well as with external financial records. The scope will include identifying discrepancies, recommending corrective actions, and proposing future controls. Interim and final reports are due by September 30, 2024, and December 31, 2024, respectively, with the option for extension if necessary. Directs that state agencies and relevant entities are required to fully cooperate, providing all requested information, while the State Auditor will assist in scope development and report preparation. All working materials are exempt from public record requests, except for the interim and final reports. The Department of Administration's procurement for this review is exempt from state procurement code requirements.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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~~93.16. (DOA: State Treasury Forensic Accounting Review Audit) Of the funds appropriated pursuant to the Nonrecurring Revenue proviso for Audit Contracting, the Department of Administration must engage an independent forensic accounting firm, experienced in forensic accounting, to conduct a forensic accounting review of all cash and investments held in the State Treasury. The scope of the review, as determined by the Department of Administration, must include, but not be limited to, all cash and investments held in the State Treasury and the reconciliation and balancing of all such cash and investments with any unreconciled fund managed by the relevant state agencies within the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) to the Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) and, to the extent possible as determined by the engaged accounting firm, to such external statements and records of financial institutions, investment firms, trustees, or any other third party holding cash and investments on behalf of the State. In addition to the foregoing, the review must include findings and recommendations for any corrective entries and actions necessary, along with recommendations for procedures and controls to be implemented in the future. A final report from the accounting firm must be submitted by the Department of Administration to the Governor, President of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 31, 2024, and an interim report submitted by September 30, 2024. Provided, however, upon written notice on or before December 31, 2024, the Department of Administration may in its sole discretion elect to extend the completion date of the review if necessary. The Office of State Treasurer, the Office of Comptroller General, the Office of State Auditor, and all other agencies of the State, as may be designated by the Department of Administration, must provide their full cooperation, and make available any staff, books, records, statements, and other information, including information from all financial institutions, investment firms, trustees, or any other third parties holding cash and investments on behalf of the State, at a time that may be required and in a form that may be prescribed by the Department of Administration in effecting the purposes of this provision. The Department of Administration shall report the failure of any agency to cooperate as required to the Governor, President of the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The accounting firm engaged pursuant to this provision is authorized to request relevant information directly from any institution, firm, trustee, or third party holding cash and investments on behalf of the State. Additionally, the State Auditor must provide technical assistance and advice to the Department of Administration in the development of the scope of the review, managing the accounting firm, and assisting in the preparation, review, and presentation of the interim and final reports required and shall be prohibited from disclosing, unless authorized by the Department of Administration, any information related to work conducted until such time as the final report is submitted. All working material of the accounting firm and materials created or collected by the Department of Administration and/or the State Auditor and provided to the accounting firm for purposes of this engagement will be exempt from public record request and only the interim and final reports will be available as public record. Procurements by the Department of Administration are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11.~~

- 93.17 DELETE** (DOA: Savannah River Site Funds Redirect) Redirects funds appropriated to Aiken County – Improvements to Sage Mill Industrial Park in Act 239 of 2022 to the Eastern Aiken County Industrial Park Project.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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~~93.17. (DOA: Savannah River Site Funds Redirect) Of the funds appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19, Item (72)(c) to Aiken County — Improvements to Sage Mill Industrial Park, \$1,300,000 shall be redirected to be used by the county for the Eastern Aiken County Industrial Park Project.~~

- 93.18 DELETE** (DOA: Allendale County) Redirects funds appropriated for the Allendale County Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation and Upgrades to the Allendale County Sheriff's Office and E-911 for Upgrades.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~93.18. (DOA: Allendale County) The funds remaining of the \$2,500,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(B)(72)(dd) to the Department of Administration for the Allendale County Law Enforcement Agency Consolidation and Upgrades must be redirected to the Allendale County Sheriff's Office and E 911 for Upgrades.~~

- 93.19 DELETE** (DOA: State House Complex Improvement) Directs DOA to produce a cost analysis study related to the burying of powerlines and infrastructure improvements on and around the State House complex.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Department of Administration.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

~~93.19. (DOA: State House Complex Improvements) With the funds appropriated, the Department of Administration shall produce a cost analysis study related to the burying of the powerlines and infrastructure improvements on and around the State House Complex. A copy of this study shall be presented to the Governor, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.~~

- 93.20 ADD** (DOA: Colleton County) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to redirect remaining funds appropriated to DOA for the Colleton County industrial shell building and road engineering to be used for the purchase of additional land at the Colleton Mega Site.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

93.20. (DOA: Colleton County) The funds remaining of the \$1,387,932 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Section 118.19(B)(72)(hh) to the Department of Administration for the Colleton County industrial shell building and road engineering shall be redirected by Colleton County for the purchase of additional land at the Colleton Mega Site.

- 93.21 ADD** (DOA: Carry Forward Forensic Accounting Review Audit) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to authorize DOA to carried forward funds appropriated by Proviso 117.186 of Act 226 of 2024 for use in the implementation of recommendations in the AlixPartners report.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

93.21. (DOA: Carry Forward Forensic Accounting Review Audit) The Department of Administration is authorized to carry forward any remaining funds appropriated pursuant to

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Proviso 117.186 of Act 226 of 2024 and to expend them in the current fiscal year to fund activities related to oversight of the implementation of the recommendations in the AlixPartners report, including the hiring of an independent compliance consultant pursuant to S.253 (R.1) of 2025.

- 93.22** **ADD** (DOA: Centralized Software Pilot) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the DOA to implement a pilot program in the sixteen technical colleges using a centralized third-party software that integrates with existing systems to improve financial oversight. Directs that the software will standardize data, use AI to detect anomalies, and provide plain-language financial insights, all while supporting secure, multi-campus, multi-year access. Directs that the department shall oversee implementation with assistance from the colleges and report on the program's outcomes, including cost savings and transparency improvements, by June 30, 2026 to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means Committee.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

93.22. (DOA: Centralized Software Pilot) From the funds appropriated, the Department of Administration shall implement a pilot program in the sixteen technical colleges to utilize a single, third-party centralized software system that operates above existing accounting or enterprise resource planning (ERP) software without requiring major workflow changes, automatically standardizes naming conventions across all colleges to enable direct comparisons of key financial measures, employs AI-driven analytics to detect anomalies, outliers, or compliance flags while providing plain-language summaries of trends and findings, supports multi-campus, multi-fiscal-year data with secure role-based access, and grants the department top-level oversight to view aggregated data in real time, compare performance across colleges, and identify compliance concerns or best practices that could enhance statewide financial oversight. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the sixteen technical schools must assist the department as directed with the coordination and technical facilitation of data collection, the implementation of the software and any additional assistance as requested. The department shall provide an assessment report on the pilot's impact, cost savings, and improved financial transparency to the Chairmen of Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means Committees no later than June 30, 2026.

- 93.23** **ADD** (DOA: Health Agencies Analysis) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct DOA to conduct and analysis of DAODAS, DDSN, and DMH in order to effectuate structural reorganization, including reduction in force needed. Directs DOA to provide a detailed report and EBO to report the number of FTEs deleted by the agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by 6/30/26.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

93.23. (DOA: Health Agencies Analysis) From funds appropriated, the Department of Administration shall conduct an analysis of the Department of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN), and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) or their successor agencies that includes, but is not limited to, the current organizational structures, management and supervision of full-time employees, duplication of administrative efforts, suitability for shared services, and opportunities for collaboration between the agencies. DAODAS, DDSN, and DMH must provide their full cooperation, and make available any staff, books, records, statements, and other information needed by the Department of Administration to complete the analysis. The department is authorized to effectuate structural reorganization, including any reduction in force needed based upon the findings in their analysis. The department shall provide a detailed report on structural reorganization and the Executive Budget Office shall report the number of FTEs deleted by

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agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee no later than June 30, 2026.

- 93.24** **ADD** (DOA: Battelle Alliance Reporting) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to require EBO to report quarterly to the Chairmen of SFC, Senate Education, WMC, House Education, and the Chairman of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation on the use, progress, and outcomes of funds related to the Battelle Alliance. Directs CHE and any entity that receives funds relating to this purpose to provide all necessary information for the reports. Sponsor: Sen. Young

93.24. (DOA: Battelle Alliance Reporting) The Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office shall report quarterly to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, and the Chairman of the Aiken County Legislative Delegation as to the expenditures, outcomes, progress, and any other information deemed relevant by the office as it relates to funds appropriated in this act, or any other act, for the Battelle Alliance. The Commission on Higher Education and any entity that has received or will receive funding for this purpose shall supply the office with all information requested to satisfy these reporting requirements.

SECTION 96 - E080 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

- 96.4** **ADD** (SS: Cable and Video Service Certificates) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to ensure that, for the current fiscal year, the Secretary of State cannot automatically deny a cable or video service certificate application under Section 58-12-310, relating to an application for a certificate, if a community fails to provide unconditional consent within 65 days of the Secretary's request, as outlined in Section 58-12-310(C). Approved applications remain subject to the conditions in Section 58-12-310(D).

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

96.4. (SS: Cable and Video Service Certificates) For the current fiscal year, the Secretary of State shall not automatically deny the application or amended application for a cable or video service certificate pursuant to Section 58-12-310 if a community does not timely indicate its unconditional consent to the state-issued certificate of franchise authority within sixty-five days of receipt of a request from the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 58-12-310(C). Any application granted shall be subject to the foregoing provisions of Section 58-12-310(D).

- 96.5** **ADD** (SS: Charitable Funds Administration) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to directs that the Secretary of State may retain up to an additional \$150,000 of fine revenue to administer the enforcement of the Solicitation of the Charitable Funds Act in addition to the \$200,000 currently retained.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

96.5. (SS: Charitable Funds Administration) In addition to the first \$200,000 in administrative fines currently retained to administer the enforcement of the Solicitation of the

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Charitable Funds Act, the Secretary of State may retain up to an additional \$150,000 of fine revenue collected for the same purpose.

- 96.6** **ADD** (SS: Oath of Office) **SEN:** ADD proviso to direct the Secretary of State to notify each state board or commission and each clerk of the forty-six county councils that if they do not provide certification of taking the oath of office by July 31 they will not receive any direct or indirect appropriations in this act. Sponsor: Sen. Tedder

96.6. (SS: Oath of Office) By July 7, 2025, the Secretary of the State shall notify, in writing, each state board or commission and each clerk of the forty-six county councils that any such board or commission that does not provide certification of taking the oath of office by July 31, 2025, to the agency under which their funds are initially appropriated to, shall not receive any direct or indirect funding appropriated within this act.

SECTION 97 - E120 - OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL

- 97.6** **ADD** (CG: Carry Forward Authority) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to allow the CG to carry forward funds from the prior fiscal year to fund agency operations and secure accounting, auditing, and legal services.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

97.6. (CG: Carry Forward Authority) The Office of Comptroller General is authorized to carry forward all funds from the prior fiscal year and expend in the current fiscal year to fund agency operations and to secure accounting, auditing, and legal services.

SECTION 98 - E160 - OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER

- 98.9** **AMEND** (TREAS: Penalties for Non-Reporting) Directs that if a municipality does not submit audited financial statements within 13 months of the end of their fiscal year, the State Treasurer must withhold their state payments until the statement is received. Requires the State Treasurer to follow the requirements of proviso 117.48 when an audit report is received from a county or municipality with significant findings related to court fine reports or remittances. Provides penalties for deficiencies and delinquent reports. Provides for funds to be made available to the State Auditor for an audit to determine amounts due to the State Treasurer. Suspends the penalty requirement for municipalities for the fiscal year and authorizes and directs the State Treasurer to release all funds withheld from municipalities in the prior two fiscal years.
WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the suspension of the penalty requirement for municipalities for the fiscal year and the authorization of the State Treasurer to release all funds withheld from municipalities in the prior two fiscal years. Requested by the Office of State Treasurer.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

98.9. (TREAS: Penalties for Non-reporting) (4) If a municipality fails to submit the audited financial statements required under Section 14-1-208 ~~of the 1976 Code~~ to the State Treasurer within thirteen months of the end of their fiscal year, the State Treasurer must withhold all state payments to that municipality until the required audited financial statement is received.

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(B) If the State Treasurer receives an audit report from either a county or municipality that contains a significant finding related to court fine reports or remittances to the Office of State Treasurer, the requirements of Proviso 117.48 shall be followed if an amount due is specified, otherwise the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of all state payments to the county or municipality until the estimated deficiency has been satisfied.

(C) If a county or municipality is more than ninety days delinquent in remitting a monthly court fines report, the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of state funding for that county or municipality until all monthly reports are current.

(D) After ninety days, any funds held by the Office of State Treasurer will be made available to the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the entity for the purpose of determining an amount due to the Office of State Treasurer, if any.

~~The penalty provisions in this proviso are suspended during Fiscal Year 2024-25 for municipalities. The State Treasurer is authorized and directed to release all funds withheld from municipalities in the prior two fiscal years due to a municipality not submitting the required audited financial statements or submitting financial information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office as required by Section 6-1-50 of the 1976 Code.~~

SECTION 99 – E190 – RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION

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

99.1. (RSIC: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, Section 9-16-380, relating to the solicitation and the bid for a fiduciary audit, is suspended.

- 99.2** **DELETE** (RSIC: Unfunded Liability Study) Directs the commission to study viable alternatives of addressing the retirement system's unfunded liability that do not involve and increase in employer or employee contributions. Directs the commission to submit a report by 12/31 to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance that provides a summary of any alternative method and its effects if employed in other states.
WMC: DELETE proviso. Requested by the Retirement System Investment Commission.
HOU: ADOPT deletion.
SFC: ADOPT deletion.
SEN: ADOPT deletion.

99.2. (RSIC: Unfunded Liability Study) ~~The Retirement System Investment Commission will study and provide recommendations on viable alternative means of addressing the retirement system's unfunded liability that do not involve an increase in employer or employee contributions including, but not limited to, methods to refinance, restructure, securitize, or capitalize the system's obligations. RSIC shall submit a report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by December 31st that provides a summary of any alternative method including the risks, benefits, and impact to the retirement system and RSIC's investment program, as well as the extent to which the method has been employed in other states and the realized impact of the particular method. RSIC may employ any expert, consultant, actuary, or other resource reasonably necessary to assist with this study~~

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~~and other state agencies will provide RSIC with any reasonable assistance and information needed to fulfill the requirements of this provision.~~

SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

100.12 AMEND (ADJ: State Guard Training) Authorizes the Adjutant General to compensate State Guard personnel at a rate of \$150 per day during training and will not be covered by SCRS and that training is not to exceed 12 training periods per year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that personnel called to State Active Duty must be compensated \$150 per day. Requested by the Office of Adjutant General.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

100.12. (ADJ: State Guard Training *and Activation*) The Office of the Adjutant General shall compensate State Guard personnel at a rate of \$150 per day during State Guard training. State Guard members will not be covered by the South Carolina Retirement System. State Guard mandated training is not to exceed 12 training periods per year for each member. *In the event of activation of the State Guard to State Active Duty by the Governor or the Adjutant General, the Office of the Adjutant General shall compensate activated State Guard personnel at a rate of \$150 per day.*

100.17 AMEND (ADJ: PPE Stockpile) Allows the Emergency Management Division to rotate and replace the State's PPE stockpile, including the rotation of public and private like-kind stock.

WMC: AMEND proviso to direct that if excess or expired PPE cannot be sold and meets certain requirements, SCEMD may donate the material for nonmedical use to nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt and properly registered. Requested by the Office of Adjutant General.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

100.17. (ADJ: PPE Stockpile) The Emergency Management Division shall be permitted to rotate and replace the State's personal protection equipment stockpile, housed pursuant to a state contract. This may include the rotation of like-kind stock owned by participating entities, both public and private, in order to minimize the cost of maintaining a personal protective equipment stockpile for the State and to ensure the useful life of the State's personal protective equipment stockpile. *In the event excess or expired PPE cannot be sold and meets the definition of SC Code of Regulations 19-445.2150(H), SCEMD may donate the material for nonmedical use to nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that are properly registered as charitable organizations with the South Carolina Secretary of State.*

100.24 ADD (ADJ: SC Public Assistance Program) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to authorize SCEMD to establish the South Carolina Public Assistance (PA) Program to aid in disaster recovery from localized events that don't qualify for federal aid and to follow federal PA program guidelines and provide quarterly updates to the Legislature. Directs SCEMD to coordinate with the Office of Resilience to prevent duplication and enhance recovery efforts statewide.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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100.24. (ADJ: SC Public Assistance Program) The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is authorized to establish the South Carolina Public Assistance (PA) Program to support disaster recovery for localized hazard events that cause severe damage but do not meet thresholds/criteria for a federal disaster declaration. State agencies and non-profit organizations will not be eligible to receive reimbursement under this program. SCEMD will utilize the PA Program funds to reimburse eligible entities for unbudgeted response and infrastructure repair costs. SCEMD will follow the guidelines and process utilized for the administration of the Federal Public Assistance program. Cost reimbursement will be 75% of eligible costs. SCEMD will provide quarterly reports to the Legislature on the status of the PA Program funds including disbursements. SCEMD will coordinate with the Office of Resilience on an ongoing basis to ensure recovery assistance funds are implemented to avoid duplication and maximize positive impacts for South Carolina communities.

SECTION 101 - E260 - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

101.1 **AMEND** (VET: M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery Carry Forward) Authorize the department to carry forward unexpended funds for the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery from the prior fiscal year for the same purposes. Directs any unexpended funds in the department including Special Line Items, to be carried forward for operation of the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery. Excess funds may be used for other department expenses.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete the provision that unexpended funds shall be used for the operation of the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

101.1. (VET: M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery Carry Forward) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may carry forward unexpended funds appropriated and/or authorized for the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery from the prior fiscal year and shall use such funds for the same purpose. In addition, any unexpended funds in the Department of Veterans' Affairs, including Special Line Items, ~~shall~~ may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year ~~and used for operation of the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery.~~ Funds carried forward in excess of the amount needed for the operation of the Cemetery may be used for other expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

101.3 **AMEND** (VET: Base Protection Plan Allocation) Allows the department to allocate Base Protection Plan funds to items including land acquisition, recreational purposes, educational purposes, and facilities for military personnel. Directs that counties and municipalities with federal military installations are eligible recipients.

WMC: AMEND proviso to delete "Base Protection Plan" and insert "Military Enhancement Fund."

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND proviso to direct that prior to allocation of funds, proposed projects shall be posted on the department's website and shall be presented to JBRC for review and comment.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

101.3. (VET: ~~Base Protection Plan~~ Military Enhancement Fund Allocation) Funds appropriated to the department for the ~~Base Protection Plan~~ Military Enhancement Fund may be allocated to items including, but not limited to, land acquisition, recreational purposes,

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educational purposes, and facilities for military personnel. Eligible recipients are counties and municipalities with federal military installations. Prior to any allocation of funds, proposed projects shall be presented to the Joint Bond Review Committee for its favorable review and comment and a detailed description of the proposed project shall be posted on the department's website in a conspicuous place for public review.

- 101.5** **ADD** (VET: Resident Fee Account) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct that the department may retain and use Resident Fee Account funds, including Medicare and veteran facility funds, for operations, capital improvements, debt service, and Medicare Part B premiums, as authorized under Act 1276 of 1970.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

101.5. (VET: Resident Fee Account) The Department of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized to retain and expend its Resident Fee Account funds. In addition to funds collected for the maintenance and medical care for patients, Medicare funds collected by the department from residents' Medicare benefits and funds collected by the department from its veteran facilities shall be considered as resident fees. The department is authorized to expend these funds for departmental operations, capital improvements, and debt service under the provisions of Act 1276 of 1970, and for the cost of patients' Medicare Part B premiums.

SECTION 102 - E280 - ELECTION COMMISSION

- 102.1** **AMEND** (ELECT: County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Compensation) Authorizes compensation for each County Boards of Voter Registration Elections Commissioners at the rate of \$1,500 annually and limits each county to \$12,500 per year. Exempts funds appropriated for this purpose from budget reductions.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update the compensation rate and amounts per county.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

102.1. (ELECT: County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Compensation) The amounts appropriated in this section for "County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members," shall be disbursed annually to the County Treasurer at the rate of ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,500 for each member, not to exceed ~~\$13,500~~ \$22,500 per county. The County Treasurer shall use these funds only for the compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members. Any funds not used for this purpose shall be returned to the State Treasurer. These funds are exempted from mandated budget reductions. In addition, in the calculation of any across the board agency base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly, the amount of funds appropriated for compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members shall be excluded from the agency's base budget. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and shall be utilized for special primaries, runoffs, and elections.

- 102.7** **AMEND** (ELECT: Training & Certification Program) Requires all members and staff of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections to receive training on their duties and responsibilities; allows the Election Commission to charge a fee for the courses; to retain up to \$35,000 of the revenue to help cover the costs of providing the training; and to retain and carry forward unexpended revenue to be used for the same purpose. Requires the Election Commission to

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withhold member's stipends if they do not complete the required training and certification program and provides for member replacement for noncompliance.

SEN: AMEND proviso to direct that the Election Commission may not cancel a course for lack of enrollment if one or more are scheduled to attend and directs that if a stipend is being withheld on the effective date of act for the failure of a member to attend a required course, the stipend must be paid if the member signed up for a course that was cancelled. Sponsor: Sen. Campsen

102.7. (ELECT: Training & Certification Program) (A) All members and staff of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections will receive a common curriculum to include core courses on the duties and responsibilities of county boards of voter registration and elections and electives to promote quality service and professional development. The State Election Commission shall make these courses available in various locations, including but not be limited to, the upstate, coastal, and midlands areas of the state. The State Election Commission may not cancel a course for lack of enrollment if one or more members are scheduled to attend. Up to \$35,000 of revenue generated by charging a fee to attend these courses may be retained and expended by the South Carolina Election Commission to help cover the cost of providing the training. Any balance in the training and certification account on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year.

(B) The State Election Commission is required to withhold the stipend of members who do not complete the training and certification program as required in Section 7-5-10 of the 1976 Code. Additionally, funds will also be withheld if a board member completes the training and certification program, but fails to complete at least one training course per year. The board member and members of that county's legislative delegation will be notified of the withholding of the stipend and the requirements needed to bring the member into compliance with the law. If a board member cannot complete the program or complete the required continuing education due to extenuating circumstances, the board member must submit a written request to the county legislative delegation for approval or funds will continue to be withheld as described in this proviso. If a board member does not become compliant with the law within eighteen months of initial notification of stipend withholding, the county's legislative delegation must replace that person on the board.

(C) If a stipend is being withheld on the effective date of this act for the failure of a member to attend a required training course, then the stipend must be paid if the member signed up for a course that was later cancelled.

SECTION 104 - E550 - STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY

104.10 **ADD** (SFAA: P-Card Oversight) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that by October 1, 2025, the SFAA's Division of Procurement Services must publish a South Carolina Purchasing Card (P-Card) Policy and Procedures Manual to reduce misuse and fraud. The Division will provide training and testing on the Manual by October 15, 2025. Each government body must create its own P-Card manual by April 1, 2026, and ensure all P-Card holders and oversight personnel complete training and testing by April 15, 2026. New P-Cards or supervisory roles are not allowed until training is completed. Annual internal training and third-party audits are required, with audit results reported to the Division by October 1, 2025. The Division will review compliance during procurement audits and report findings to the Authority, which may impose penalties for repeated or serious violations.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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104.10. (SFAA: P-Card Oversight) Using funds appropriated, no later than October 1, 2025, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Division of Procurement Services (Division) shall publish and maintain a South Carolina Purchasing Card Policy and Procedures Manual (Manual) to establish sound practices for the use of purchasing cards (P-Cards) and for management oversight of such use to reduce the State's risk of P-Card misuse and fraud. The Division shall develop and provide training and testing on the requirements of the Manual and begin offering such training no later than October 15, 2025. The director of each governmental body as defined in Section 11-35-310 employing P-card holders shall ensure the governmental body develops an agency-specific P-card use manual no later than April 1, 2026. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure that every P-card holder and those with responsibility for implementation and oversight of its P-card program have completed the Division P-card training and successfully passed the Division P-card testing no later than April 15, 2026. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure that no supervisory or oversight of P-card role shall be assigned nor new P-cards issued before such employees shall complete Division P-card training and successfully pass Division P-card testing. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall ensure the governmental body develops, implements, and provides the Division with documentation of an internal P-card annual training program for employees with supervisory or oversight of P-card programs and for all P-card holders. The director of each governmental body employing P-card holders shall obtain an annual compliance audit of the governmental body's P-card program conducted by an independent third-party entity qualified to conduct such an audit and shall provide audit report results and corrective action plans, if any, to the Division no later than October 1, 2025. The Division shall compile all such audit report results into a single report and provide the report to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (Authority) at its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. In each audit of the procurement system of a governmental body pursuant to Section 11-35-1230, the Division shall also audit the governmental body's P-card program to determine whether internal controls of the governmental body's P-Card program are adequate to ensure compliance, in all material respects, with the Manual, applicable laws and regulations, and internal policies. The Division shall include its findings and recommendations in the audit report submitted to the Authority. The Authority shall impose administrative penalties for repeat or egregious violations of the Manual, including but not limited to, reduction or suspension of the governmental body's P-Card program, reduction in procurement certification granted pursuant to Section 11-35-1210, removal of authority to conduct sole source procurements, or directing that all or a portion of any P-Card rebates due the governmental body be deposited in the General Fund. The Authority is authorized to request in-person reports from governmental body leadership on corrective actions being taken to rectify such repeat or egregious violations of the Manual and may exempt any governmental body from any requirement of this proviso.

SECTION 105 - F270 - SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

- 105.7** **AMEND** (SFAA-AUD: Auditing Moratorium) Allows 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.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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105.7. (SFAA - AUD: Auditing Moratorium) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, if a minimum of one year has passed, the State Auditor or a member of his staff may conduct an audit of a program, activity, or agency for which he had management responsibility or by which he was employed.

105.8 **AMEND** (SFAA-AUD: Carry Forward) Authorizes the State Auditor to carry forward all funds from the prior fiscal year.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference. Requested by SFAA, Office of State Auditor.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

105.8. (SFAA - AUD: Carry Forward) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the Office of the State Auditor is authorized to carry forward all funds from the prior fiscal year to ensure that the office can perform operations and conduct audits as needed.

SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

108.4 **DELETE** (PEBA: Funding Abortions Prohibited) Prohibits any funds appropriated for employer contributions to the State Health Insurance Plan from being expended to reimburse the expenses of an abortion, except in certain specified cases. Prohibits the State Health Plan from offering coverage for abortion services, including ancillary services provided contemporaneously with abortion services. Requires the State Health Plan to determine the amount of total premiums paid for health coverage necessary to cover the risks associated with reimbursing plan participants for obtaining an abortion under approved circumstances. Requires the plan be reported annually to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and Ways and Means Committees.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

108.4. (PEBA: Funding Abortions Prohibited) ~~No funds appropriated for employer contributions to the State Health Insurance Plan may be expended to reimburse the expenses of an abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or where the mother's medical condition is one which, on the basis of the physician's good faith judgment, so complicates the pregnancy as to necessitate an immediate abortion to avert the risk of her death or for which a delay will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function, and the State Health Plan may not offer coverage for abortion services, including ancillary services provided contemporaneously with abortion services. The Public Employee Benefit Authority must determine the amount of the total premium paid for health coverage necessary to cover the risks associated with reimbursing participants in the plan for obtaining an abortion in the circumstances covered by this provision. The determination must be based on actuarial data and empirical study in the same manner and by the same method that other risks are adjusted for in similar circumstances. The plan must report this determination annually to the respective Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.~~

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- 108.6** **AMEND** (PEBA: State Health Plan) Directs that for Plan Year 2025 there shall be an employer premium increase of 11.8% and a subscriber increase of 0%. Authorize PEBA to adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions during Plan Year 2025 to ensure the plan remains fiscally stable.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the amount for the employer premium increase and the plan year.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: RESTORE and amend further to update employer premium increase amount and plan year.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.
HOU2: ADOPT proviso as amended. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

108.6. (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2) of the ~~1976 Code~~, an employer premium increase of ~~11.8~~ 4.6 percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent will result for the standard State Health Plan for Plan Year ~~2025~~ 2026. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2025~~ 2026 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

- 108.12** **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 reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

108.12. (PEBA: South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund) The provisions of Section 1-11-705(I)(2) are suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, funds that would otherwise have been transferred to the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund from the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program pursuant to Section 1-11-705(I)(2) may remain in the operating account for the State's employee health insurance program.

- 108.13** **AMEND** (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) Suspends Section 9-4-40 and bid solicitation for the fiduciary audit for the current fiscal year.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update the fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

108.13. (PEBA: Fiduciary Audit) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, Section 9-4-40, relating to solicitation of the bid for the fiduciary audit, is suspended.

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- 109.17 ADD** (DOR: Emergency Commodity Assistance Program) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to allow federally earned emergency commodity assistance program funds to be exempt from state income taxes. Sponsor: Senator Verdin

109.17. (DOR: Emergency Commodity Assistance Program) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, federally-earned emergency commodity assistance program funds from the United States Department of Agriculture are exempt from state income taxes.

SECTION 112 - V040 - DEBT SERVICE

- 112.1 AMEND** (DS: Excess Debt Service) Directs that excess debt service funds available in FY 2024-25 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. Directs that outstanding loans made pursuant to Proviso 112.2 of Act 264 of 2018 are satisfied.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to delete the provision that outstanding loans made pursuant to Proviso 112.2 of Act 264 of 2018 are satisfied.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

112.1. (DS: Excess Debt Service) Excess debt service funds available in Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 may be expended in the fiscal year to pay down general obligation bond debt for which the State (1) is paying the highest rate of interest; (2) will achieve relief in constrained debt capacity; or (3) reduce the amount of debt issued. Prior to the use of these funds, the Office of the State Treasurer shall notify the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee.

~~All outstanding agency loans, to include any accrued interest, made pursuant to Proviso 112.2 of Act 264 of 2018 shall be deemed satisfied.~~

- 112.2 ADD** (DS: Commerce NBIF Loan) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that up to 25% of excess debt service funds shall be used to pay down the intra-agency loan to Palmetto Railways related to the Navy Base Intermodal Facility and shall be transferred to Commerce
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

112.2. (DS: Commerce NBIF Loan) Of the excess debt service funds available in the current fiscal year, up to twenty-five percent (25%) of said amount shall be used to pay down the intra-agency loan made to Palmetto Railways related to the Navy Base Intermodal Facility and shall be transferred to the Department of Commerce.

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 fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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113.2. (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) For the current fiscal year, one quarter of the amount appropriated in Part IA for Aid to Subdivisions-Local Government Fund shall be distributed as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical with the four distributions together totaling the Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

- 113.10** **ADD** (AS-TREAS: Disgorging of Funds) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to require the Treasurer to reclaim local government funds from any municipality that bans conversion therapy for minors by ordinance. Allows professionals to support minors struggling with gender identity so long as they do not encourage gender transition. Sponsor: Sen. Kimbrell

113.10. (AS-TREAS: Disgorging of funds) (A) In the current fiscal year, if a municipality receives funds from the Local Government and, by ordinance, prohibits medical and mental health professionals from providing conversion therapy or reparative therapy to minors at any time during the current fiscal year, then the Treasurer must claw back all such funds of the municipality to the Local Government Fund. Conversion therapy or reparative therapy means any practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender.

(B) Nothing in this proviso prohibits a medical or mental health professional from offering assistance to a minor struggling with gender identity so long as the assistance does not encourage gender transition.

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 2024-25.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.2. (GP: Appropriations From Funds) Subject to the terms and conditions of this act, the sums of money set forth in this part, if so much is necessary, are appropriated from the General Fund of the State, the Education Improvement Act Fund, the Highways and Public Transportation Fund, and other applicable funds, to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government for Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 , and for other purposes specifically designated.

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

117.3. (GP: Fiscal Year Definitions) For purposes of the appropriations made by this part, “current fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 , and ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 , and “prior fiscal year” means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 , and ending June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 .

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- 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. Requires EBO to delete any non-established positions from the official record of authorized full-time equivalent positions if they are not filled within 30 days of the passage of the Appropriation act or August first, whichever is later. Directs that personal services funds in the Governor's budget recommendations must be at least 97% funded.
- WMC:** AMEND proviso to direct that each agency is responsible for ensuring the number of FTEs does not exceed the authorized number in SCEIS. Extends the deadline for each agency to establish in SCEIS new positions authorized and directs that EBO, in consultation with the Division of State Human Resources shall delete non-established positions.
- HOU:** ADOPT proviso as amended.
- SFC:** ADOPT proviso as amended.
- SEN:** ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

(1) That no state agency exceed the total authorized number of full-time equivalent positions and those funded from state sources as provided in each section of this act except by majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Each agency is responsible for ensuring that the number of filled and vacant FTEs does not exceed the number of authorized FTEs in the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Upon request by an agency.

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

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

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

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

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

117.82 AMEND (GP: Civil Conspiracy Defense Costs) **SEN:** AMEND proviso to delete the references that before the trial, the court must decide whether a government employee acted within their official duties or in good faith; if not, the government can't fund their defense. Deletes that if the employee was acting within their duties, they are immune from the civil conspiracy claim, and the government may fund their defense. Adds that the governmental entity and/or their insurer must pay any judgement rendered against such government employee. Sponsor: Sen Alexander

117.82. (GP: Civil Conspiracy Defense Costs) For the current fiscal year, for any claim that has not reached a judgment, if a state or local government employee or former state or local government employee ("government employee") is personally sued for civil conspiracy, the employee must be provided legal counsel by the governmental entity and/or their insurer upon the submission of an affidavit executed by the agency head or his designee that the employee was acting within the scope of employment or in good faith. No insurer that provides insurance for any governmental entity may exclude coverage for civil conspiracy as provided for in this provision. ~~Prior to trial, the court must make a final determination whether the action or decision giving rise to the suit was made by the government employee within the scope of their official duty or in good faith. If the court finds that the government employee was acting outside the scope of the employee's official duties or not in good faith, the government or their insurer shall not thereafter expend any funds to pay or defend the claim including funds for the employee's legal counsel. If the court finds the government employee was acting within the scope of their official duties, the employee is immune from suit, liability, and damages with respect to the civil conspiracy claim. The government may only expend funds to defend the claim if the determination is that the employee was acting within the scope of their official duties or in good faith. The governmental entity and/or their insurer must pay any judgment rendered against any such government employee.~~ Nothing in this proviso prevents an insurance provider from defending and paying, respectively, any claims that the provider has contractually agreed to defend and pay.

117.90 RESTORE (GP: USC Greenville Medical School) States the intent of the General Assembly to not appropriate general funds for the new medical school at USC Greenville during the current

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fiscal year and limits the amount and type of funds that may be transferred from USC to the new medical school.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: RESTORE original proviso.

SEN: ADOPT original proviso.

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

117.100 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. States these funds must be increased by the same as any statewide state employee salary increase or bonus. 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.

SFC: AMEND proviso to direct that any additional state funds appropriated for the purpose of Welcome Centers to PRT shall be considered supplemental to the \$5,140,727 transferred amount.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

117.105 AMEND (GP: Refugee Resettlement Program) (GP: Refugee Resettlement Program) Prohibits state funds from being spent to assist in the US Refugee Resettlement Program unless the county council of the affected county approves the relocation.

SFC: AMEND proviso to delete the use of state funds for resettlement if approval is given by the county council.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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117.105. (GP: Refugee Resettlement Program) No state funds shall be expended to assist in the United States Refugee Resettlement Program ~~unless the county council of the county where the resettlement is to occur approves the relocation.~~

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 fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.111.(GP: Retail Facilities Revitalization Act Repeal Suspension) The repeal of Chapter 34, Title 6 of the 1976 Code as specified in Act 285 of 2006 as to sites for which written notification of election of mode of credit has been provided to the Department of Revenue prior to July 1, 2016 and for which a building permit has been issued prior to July 1, 2016, is suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26.

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 2024-25; directs that no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special purpose districts, joint authorities, non-profits, hospitals, participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e), relating to retirement systems definitions, and state employees whose salaries are paid with federal funds. Directs that the SC Ports Authority, the SC Public Service Authority, and the Medical University Hospital Authority are excluded from this prohibition. Directs PEBA to collaborate with DOA, EBO, and RFA to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally funded state employees.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.115. (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Unless otherwise provided in Paragraphs A through D of this provision, the funds appropriated to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the South Carolina Retirement System Trust Fund and the Police Officers' Retirement System Trust Fund in Part IA, Section 108 of this act shall be credited toward the contributions due from participating employers in SCRS and PORS for Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26. Each employer's credit shall be determined at the same rate as calculated by PEBA for the pension funding allocation credit for Fiscal Year 2017-18. A participating employer shall not receive a credit that exceeds the employer contributions due from the employer.

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

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

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

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

- 117.124 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 2025 legislative session, to provide the General Assembly with a written summary of actions taken and material findings, if any, resulting from these activities.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the calendar year.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

(B) The University of South Carolina and the Medical University of the South Carolina are further authorized to form collaborations, agreements, and partnerships with other public and private entities in order to conduct this research and clinical trials, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, as well as to pursue both public and private funding. Further, the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina are directed to provide to the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, on or before the first day of the ~~2025~~ 2026 legislative session, with a written summary of the actions they have undertaken pursuant to this proviso and the material findings, if any, resulting from such activities.

- 117.127 AMEND** (GP: Secure Area Duty Officers Program) Authorizes the Adjutant General, SLED, and other law enforcement authorities to conduct security-related activities as prescribed by Executive Order 2015-18 (Secure Area Duty Officers Program). Directs that these activities shall be considered state or federal training for purposes of emergency preparedness. Authorizes these agencies to spend state and federal funds to support the program.

WMC: AMEND proviso to allow agencies to conduct counter terrorism-related activities as prescribed by the Governor. Requested by the Office of Adjutant General.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.127. (GP: Secure Area Duty Officers Program) The Office of Adjutant General, the State Law Enforcement Division, and other law enforcement authorities are authorized to conduct security-*and counter terrorism* related activities as prescribed by the Governor in Executive Order 2015-18. Activities carried out under this program shall be considered state or federal training for purposes of Section 15-78-60(19) ~~of the 1976 Code~~ and the agency and its personnel shall be exempt from liability as described therein. State agencies involved in the Secure Area Duty Officers Program (SADOP) may expend state and federal funds in support of the program.

- 117.130 DELETE** (GP: Diverse Student Recruitment and Retention) Directs higher education institutions to use a portion of their appropriated or authorized funds to develop enrollment and retention programs to promote diversity in student population, to include African Americans, Hispanics, and other underrepresented minorities. Directs the institutions to report to CHE on the effectiveness of these programs and for CHE to include this information in their annual report.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

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

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.140.(GP: National Guard College Assistance Program) For the current fiscal year, a member of the SC National Guard may qualify for college assistance program grants for more than one hundred thirty semester hours or related quarter hours. Additionally, service members may receive ~~a total of twenty-two thousand dollars in total grants to cover~~ college assistance program benefits up to an amount equal to one hundred percent of college tuition and fees not to exceed twelve thousand dollars for the academic year. The lifetime maximum amount received shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars. Tuition and fees are defined as the amount charged for registering for credit hours of instruction, costs of textbooks, and other fees and charges

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associated with attendance at an eligible institution. Service members shall be required to meet all other requirements.

- 117.141 AMEND** (GP: Employee Compensation) Provides a plan to distribute employee pay increases for FY 2024-25. 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 employee pay increases.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.141.(GP: Employee Compensation) (A) The Department of Administration was appropriated funds to engage an external consultant for a study and to provide expert recommendations to reform the State's Classification and Compensation system. A consultant was retained and recommendations made to reform the State's compensation structure and pay grades for state agency employees in classified full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. The amounts appropriated to F300-Statewide Employee Benefits for Employee Pay Increases must be allocated by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office to the various state agencies to provide for employee pay increases in accordance with the following plan:

(1) With respect to classified and non-judge judicial classified employees, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the compensation of all classified employees shall be increased ~~by \$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ to either the minimum of the new State pay grades established by the Department of Administration, or 2 percent, whichever is greater.

(2) With respect to unclassified and non-judge judicial unclassified state agency employees or unclassified executive compensation system employees not elsewhere covered in this act, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year the compensation of all unclassified employees shall be increased by ~~\$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ 2 percent. Any employee subject to the provisions of this paragraph shall not be eligible for compensation increases provided in paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

(3) With respect to classified employees of institutions of higher education and technical colleges eligible in this item, effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the compensation of all classified higher education employees shall be increased by 2 percent for FTEs. With respect to unclassified employees of institutions of higher education and technical colleges eligible in this item, institutions and technical colleges are authorized to allot the total funds for compensation increases among individual employees without uniformity. The funds provided for compensation increases for any employee subject to the provisions of this item are based on an annual average ~~by \$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ of 2 percent and may be based on performance.

(4) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, agency heads not covered by the Agency Head Salary Commission, shall receive an annualized base pay increase ~~by \$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ of 2 percent.

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(5) With respect to Transformation Coaches at the Department of Education, compensation shall be increased by ~~\$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25~~ 2 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000.

(6) With respect to local health care providers compensated by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, compensation increases shall be ~~2.25~~ 2 percent effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year. School Bus Driver salary and fringe funding to school districts shall be increased by ~~2.25~~ 2 percent.

(7) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, the Chief Justice and other judicial officers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of ~~\$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ 2 percent for FTEs.

(8) Effective on the first pay date that occurs on or after July first of the current fiscal year, county auditors and county treasurers shall receive an annualized base pay increase of ~~2.25~~ 2 percent.

(B) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the Executive Budget Office is directed to review Executive Branch agencies to determine whether their budgets warrant another fund authorization increase due to the ~~\$1,125 for FTEs making \$50,000 and under and 2.25 percent for FTEs making over \$50,000~~ 2 percent compensation increase for all full-time employees. If so warranted, the Executive Budget Office shall work with the Office of the Comptroller General to increase such authorization for the affected agencies.

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

(D) The Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority is authorized to use excess appropriations for the current fiscal year designated for statewide employer contributions for other statewide purposes. At the discretion of the Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, such action may be considered a permanent transfer into the receiving agency's base budget.

(E) Funds appropriated in Part IA, F300, Section 106, Statewide Employee Benefits may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

117.146 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, 2025. Directs that the committee may continue to meet past that date and issue additional reports.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.146.(GP: Electricity Market Reform) The Electricity Market Reform Measures Study Committee shall issue a report on its work to the General Assembly no later than January 31, ~~2025-2026~~; however, nothing in this provision prohibits the committee from continuing to meet past January 31, ~~2025-2026~~ and issue additional reports pursuant to Act 187 of 2020.

117.147 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 fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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117.147. (GP: Homestead Exemption Fund) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, Section 11-11-156(C) of the 1976 Code is suspended.

117.151 AMEND (GP: Job Order Contracting Pilot Program) Authorizes SFAA Procurement Services to pilot test a job order contracting method on behalf of up to six governmental bodies or public procurement units consisting of two state agencies and four school districts by entering into job order contracts to acquire construction services when exact time or quantities of future jobs are not know when the contract is awarded. Directs that the State Engineer must approve who may participate in the program. Authorizes Procurement Services to enter into contracts with up to four businesses for each geographic area for each licensing classification and sub-classification for construction. Directs that an individual project using a job order may not exceed \$500,000 and the sum of all individual job orders may not exceed \$4,000,000 per contract. Directs that the contracts must terminate 24 months after award.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update the number of governmental bodies or public procurement units and include other political subdivisions in that total and to update the amounts for individual projects using job orders and the sum of all individual job orders per contract.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.151.(GP: Job Order Contracting Pilot Program) (A) For the current fiscal year, the Division of Procurement Services of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority may pilot test a job order contracting method at the request and on behalf of up to ~~six~~ twenty-two governmental bodies or public procurement units consisting of ~~two~~ eight state agencies and ~~four~~ twelve school districts two other political subdivisions by entering into job order contracts to acquire construction services when the exact time or exact quantities of future jobs are not known at the time of contract award. The State Engineer must approve, in his sole discretion, which governmental bodies and public procurement units may participate in the pilot project. Procurement Services may enter into job order contracts with up to four businesses for each governmental body or public procurement unit for each licensing classification and sub-classification for construction. The job order contracts must terminate twenty-four months after award.

(B) For purposes of this provision, the term “job order contract” means a contract that provides for the issuance of job orders for the performance of construction, renovation, and repair work, where contractors propose an adjustment factor or factors to be applied to a catalog of preset unit prices calculated using local prevailing wage rates, local equipment, and local material costs, and where individual job orders are issued to the awarded contractors on an as-needed basis and the price paid for the work is a lump sum of the preset unit prices needed to complete the job order multiplied by the quantity required multiplied by the adjustment factor.

(C) For purposes of the pilot project, an individual project using job orders may not exceed ~~five hundred thousand~~ seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars and the sum of all individual job orders may not exceed ~~four million~~ six million dollars per contract. Work may not be divided artificially in order to avoid these limits. A single project must not be performed using job order contracts in combination with contracts awarded pursuant to Section 11-35-1550 ~~of the 1976 Code~~.

(D) For purposes of the pilot project, a job order must clearly specify all tasks to be performed or property to be delivered under the order so the full price for the performance of the work can be established when the order is placed. All job orders must be issued on a fixed-price basis. All job orders must be issued within the period of the contract and must be within the scope and maximum value of the contract. Each job order shall provide an itemized list of each construction tasks required to complete the work with the task’s associated unit price and applied adjustment

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factor. Each job order proposal shall be certified as contract compliant by a reviewer independent of the contractor.

(E) Any solicitation for a job order contract must include the following: (1) the period of the contract; (2) the maximum dollar value of the services to be procured under the contract; (3) the maximum dollar value of the services to be procured under a single job order; (4) a description that reasonably describes the licensing classification and the general scope, nature, complexity, and purposes of the services to be procured under the contract in a manner that will enable a prospective bidder to decide whether to submit a bid; (5) the procedures that the governmental body will use for issuing job orders for the pilot program; (6) if applicable, the geographic area to which the job order contract applies; ordinarily, a geographically contiguous area should not be subdivided; and (7) the number of job order contracts to be awarded.

117.152 AMEND (GP: In-State Tuition Mitigation) States that specific recurring funds have been appropriated in Part IA to institutions of higher education to mitigate tuition and mandatory fee increases. Requires institutions, in order to retain these funds, to certify to CHE by August 15, 2023, that, except for tuition increases due to required pension and state health plan increases, there is no in-state tuition or mandatory fee increase for the 2023-24 academic year. Directs any institution proposing a mandatory fee increase to include an analysis of the necessity of the increase. Directs CHE to develop a certification process and requires any institution that is unable to provide the certification to remit their recurring allocation listed in this provision to the General Fund by September 15, 2024. Directs CHE, by November 1, 2024, to report to the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees and to EBO the institutions that did not meet the certification requirement and directs EBO to reduce the recurring appropriation for non-compliant institutions.

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

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND further to update funding amounts and to restore the exclusion of increases in auxiliary fees and add athletic fees. Deletes reference to student activity fees regarding E&G activities.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to update funding amounts. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

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

(1) The Citadel	\$2,667,821 <u>3,081,444;</u>
(2) Clemson University	\$12,692,729 <u>12,196,972;</u>
(3) University of Charleston	\$3,984,195 <u>2,820,143;</u>
(4) Coastal Carolina University	\$3,057,122 <u>2,456,003;</u>
(5) Francis Marion University	\$2,850,186 <u>2,289,757;</u>
(6) Lander University	\$2,638,877 <u>2,119,998;</u>
(7) South Carolina State University	\$2,293,851 <u>1,842,814;</u>
(8) University of South Carolina-Columbia	\$15,480,000 <u>14,436,186;</u>
(9) University of South Carolina-Aiken	\$2,940,000 <u>2,361,911;</u>
(10) University of South Carolina-Upstate	\$3,300,000 <u>3,173,940;</u>
(11) University of South Carolina-Beaufort	\$1,341,312 <u>1,077,571;</u>
(12) University of South Carolina-Lancaster	\$756,180 <u>597,278;</u>

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(13) University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie	\$512,832 <u>411,995</u> ;
(14) University of South Carolina-Sumter	\$855,000 <u>686,882</u> ;
(15) University of South Carolina-Union	\$757,402 <u>608,475</u> ;
(16) Winthrop University	\$2,564,926 <u>2,330,588</u> ;

and

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

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

(D) By November 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the Commission on Higher Education shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Executive Budget Office the institutions that failed to certify that the in-state undergraduate tuition or in-state undergraduate mandatory fee increase met the guidelines outlined in this provision. The Executive Budget Office is directed to reduce the recurring appropriation of any institution found to be non-compliant with the certification.

117.160 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 fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.160. (GP: Millage Calculation) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, a municipality is allowed an additional and permanent adjustment to its general operating millage rate increase limitation for population growth, calculated pursuant to Section 6-1-320, for any increase that would have been allowed in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 but was not known because of the delayed release of the 2020 Census. This adjustment must be calculated using the July 1, 2020 census population estimates, as originally published based on the 2020 Census, instead of the July 1, 2019 population estimates based on the 2010 Census.

117.161 AMEND (GP: Employee Retention and Recruitment) Directs that 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

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the General Sessions docket, the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor's Office semiannually.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.161.(GP: Employee Retention and Recruitment) (A) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, the Circuit Solicitor and Circuit Public Defender for each judicial circuit shall provide to the Commission on Prosecution Coordination Director and the Commission on Indigent Defense Director, respectively, a report of current warrants pending. The report shall provide the total number of warrants pending in Circuit Court on July 1st of the preceding and current fiscal year, and the total number of warrants disposed of in the previous fiscal year. In addition, the report shall provide the aging categories for pending warrants as follows: (1) those pending 365 days or less; (2) those pending 366 days to 544 days; and (3) the number of warrants pending more than 545 days. Each circuit shall also submit on a semiannual basis an updated report on the current number of warrants pending.

(B) The Commission on Prosecution Coordination and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall semiannually report progress updates to the Chief Administrative Judge of each respective circuit handling the General Sessions docket, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor's Office. The report shall include the utilization of the funds distributed among the circuits, steps taken to retain current employees, the number of new FTEs that have been hired, and information obtained from circuits on how these measures will go towards reducing both the number and aging warrants pending.

117.164 AMEND (GP: Land Acquisitions) Directs the Department of Natural Resources, PRT, Office of Resilience, and Forestry Commission to coordinate and collaborate with the SC Conservation Bank prior to entering any contracts to acquire interest in land for protection and preservation to maximize the most cost effective options with the greatest public benefit.

SFC: AMEND proviso to add "Land Protection Projects" to define conservation easements, direct the Resource agencies to coordinate and collaborate with each other and with the Conservation Bank, and directs the Conservation Bank to ensure that the agencies do not substantially encroach upon another agency's objectives. Requires the Resource Agencies to certify to EBO that its budget requests for Land Projection Projects conform with the requirements of this proviso.

SEN: AMEND proviso further to direct that Resource Agencies must collaborate quarterly to plan Land Protection Projects, evaluating easement versus acquisition, conservation value, public access, and funding, while certifying compliance with budget requests to the Executive Budget Office, with copies to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance. By August 15th, EBO must report prior-year acquisitions, funding, basis reductions, and managing agencies to the General Assembly. Sponsor: Sen. Davis

117.164.(GP: Land Acquisitions) (A) Prior to entering into contracts to utilize funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to acquire interests in land for natural resource protection and rural land preservation, including conservation easements (Land Protection Projects), the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, the Office of Resilience, and the Forestry Commission, and the SC Conservation Bank (Resource Agencies) shall coordinate and collaborate with ~~the SC Conservation Bank~~ each other to maximize the most cost effective options available for the acquisition with the greatest

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public benefit. The ~~Conservation Bank~~ Resource Agencies shall coordinate with ~~the Resource Agency~~ each other to ensure that the funds are used for projects that support the agency's objectives, and do not substantially encroach upon another agency's objectives, the State's broader conservation objectives, and that demonstrate a satisfactory degree of financial leverage, partnerships, and other indicators of quality as determined by the ~~Bank and Resource Agency~~ Agencies.

(B) In addition to the requirements set forth above, collaboration and coordination shall include but are not limited to:

(1) quarterly collaboration and planning meetings to coordinate on projects and ensure compliance with this proviso;

(2) consideration of easement versus acquisition strategies for a proposed project;

(3) consideration of a proposed project's importance in terms of natural conservation, historic resource protection, flood mitigation, agricultural resource protection, or other applicable co-benefits;

(4) consideration of public access; and

(5) consideration of funding sources for the potential project.

(C)(1) Along with its statutorily required annual budget requests, each one of the Resource Agencies shall certify, in writing, to the Executive Budget Office that its budget requests for Land Protection Projects will conform with the requirements of this proviso, with a copy of that written certification being contemporaneously provided to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

(2) By August 15th of the fiscal year, the Executive Budget Office shall prepare a report to the General Assembly of the properties acquired in prior fiscal year, the funding sources for the acquisition, the identification of any reductions in the State's basis in the property including owner agreement to sell below market value and any grants applied to the acquisition, and the intended agency for long-term management of the acquisition.

(D) Where required, the acquisitions process shall follow the existing JBRC and SFAA approval processes. The Resource Agency acquiring the interest in land, any Resource Agency directly participating in the acquisition financially or otherwise, and the Conservation Bank shall continue to submit a proviso compliance certification document when submitting a project.

117.167 DELETE (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 2/1/25 on the status of JROTC programs in SC public schools.

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

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

117.167. (GP: JROTC Program) ~~By February 1, 2025, the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Adjutant General, and the Education Oversight Committee, shall submit a report to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Board of Education on the status of JROTC program offerings in South Carolina public schools. The report shall include recommendations for expanding JROTC program offerings to more South Carolina students.~~

117.169 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

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appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Requires the committee to continuously meet and provide a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by January 15, 2025 on its findings and recommendations.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update reporting date.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.169.(GP: Prostate Cancer Study Committee) (A) For the current fiscal year, the South Carolina Prostate Cancer Study Committee shall continue to address, but is not limited to addressing, the following initiatives:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(E) No later than ~~January 15~~ December 31, 2025, the study committee shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee with a report on its findings and recommendations on the initiatives contained in this provision.

117.175 DELETE (GP: Surface Water Study Committee) Establishes the Surface Water Study Committee. Provides for the composition of the study committee. Directs the committee to study the current state of surface water in this state and to provide a report to the General Assembly 3/1/2025 on its work and findings.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

117.175. (GP: Surface Water Study Committee) ~~(A) There is established for the current fiscal year the Surface Water Study Committee. The committee shall be comprised of seven members as follows:~~

~~(1) one member appointed by the Governor;~~

~~(2) two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;~~

~~(3) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker;~~

~~(4) one member of the Senate Agriculture Committee appointed by the chair of the committee; and~~

~~(5) one member of the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee appointed by the chair of the committee.~~

~~(B) The study committee shall meet as soon as practicable after appointment and organize itself by electing one of its members as chair and such other officers as the study committee may consider necessary.~~

~~(C) The study committee shall study the current state of surface water in South Carolina. The study shall include information regarding available surface water, the number of permit holders and registered surface water withdrawers, use of the withdrawals, and recommendations to the General Assembly regarding any necessary additions or changes to current law to ensure sustainable surface water withdrawal practices and procedures. When making recommendations, the committee shall consider both the environmental and economic implications of the study.~~

~~(D) The study committee shall consult with the Department of Environmental Services, agricultural and farming organizations, manufacturing and business organizations, environmental organizations, other state agencies, and others that the committee may deem necessary to complete the work of the committee.~~

~~(E) By March 1, 2025, the study committee shall issue a report on its work and findings to the General Assembly.~~

~~(F) The study committee shall use clerical and professional employees of the General Assembly for its staff, who shall be made available to the study committee.~~

~~(G) Committee members are entitled to such mileage, subsistence, and per diem as authorized by law for members of boards, committees, and commissions while in the performance of the duties for which appointed. These expenses shall be paid from funds of the appointing authority.~~

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117.176 AMEND (GP: Credit Unions) Allows a federal or state credit union headquartered in SC to act as a qualified public depository for deposits held by a municipality if it meets certain criteria. Directs that the credit union must comply with Section 6-5-15 and be insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.176. (GP: Credit Unions) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26, a federal or state credit union that is headquartered in the State may act as a qualified public depository for deposits held by a municipality if the population of the municipality is less than five thousand, the municipality is not part of a federally recognized metropolitan statistical area, is located at least ten miles from a bank or credit union branch, and occupies and supports a full-service branching facility in the defined area. The credit union must comply with all other provisions of Section 6-5-15, and its deposits must be insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund.

117.177 DELETE (GP: Audit Support) Directs the State Treasurer to work with DOA to present an implementation plan to JBRC for the funds appropriated for audit support. Directs that EBO shall not approve any transfer of funds until the plan has been presented to JBRC.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

117.177. (GP: Audit Support) ~~Of the funds appropriated for Audit Support, the Office of State Treasurer shall work in conjunction with the Department of Administration to present a plan of implementation to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment. The Executive Budget Office shall not approve any transfer of funds from Audit Support until the plan has been presented to the committee.~~

117.182 AMEND (GP: Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program) Directs the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, DNR, and the Office of Resilience to collaborate to create the Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program. Provides the requirements of the program and directs that a progress report be submitted to the General Assembly by 6/30/25.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update fiscal year reference and the calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

117.182.(GP: Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program) (A) For Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~2025-26, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Department of Natural Resources, and the Office of Resilience shall collaborate to create the Rice Fields and Wetlands Pilot Program. The purpose of this program is to evaluate the creation of permits for reconstructing defunct rice fields and managed wetlands for the purposes of conservation, wildlife management, and flood mitigation.

(B) The pilot program shall:

(1) create certain eligibility criteria that properties are required to fit to participate in the program;

(2) establish the fee of the permit;

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(3) allow up to one hundred properties that fit the specified criteria to participate; and
(4) utilize the revenue derived from the fee of the experimental permit for the cost of the pilot program.

(C) A progress report on the viability of the permit program shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

117.185 AMEND (GP: Regulation Review Period) Directs that the 120-day legislative review period for regulations is tolled for the current fiscal year, except for the period beginning on the second Tuesday in January and ending the second Thursday in May.

SEN: AMEND proviso to delete “one hundred twenty day” regarding the legislative review period of regulations. Sponsor: Sen. Campsen

117.185. (GP: Regulation Review Period) In the current fiscal year, the ~~one hundred twenty day~~ legislative review period for regulations is tolled, except for the period beginning on the second Tuesday in January and ending on the second Thursday in May. No funds appropriated or authorized in this act may be expended, in contradiction of this proviso, to make a regulation become effective by automatic approval by publication in the State Register.

117.186 DELETE (GP: Town of Calhoun Falls) Directs the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector General to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of Town of Calhoun Falls from FY 2019-20 through FY 2023-24.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

117.186. (GP: Town of Calhoun Falls Audit) ~~Of the funds appropriated in this act and/or carried forward from the previous fiscal year, the Office of the State Auditor, in coordination with the Office of the Inspector General, is directed to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of the Town of Calhoun Falls from Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2023-24. The State Auditor shall oversee the auditing process and provide interim and final reports to the Town of Calhoun Falls, the Abbeville County Delegation, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee upon completion.~~

117.187 DELETE (GP: Hampton County Audit) Directs the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector General to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of Hampton County from FY 2015-16 through FY 2023-24.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

117.187. (GP: Hampton County Audit) ~~Of the funds appropriated in this act and/or carried forward from the previous fiscal year, the Office of the State Auditor, in coordination with the Office of the Inspector General, is directed to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of Hampton County from Fiscal Year 2015-16 through Fiscal Year 2023-24. The State Auditor shall oversee the auditing process and provide interim and final reports to the Hampton County Council, the Hampton County Delegation, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee upon completion.~~

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- 117.190 ADD** (GP: Transfer of Physical Assets) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct DOA to transfer responsibility for building and grounds located at 1 National Guard Road in Columbia to the Office of the Adjutant General. Directs that the Adjutant General shall assume financial and administrative responsibility for the building and grounds to include maintenance, improvements, and operational costs. Directs that DOA shall not collect rent or be responsible for any future maintenance or repairs after the transfer. Requested by the Office of Adjutant General.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.190. (GP: Transfer of Physical Assets) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Administration shall transfer the financial and administrative responsibility for the building and grounds located at 1 National Guard Road in Columbia to the Office of the Adjutant General. The Office of the Adjutant General is thereafter responsible for such building and grounds to include maintenance of necessary reserves for deferred and future depreciation and maintenance, assuming improvement obligations, and other costs of operation including, but not limited to, building maintenance, systems and equipment maintenance, custodial services, horticulture and grounds maintenance, insurance, and utilities. The Department of Administration shall not collect rent, and after the transfer, the Department of Administration shall have no responsibility for any deferred or future maintenance or repair of the building and grounds.

- 117.191 ADD** (GP: Fraud Mitigation) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to require state agencies that issue benefit checks to the public that are not for services rendered or through procurement process to create and apply fraud prevention measures. These measures should include verifying recipient eligibility, securing check issuance and distribution, and monitoring for fraud. Agencies must submit a report to the General Assembly by December 31 each fiscal year outlining their fraud mitigation steps, any detected fraud incidents, and actions taken to address them.
HOU: ADOPT new proviso.
SFC: ADOPT new proviso.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.191. (GP: Fraud Mitigation) (A) All state agencies that issue checks as a benefit to the general public, rather than as payment for services rendered, and that do not utilize the procurement process for such disbursements, shall develop and implement measures to mitigate the risk of fraud. These agencies shall outline the specific steps being taken to prevent and detect fraudulent activity related to the issuance of benefit checks. This should include, but not be limited to, a verification processes for recipient eligibility, security measures for check issuance and distribution, and monitoring procedures to detect and address fraudulent transactions.

(B) Each agency shall compile a report detailing fraud mitigation measures implemented and any incidents of fraud detected and corrective actions taken that must be submitted to the General Assembly by December 31 of the current fiscal year.

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

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SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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

- 117.193 ADD** (GP: FTE Management) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to manage FTE positions in state government by requiring EBO, in consultation with DSHR, to eliminate 25% of each agency's vacant FTE positions as of February 1, 2025, within 90 days of the passage of the General Appropriations Act or by October 1, whichever is later, unless exempted. The elimination will be adjusted for FTEs received in FY 2023-24 or FY 2024-25 appropriations. Agencies must work with EBO and DSHR to select positions for elimination based on funding sources, and EBO must report the deleted FTEs by agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by December 1 of the current fiscal year.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to exempt agencies from the reduction if they have fewer than 5 vacancies or have extenuating circumstances such as recent FTE reductions or active hiring for positions essential to public health, safety, or critical state operations. Clarifies that it does not override Provisos 57.15 or 92.13. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

117.193. (GP: FTE Management) In order to better manage the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions across state government, not later than ninety days after the passage of the General Appropriations Act or by October 1, whichever comes later, the Executive Budget Office (EBO), in consultation with the State Division of Human Resources (DSHR) shall eliminate 25% of each agency's vacant FTE positions as of February 1, 2025, unless specifically exempted elsewhere in this act. The elimination of 25% of vacant FTE positions will be adjusted to reflect FTE positions received in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Appropriations Act or the Fiscal Year 2024-25 General Appropriations Act. Agencies shall consult with EBO and DSHR to identify which vacant positions should be eliminated, but the eliminations must align to the funding source for the identified vacant FTE positions. During agency consultations, EBO and DSHR shall determine if agencies have fewer than 5 vacancies or other extenuating circumstances and exempt those agencies from the required reduction. Extenuating circumstances may include that the agency or institution has reduced its authorized FTE count in the last several fiscal years or that it is in the process of hiring positions essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and/or critical operations of the State and the reduction would interfere with filling those positions. EBO must report the number of FTEs deleted by agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1st of the current fiscal year. This proviso does not supersede proviso 57.15 or proviso 91.23.

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

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: ADOPT new proviso.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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

- 117.195 DELETE** (GP: Three-Tier Prosecution Incentive Program) **WMC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Commission on Prosecution Coordination and the Commission on Indigent Defense to work together to launch a pilot project to implement the “Three-Tier System” in each circuit. This system will divide new cases among three teams: one to intake and review cases, another to prepare for court, and a third to handle guilty pleas, pre-trial motions, and trials. By June 30, 2026, both commissions must submit a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, including the total number of pending warrants.

HOU: ADOPT new proviso.

SFC: AMEND further to delete “shall” and insert “may” in regards to collaboration to establish the Three-Tier System and the establishment of the system by each circuit.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

HOU2: DELETE proviso. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 117.196 in HOU2.**

117.196. (GP: Three-Tier Prosecution Incentive Program) DELETED

- 117.196 ADD** (GP: Program Transfer) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that CHE collaborate with SDE and DOA, Executive Budget Office to transition the Educator Report Card program to SDE by 1/1/26.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.196. (GP: Program Transfer) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the Commission on Higher Education shall collaborate with the Department of Education and the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office, to transition the Educator Report Card program, including associated FTE positions and all related funding, to the Department of Education no later than January 1, 2026. The Executive Budget Office is authorized to implement the necessary permanent transfers of funding and positions to facilitate the transition of the program.

- 117.197 ADD** (GP: Evaluation of Agribusiness & Agricultural Marketing Services) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Department of Agriculture, Clemson University PSA, and South Carolina State PSA to evaluate their roles in using state funds for agribusiness and agricultural marketing initiatives. The review will cover fund usage for development, education, research, and technical support, analyze service areas and populations, and identify any overlaps. Directs that a report of the findings shall be provided to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2026.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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117.197. (GP: Evaluation of Agribusiness & Agricultural Marketing Services) The Department of Agriculture, Clemson University Public Service Activities, and South Carolina State Public Service Activities shall jointly undertake an evaluation of their respective roles in the administration and expenditure of state funds related to agribusiness and agricultural marketing programs and initiatives. This evaluation shall include, but not be limited to each agency's utilization of state-appropriated funds to support agribusiness development, agricultural marketing, agricultural education, research, technical assistance, and related services; an analysis of the geographic areas and populations served by each agency's programs, and the identification of any overlapping or duplicative efforts among the entities. The results of this evaluation shall be provided as a written report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee by June 30, 2026.

- 117.198 ADD** (GP: Statewide Flood Inundation Mapping) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct DNR to collaborate with the Office of Resilience to statewide flood inundation mapping, ensuring efforts are not duplicated, resources are used efficiently, and mapping is consistent between both agencies.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.198. (GP: Statewide Flood Inundation Mapping) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for Statewide Flood Inundation Map Modeling, the department shall collaborate with the Office of Resilience to coordinate and provide advisory support for the mapping of statewide flood inundation. This collaboration shall aim to prevent duplicative efforts, streamline resources, and ensure consistency in flood mapping initiatives across both agencies.

- 117.199 ADD** (GP: Coordination of Disaster Mitigation Efforts) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Office of Resilience and the Department of Natural Resources to evaluate the disaster types each agency addresses and identify any overlapping efforts. Directs both agencies to create a coordinated strategy for spending disaster planning and mitigation funds and delivering services. Directs that a joint report of these findings shall be submitted to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2026.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.199. (GP: Coordination of Disaster Mitigation Efforts) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the Office of Resilience and the Department of Natural Resources shall collaborate to evaluate and report on the spectrum of disaster types each agency plans and mitigates for statewide, as well as any overlap in these disaster type-specific efforts. Based on this evaluation, the agencies shall develop a coordinated approach to the expenditure of disaster planning and mitigation funds and service delivery, eliminating redundancies in addressing the same types of disasters. A joint report detailing the evaluation's findings, including identified disaster types and overlaps, and any resulting recommendations, shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee by June 30, 2026.

- 117.200 ADD** (GP: Safe Home Program) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the Department of Insurance to collaborate with the Office of Resilience to evaluate the Safe Homes Program. Directs that a report with findings and recommendations, including potential statutory changes or funding needs, is shall be provided to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

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117.200. (GP: Safe Homes Program) (A) The Department of Insurance shall collaborate with the Office of Resilience to evaluate the operation of the Safe Homes Program and determine if all available funds are being fully accessed and made available for grants and used appropriately based on the current and projected needs of the State regarding home weatherization. The department shall submit a report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026, detailing the evaluation's findings and providing recommendations to enhance the program's effectiveness. The recommendations may include, but are not limited to, proposed statutory changes and additional funding requirements as deemed necessary.

(B) For the current fiscal year, any funds appropriated for the Safe Homes Program shall be supplemental to the program's existing funding sources.

- 117.201 ADD** (GP: COVID-19 Restrictions) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct state-supported higher education institutions receiving funding through the General Appropriations Act cannot require students to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, wear a facemask, or submit COVID-19 diagnostic or antibody test results as conditions for enrollment, on-campus attendance, facility use, or campus housing.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.201. (GP: COVID-19 Restrictions) For the current fiscal year, state-supported institutions of higher learning that receive funds appropriated or authorized through the General Appropriations Act shall be restricted from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination, the wearing of a facemask, or a COVID-19 diagnostic test result, for any student as a condition of enrollment, attendance at on campus instruction, use of facilities, or residence on campus. The COVID-19 diagnostic test result shall also extend to a COVID-19 antibody test. In instances of off-campus learning events for which third party program providers require proof of vaccination, the third-party requirements shall apply.

- 117.202 ADD** (GP: Political Subdivision Reimbursement) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct that up to \$300 million may be used to reimburse political subdivisions, including school districts, for the property tax exemption on certain manufacturing property. Directs that if additional funds are needed beyond this amount, the Trust Fund for Tax Relief may be used to ensure full reimbursement.

SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.202. (GP: Political Subdivision Reimbursement) (A) For the property tax year that ends in the current fiscal year, for the property tax exemption on certain manufacturing property for which a reimbursement is required by law, up to three hundred million dollars may be used to reimburse political subdivisions, including school districts.

(B) To the extent that funds in excess of the amounts necessary to make the full reimbursement for the property tax exemption on certain manufacturing property are unavailable, then the balance in the Trust Fund for Tax Relief may be expended to make the reimbursements in full.

- 117.203 ADD** (GP: Land Acquisition Process) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to direct the South Carolina Conservation Bank the Resource Agencies to jointly evaluate and prioritize land acquisition projects for funding, with a final written decision due by November 1, 2025, based on project importance and funding availability. Directs JBRC to make final approval of fund allocation. States that once land is purchased, it will be temporarily managed by the Department of Administration until JBRC assigns it to the appropriate agency.

SEN: DELETE proviso. Sponsor: Sen. Davis

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117.203. (GP: Land Acquisition Process) DELETED

- 117.204 ADD** (GP: Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to create the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board at USC. Requires HHS to authorize a transfer of \$200,000,000 to USC for this purpose. Provides the composition of the board and the stipulations of the transfer of funds.
SEN: ADOPT new proviso.

117.204. (GP: Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board) (A) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services in South Carolina, there is created the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board at the University of South Carolina. The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to transfer no more than an additional \$200,000,000 of agency funds to the University of South Carolina for the same purposes. The board shall consist of the following members and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing official:

(1) two members appointed by the Chairman of Senate Finance Committee, one of which may be a member of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees;

(2) one member appointed by the President of the Senate, who may be a senior level employee of the University of South Carolina with knowledge of the medical field;

(3) two members appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, one of which may be a member of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees;

(4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House, who may have a background in hospital management or administration and may not be an employee or member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina; and

(5) one member appointed by the Governor, who may have a background in hospital management or administration and may not be an employee or member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina nor a former employee or member of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina.

(B) The Chairman of the Board shall be one of the members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, or the Speaker of the House to be elected by the board.

(C) The board shall be administratively supported by the University of South Carolina.

(D) The Executive Budget Office and the Department of Health and Human Services shall not transfer funds authorized in this proviso, or any other act, prior to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee. The request for transfer must come from the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board and shall include draw schedules which align with the expenditure of funds and include detailed planning documents and milestones, as well as any further information requested by Joint Bond Review Committee staff on behalf of the committee.

(E) The Interim Board shall request approval of each draw of funding from the Joint Bond Review Committee, prior to each transfer of funds.

- 117.205 ADD** (GP: Third-Party Grants and Contracts) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to direct state agencies that award grants to any third party organizations to require a plan of how the funds will be spent and provide a public benefit from each recipient. Requires each organization to acknowledge in writing that they are subject to penalties for misuse of the funds and that the funds are subject to review. Requires the records to be retained for five years. Sponsors: Sen. Corbin, Peeler, Massey, Hembree, Bennett, Turner, and Kimbrell.

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117.205. (GP: Third-Party Grants and Contracts) Each state agency receiving funds that are then awarded as a grant or contract to any third-party organization including, but not limited to, nonprofits, for-profit businesses, and local governments shall require from each recipient organization a plan of how the state funds will be spent and how the expenditures will provide a public benefit. Prior to disbursing funds to any organization subject to this proviso, the Chief Executive Officer, or their equivalent, and the Chairman of the governing board, or their equivalent, shall acknowledge, in writing, that they are subject to relevant civil and criminal penalties for misuse of these funds. They shall further acknowledge that records of funding awarded as a grant or contract from a state agency are subject to review by the Office of the Inspector General, State Auditor, and the contracting or granting agency. Each receiving entity shall be required to retain relevant records for five years

- 117.206 ADD** (GP: Fund Investment) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to state that the Office of State Treasurer may not invest any funds in their control in investments who consider an investment factor whose pecuniary effect is not directly tied to maximizing revenue. Sponsors: Sen. Bennett and Kimbrell

117.206. (GP: Fund Investment) In the current fiscal year, the Office of State Treasurer may not invest any funds under their control in investments who consider an investment factor whose pecuniary effect is not directly tied to maximizing investment returns.

- 117.207 ADD** (GP: Oath of Office) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to direct all member of state boards, commissions, including school districts, to take the oath of office as set forth in Article VI, Section 5 of the South Carolina Constitution. Directs that the chairmen of the boards and commissions must certify compliance with this proviso by 7/31/2025. Directs that funding will be withheld for noncompliance.

117.207. (GP: Oath of Office) All members of any state board or commission, or any board or commission of any political subdivision of this State, including school districts, must take the oath of office set forth in Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of this State. By July 31, 2025, the chairman of all such boards and commissions must certify that each of their board or commission members have taken the oath of office. Any such board or commission that doesn't provide such certification shall not receive any direct or indirect funding appropriated within this act. Such certification shall be made to the agency under which the funds are initially appropriated to within this act.

- 117.208 ADD** (GP: Tax Rate) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to suspend Section 12-6-510(B)(2) and (3). Sponsor: Sen. Peeler
HOU2: ADOPT new proviso. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 117.197 in HOU2.**

117.208. (GP: Tax Rate) For the current fiscal year, Section 12-6-510(B)(2) and (3) is suspended.

- 117.209 ADD** (GP: Two Sexes) **SEN:** ADD new proviso to require state agencies and colleges to adopt a policy affirming only two biological sexes exist, per Executive Order 14168, and notify all relevant parties immediately. Sponsors: Sen. Climer and Leber

117.209. (GP: Two Sexes) For the current fiscal year, state agencies, as well as state-supported institutions of higher learning that directly or indirectly receive funds appropriated or authorized through the general appropriations act, shall adopt a policy consistent with federal

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law as established in the President's Executive Order No. 14168 entitled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" signed on January 20, 2025, including, but not limited, to an affirmation that there exists only two biological sexes: "male" and "female." The agencies shall provide written notice to all their employees, students, the public, and all related personnel of the policy immediately upon adoption.

- 117.210 ADD** (GP: Fund Investment) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to prohibit the State Treasurer from investing in funds that use ESG or DEI. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 117.198 in HOU2.**

117.210. (GP: Fund Investment) In the current fiscal year, the Office of State Treasurer may not invest any funds under their control in investments that utilize in any material, substantive manner an investment or business operational factor, policy, or practice including, but not limited to, commonly described Social, Environmental, and Governance (ESG) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) factors, policies, and practices whose pecuniary effect is not directly tied to maximizing investment returns or other strictly financial interests or objectives.

- 117.211 ADD** (GP: Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to create the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board at USC to assist in establishing the state's first Clinical Neurological and Rehabilitation Hospital until the facility receives the certificate of occupancy. Authorizes DHHS to transfer up to \$200 million for this purpose. Creates the makeup of the board of seven appointment members and states its chair shall be elected from among four legislative appointees. Directs USC to provide administrative support. Authorizes USC to undertake permanent improvements and requires them to report semiannually to the Joint Bond Review Committee on funding status and project progress. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 117.199 in HOU2.**

117.211. (GP: Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board) (A) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services in South Carolina, there is created the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board at the University of South Carolina. The Interim Board shall serve for the purpose of assisting in the University's establishment of the state's first Clinical Neurological and Rehabilitation Hospital. Upon receipt of the certificate of occupancy for the facility, the Interim Board shall be dissolved unless extended by separate action by the General Assembly. In addition to the funds appropriated by the General Assembly to DHHS for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services, DHHS is authorized to transfer an additional \$200,000,000 of agency funds to the University of South Carolina for the same purposes. The board shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed on or before July 31, 2025, and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing official:

- (1) one member appointed by the Chairman of Senate Finance Committee;
- (2) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (3) one member appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;
- (4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (5) one member appointed by the Governor; and
- (6) two members from the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, of which one must be the Chairman of the USC Board at July 1, 2025 and the other Chairman of the USC Health and Medical Affairs Committee at July 1, 2025.

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(B) The Chairman of the Interim Board shall be one of the members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, or the Speaker of the House to be elected by the board.

(C) The board shall be administratively supported by the University of South Carolina.

(D) The University of South Carolina is authorized to undertake permanent improvements necessary for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services. Further, the funds appropriated for this purpose may be carried forward and expended for the necessary permanent improvements. The funds must be accounted for separately, and the university shall report semiannually to the Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee on the amount of funding carried forward, the amount remaining to be expended, the overall status of the project, and any other information requested by the committee.

- 117.212 ADD** (GP: Trust Fund) ADD new proviso to suspend Section 11-11-150(D). Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy **Note: Proviso 117.200 in HOU2.**

117.212. (GP: Trust Fund) For the current fiscal year, Section 11-11-150(D) is suspended.

- 117.213 ADD** (GP: Aid to Fire District Planning) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to direct RFA and EBO to develop and submit options on addressing the Aid to Fire District open-ended status by December 31. Provides the requirements of the options. Requires the Department of Insurance and the State Treasurer to cooperate with any requests for information. Sponsor: Rep. Caskey **Note: Proviso 117.201 in HOU2.**

117.213. (GP: Aid to Fire District Planning) The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, in conjunction with the Executive Budget Office, shall develop and submit options, including details, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by December 31st, 2025, to address the Aid to Fire District open-ended status as defined by the Office of the Comptroller General. The options shall ensure that all collections are disbursed to fire districts as prescribed by statute, other sources of collections are not altered, and disbursements are not reliant upon budgetary surpluses. The Department of Insurance and the Office of the State Treasurer shall cooperate with any requests for information from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

- 117.214 ADD** (GP: AI appropriations) **HOU2:** ADD new proviso to require any agency or institution to coordinate their AI efforts and budget requests with DOA's AI Center of Excellence. Sponsor: Rep. Bradley **Note: Proviso 117.202 in HOU2.**

117.214. (GP: AI appropriations) Any agency or institution that is appropriated or authorized funds for artificial intelligence shall coordinate their efforts and budget requests with the Department of Administration's AI Center of Excellence.

SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE

- 118.1. AMEND** (SR: Year End Cutoff) Directs year-end expenditure deadlines.
WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year references. Requested by the Office of the Comptroller General.
HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.
SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

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SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

118.1. (SR: Year End Cutoff) Unless specifically authorized herein, the appropriations provided in Part IA of this act as ordinary expenses of the State Government shall lapse on July 31, ~~2025~~ 2026. State agencies are required to submit all current fiscal year input documents and all electronic workflow for accounts payable transactions to the Office of Comptroller General by July 14, ~~2025~~ 2026. Appropriations for Permanent Improvements, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and Joint Bond Review Committee, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided. Appropriations for other specific purposes aside from ordinary operating expenses, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the appropriations were provided.

- 118.9.** **AMEND** (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) Creates the Tax Relief Reserve Fund; directs that accrued interest remain in the fund; and directs the State Treasurer, on December 31, 2024, to transfer from the General Fund any funds identified in this act designated for the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. Directs that the fund may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law and authorizes these funds to be retained, carried forward, and used for the same purpose.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update calendar year reference.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SEN: ADOPT proviso as amended.

118.9. (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) There is created the Tax Relief Reserve Fund, which shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025, the State Treasurer shall transfer funds identified in this act from the General Fund to the Tax Relief Reserve Fund. These funds may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law. Funds within the Tax Relief Reserve Fund shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

- 118.18** **DELETE** (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) Appropriates nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2024-25, generated from specific sources.

WMC: DELETE proviso.

HOU: ADOPT deletion.

SFC: ADOPT deletion.

SEN: ADOPT deletion.

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

- ~~(1) \$57,879,811 from Contingency Reserve Fund;~~
- ~~(2) \$919,997,259 from Fiscal Year 2023-24 Projected Surplus;~~
- ~~(3) \$14,337,874 from Litigation Recovery Account;~~
- ~~(4) \$5,151,700 from Excess Debt Service;~~
- ~~(5) \$7,674,703 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;~~

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- ~~(6) \$74,500,000 from COVID-19 Vaccine Reserve Fund (Act 2 of 2021) — Admin;~~
- ~~(7) \$22,133,208 from COVID-19 Vaccine Reserve Fund (Act 2 of 2021) — DHEC 31070000;~~
- ~~(8) \$36,580,215 COVID-19 Vaccine Response Fund (Act 2 of 2021) — DHEC 31060000;~~
- ~~(9) \$10,600,000 from Statewide Airport Growth Response in Act 239 of 2022 set aside pursuant to proviso 118.19(67.1);~~
- ~~(10) (\$4,955,000) for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Incremental Income Tax Reduction; and~~
- ~~(11) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.~~

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2023-24 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25 after September 1, 2024, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2024, for the purposes stated:

- ~~(1) F010 — General Reserve Fund~~
 - ~~General Reserve~~
 - ~~Fund Contribution..... \$24,326,198;~~
- ~~(2) H630 — Department of Education~~
 - ~~(a) Character and Resiliency Education~~
 - ~~(CARE) and Civics Initiatives \$ 3,250,000;~~
 - ~~(b) Educational Experience Partnerships..... \$ 1,500,000;~~
 - ~~(c) Grants Committee \$ 6,000,000;~~
 - ~~(d) School of Workforce~~
 - ~~Innovation Pilot..... \$ 5,000,000;~~

~~(2.1) The Department of Education shall utilize the funds appropriated in item (2)(b) along with funding appropriated in Part 1A for the same purposes to partner with up to two entities who are either statutorily created or a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, currently provide educational programs to K-12 school children, and are members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The partnership shall provide no cost education programs for K-12 school children within the confines of the organization's existing educational programs. In selecting partners, the department shall partner with organizations that provide educational programs to the largest amount of K-12 students.~~

- ~~(3) H710 — Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School~~
 - ~~Dorm Improvement \$ 650,000;~~
- ~~(4) H750 — School for the Deaf and the Blind~~
 - ~~(a) Campus Upgrades \$ 340,000;~~
 - ~~(b) Campus Wide HVAC \$ 1,500,000;~~
 - ~~(c) Campus Wide Improvements..... \$ 1,500,000;~~
 - ~~(d) Maintenance at Walker Hall \$ 350,000;~~
- ~~(5) L120 — Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe~~
 - ~~(a) Campus Security Cameras \$ 400,000;~~
 - ~~(b) De la Howe Hall Site Work \$ 1,000,000;~~
 - ~~(c) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery..... \$ 1,000,000;~~
- ~~(6) H670 — Educational Television Commission~~

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	ETV Statewide Transparency Services.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(7)	H650 Governor's School for Science and Mathematics	
	(a) Cooling Tower Replacement	\$ 320,000;
	(b) Residential Elevator Replacement	\$ 300,000;
(8)	H090 Citadel	
	(a) Duckett Hall Renovation.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) Renovation of Workforce Housing.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(9)	H120 Clemson University	
	College of Veterinary Medicine	\$78,000,000;
(10)	H150 University of Charleston	
	Campus Expansion	\$ 3,000,000;
(11)	H180 Francis Marion	
	Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building	
	Renovation.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(12)	H210 Lander	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 3,000,000;
(13)	H240 South Carolina State University	
	Replacement of the Whittaker Library	\$25,000,000;
(14)	H270 University of South Carolina Columbia	
	(a) Anne Frank House	\$ 500,000;
	(b) Center for Civil Rights History and Research.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(15)	H290 USC Aiken	
	Athletic Facilities Relocation.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(16)	H340 USC Upstate	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(17)	H390 USC Sumter	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(18)	H400 USC Union	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 900,000;
(19)	H470 Winthrop University	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(20)	H510 Medical University of South Carolina	
	Dental Workforce	\$ 3,000,000;
(21)	H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	
	(a) Aiken Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,570,000;
	(b) Central Carolina Technical College	
	(i) Kershaw Campus Expansion.....	\$10,000,000;
	(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	\$ 471,983;
	(iii) Sumter Campus Advanced Manufacturing Training	
	Center.....	\$ 7,700,000;
	(c) Florence Darlington Technical College	
	(i) Darlington County Campus.....	\$ 7,800,000;
	(ii) Industrial Trades Training Facility.....	\$ 7,800,000;
	(d) Greenville Technical College	
	Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,768,866;
	(e) Horry Georgetown Technical College	
	Health Professions Training Complex.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(f) Midlands Technical College	
	QuickJobs and Dual Enrollment.....	\$ 5,000,000;

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(g) Northeastern Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 612,799;
(h) Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 838,904;
(i) Piedmont Technical College	
(i) Edgefield Campus Completion.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(j) Spartanburg Community College	
(i) Cherokee County Campus	\$10,000,000;
(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 6,207,757;
(k) Technical College of the Lowcountry	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 511,265;
(l) Tri-County Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 1,530,946;
(m) Trident Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,660,913;
(n) Williamsburg Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 532,599;
(o) York Technical College	
(i) Electric Vehicle Training Equipment.....	\$ 1,250,000;
(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....	\$ 2,080,624;
(iii) Training Program Equipment and Materials.....	\$ 1;
(22) H790 Department of Archives and History	
(a) Digital Enhancements for Research Room Customers	\$ 300,000;
(b) Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space	
Expansion.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(c) SC American Revolution	
Sesetercentennial Commission	\$ 3,000,000;
(23) H910 Arts Commission	
Implementation of SCAC Hubs	\$ 2,000,000;
(24) H950 State Museum Commission	
Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement	
Project.....	\$ 4,255,465;
(25) H960 Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission	
(a) Edens Collection of SC Artifacts	\$ 177,000;
(b) Renovate Gist Rotating Exhibit Gallery	\$ 213,000;
(26) J060 Department of Public Health	
(a) Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP). \$	500,000;
(b) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring Facilities	\$ 3,737,000;
(c) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring IT	\$11,762,458;
(d) Florence Health Department HVAC.....	\$ 750,000;
(e) Mobile Maternity Care Van and Equipment.....	\$ 702,750;
(f) Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign	\$ 2,000,000;
(27) H730 Vocational Rehabilitation	
(a) Conway VR Center Repaving.....	\$ 141,750;
(b) Lexington VR Center Repaving.....	\$ 176,850;
(28) J020 Department of Health and Human Services	
Children's Hospital Collaborative	\$ 5,000,000;
(29) J120 Department of Mental Health	
(a) Alternative Transportation Program	\$ 2,540,000;

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	(b) Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Youth Treatment at W.S. Hall.....	\$ 6,351,000;
(30) J160	Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Greenwood Genetics Center	\$ 2,000,000;
(31) L040	Department of Social Services (a) Economic Services System Application Modernization (ESSAM) DDI Phase	\$ 8,812,499;
	(b) Family Resource Center Judicial Circuit 14.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(32) L080	Department of Children's Advocacy (a) Children's Trust	\$ 250,000;
	(b) Workstations and Equipment	\$ 42,400;
(33) P120	Forestry Commission (a) Forest Inventory and Analysis	\$ 84,000;
	(b) Law Enforcement Vehicle and Supplies	\$ 63,000;
(34) P160	Department of Agriculture (a) ChangeSC Pilot Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) DHEC Food Protection Restructuring	\$ 1,046,000;
	(c) Pee Dee State Farmers Market RV Park and Paving	\$ 1,000,000;
	(d) State Farmers Market Safety and Traffic Upgrades.....	\$ 1,500,000;
	(e) Technology Efficiency Infrastructure	\$ 1,377,120;
(35) P200	Clemson University Public Service Activities PSA Renovation, Repair, and Equipment	\$ 1,000,000;
(36) P210	SC State University Public Service Activities (a) Business Development Training and Assistance	\$ 400,000;
	(b) Construction of the South Carolina Limnology Research Center.....	\$ 1,500,000;
	(c) Health Quad Initiative.....	\$ 425,000;
	(d) New Beginner Farmer Assistance.....	\$ 400,000;
(37) P240	Department of Natural Resources (a) Agency Equipment.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) Body Worn Camera Implementation.....	\$ 1,151,351;
	(c) Habitat Protection and Land Conservation	\$10,000,000;
	(d) Hatchery Operations	\$ 500,000;
	(e) Insurance Reserve Fund Increase and Utilities	\$ 2,500,000;
	(f) Law Enforcement Boat Rotation.....	\$ 1;
	(g) Technology Equipment Rotation and Communication Lines.....	\$ 750,000;
(37.1)	Of the funds appropriated in Item 37(e), up to \$1,000,000 may be utilized to facilitate public access to heritage preserves owned by the Department of Natural Resources in coordination and supervision of the Conservation Bank.	
(38) P280	Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (a) Agency Property Development.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) Calhoun Falls Marina Replacement.....	\$ 1,350,000;
	(c) Destination Specific Grants	\$ 8,000,000;
	(d) Film Incentives.....	\$10,000,000;
	(e) Hickory Park Remodel.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(f) Palmetto Trail.....	\$ 500,000;
	(g) SCATR Regional Promotions.....	\$ 600,000;
	(h) Sports Marketing Program.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(i) State Park Boardwalk and Dock Improvements	\$ 1,000,000;

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	(j) State Park Cabin Upgrades.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(k) State Park Road Paving.....	\$ 500,000;
	(l) Statewide Marketing.....	\$ 1;
	(m) Tourism Development.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(n) Undiscovered SC Grant Program.....	\$ 250,000;
	(o) Venues at Arsenal Hill Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(39)	P320 Department of Commerce	
	(a) Charleston International Airport.....	\$20,000,000;
	(b) Closing Fund.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(c) Columbia Airport.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(d) Columbia Airport Customs Expansion.....	\$ 3,000,000;
	(e) Greenville Spartanburg International Airport.....	\$ 8,000,000;
	(f) Interagency Loan Repayment.....	\$ 2,500,000;
	(g) LocateSC.....	\$ 3,000,000;
	(h) Myrtle Beach International Airport.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(i) SC Business Advancement Center.....	\$ 250,000;
	(j) SC Nexus.....	\$10,000,000;
	(k) Spartanburg Regional Airport.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(l) Strategic Existing Workforce Retraining.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(40)	P400 Conservation Bank	
	Conservation Grant Funding.....	\$10,000,000;
(41)	P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority	
	Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Match.....	\$ 3,232,990;
(42)	P500 Department of Environmental Services	
	(a) Clean Up of Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites.....	\$ 2,500,000;
	(b) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring IT.....	\$ 5,793,448;
	(c) IT Infrastructure Maintenance.....	\$ 1,977,443;
	(d) Transfer State Water Plan and River Basin Planning Implementation.....	\$ 2,800,000;
(43)	B040 Judicial Department	
	Legal Fees.....	\$ 5,000,000;
(44)	E200 Attorney General	
	(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(b) Legal Fees.....	\$ 1,800,000;
	(c) Residential and Emergency Housing for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Grants.....	\$ 6,568,402;
(45)	E210 Prosecution Coordination Commission	
	Diversion Program Database.....	\$ 11,310;
(46)	D100 State Law Enforcement Division SLED	
	(a) Agency Operating.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) Animal Fighting Personnel and Equipment.....	\$ 217,800;
	(c) Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence.....	\$ 7,197,226;
	(d) CWP Program.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(e) Personnel Equipment.....	\$ 500,000;
	(f) Specialized Vehicles.....	\$ 1,300,500;
(47)	K050 Department of Public Safety	
	(a) Agency Network Equipment Refresh and Replacements	

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	Statewide.....	\$ 99,800;
(b)	IT Infrastructure Maintenance	\$ 1,900,000;
(c)	SC State Crime Stoppers Council	\$ 300,000;
(d)	Vehicle Equipment and Radars.....	\$ 500,000;
(e)	Vehicle Maintenance Costs.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(f)	Weapon Transition.....	\$ 1,502,311;
(48) N040	Department of Corrections	
(a)	Agency Operating	\$ 1;
(b)	Transitional Care Unit and K9 Unit	\$ 500,000;
(49) N080	Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services	
	IT Infrastructure Maintenance	\$ 1,200,000;
(50) N120	Department of Juvenile Justice	
(a)	Cyber Security Remediation	\$ 1,000,000;
(b)	IT Application Assessment	\$ 1,000,000;
(c)	Master Plan Implementation	\$15,000,000;
(d)	Technical Consulting and Assistance	\$ 2,500,000;
(51) R360	Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation	
(a)	Matching Funds for Grants	\$ 1;
(b)	Office of State Fire Marshal Operational Expenses	\$ 1;
(52) R400	Department of Motor Vehicles	
(a)	Act 37 of 2021	\$ 1,600,000;
(b)	SCDMV IT System Modernization	\$ 3,400,000;
(53) U120	Department of Transportation	
	Bridge Modernization.....	\$100,000,000;
(54) U300	Division of Aeronautics	
(a)	Aircraft Refueling Truck.....	\$ 300,000;
(b)	Facility Needs Assessment.....	\$ 60,000;
(c)	Investing for Statewide Airport System General Airports...	\$10,600,000;
(55) A170	Legislative Services Agency	
	Network Infrastructure.....	\$ 246,235;
(56) D300	Office of Resilience	
	Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund	\$26,000,000;
(57) D500	Department of Administration	
(a)	Audit Contracting.....	\$ 3,000,000;
(b)	Cybersecurity and Asset Protection Systems.....	\$ 2,300,000;
(c)	First Responder Communication Modernization (800MHz)	\$ 1,000,000;
(d)	Rent Increase for State Owned Buildings.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(e)	Statehouse Grounds Study	\$ 200,000;
(f)	STO Audit Support	\$ 1,200,000;
(58) E120	Comptroller General	
	Office Modernization.....	\$ 1,250,000;
(59) E160	State Treasurer	
	Database Services	\$ 192,000;
(60) E240	Adjutant General's Office	
(a)	SC LEAP.....	\$ 36,000;
(b)	SCEMD State EOC Expansion	\$ 6,251,000;
(61) E260	Department of Veterans' Affairs	
(a)	Military Child Education Coalition.....	\$ 182,000;
(b)	Military Enhancement Fund.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(c)	Veteran Homes Capital Improvements.....	\$29,048,440;

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(d)	Veteran Homes Critical Capability Development	\$ 87,164;
(62)	E280 Election Commission	
(a)	Election Operations.....	\$11,500,000;
(b)	State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant	\$ 216,977;
(c)	Voting System Upgrade.....	\$ 1;
(63)	E500 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office	
	Cybersecurity and IT Fees	\$ 300,000;
(64)	E550 State Fiscal Accountability	
	Authority AHSC Performance Management Study.....	\$ 130,000;
(65)	X220 Aid to Subdivisions State Treasurer	
(a)	Aid to Planning Districts.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(b)	City of Edgefield Census Undercount	\$ 93,850;
(66)	H630 Department of Education	
(a)	Abbeville County Career Center Automotive	
	Technology Lab Equipment Upgrades.....	\$ 300,000;
(b)	ActivEd Walkabouts Active Learning Program	\$ 400,000;
(c)	Back the Pack Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation..	\$ 80,000;
(d)	Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy Multipurpose	
	Shelter	\$ 550,000;
(e)	BRAVO Foundation of Clarendon County Teacher	
	Innovation & Service Learning	
	Grant Program.....	\$ 50,000;
(f)	Building Thriving Communities Foundation	
	Gallman High School Community Center Restoration....	\$ 150,000;
(g)	Camp Daniel Summer Academic Program	\$ 150,000;
(h)	ColaJazz Foundation Music Education Camps	\$ 100,000;
(i)	Communities in Schools Behavioral Programs	\$ 100,000;
(j)	Due West Robotics Palmetto Innovation and	
	Technology Center.....	\$ 250,000;
(k)	Emma Wright Fuller Foundation Youth Services and	
	After School Program	\$ 250,000;
(l)	Every 1 Voice Matters Mentoring and Reading Program	\$ 100,000;
(m)	Foster Park Elementary The Leader In Me.....	\$ 36,000;
(n)	Greenbrier Resource Community Development Center	
	After school Facility	\$ 50,000;
(o)	Gullah Traveling Theater Rural Schools Gullah History	
	Tours Project.....	\$ 231,550;
(p)	Healthy Learners.....	\$ 100,000;
(q)	Johnathan Foundation Middle School Screenings	\$ 300,000;
(r)	Junior Achievement of South Carolina	\$ 300,000;
(s)	Laurens County School District 55 and 56 CATE Center	\$ 1,500,000;
(t)	Maroon Innovation Services Inc. Literacy Program.....	\$ 175,000;
(u)	Pattison's Academy Service Continuity.....	\$ 211,000;
(v)	Pleasant Valley Connections Youth and Teen Services	\$ 50,000;
(w)	Reedy Fork Development Center Project Technology	\$ 250,000;
(x)	S.L. Finley Restoration Association Finley High School	
	Roof Replacement.....	\$ 131,950;
(y)	SC First Regional Robotics Competition	\$ 150,000;
(z)	SC Football Hall of Fame The Leadership Minute.....	\$ 905,000;
(aa)	TA Second Chance Resource Center Network United	

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	Educator Enrichment, Mentoring	
	Program and Transitional Housing	\$ 200,000;
	(bb) Teachers Up & Kids Club	\$ 500,000;
	(cc) The Center for Educational Equity	\$ 50,000;
	(dd) The Greater Waverly Foundation Village Initiative	\$ 150,000;
	(ee) Trinity Educational Community Center Project Tech	\$ 300,000;
	(ff) Western York County Agriculture Arena	\$ 3,000,000;
(67)	H030 Commission on Higher Education	
	(a) Clinton College Work Program	\$ 363,000;
	(b) Coker University Jim Lemke Endowment	\$ 150,000;
	(c) Riley Institute at Furman University SCALE Afterschool Program	\$ 400,000;
	(d) University Industry Demonstration Partnership HBCU Engage 2025	\$ 300,000;
(68)	H090 Citadel	
	Living History Society Equipment Replacement and Expansion	\$ 49,935;
(69)	H790 Department of Archives and History	
	(a) African American Settlement Communities Historie Commission, Inc. 1904 Long Point School House Restoration	\$ 150,000;
	(b) City of Florence Historic Carolina Theatre	\$ 2,000,000;
	(c) Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn Younts Center for Performing Arts	\$ 700,000;
	(d) Dorchester Heritage Center, Inc. Community Facility Construction	\$ 1,400,000;
	(e) Greenwood County GLEAMNS Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Historical Preservation Site	\$ 250,000;
	(f) Hope School Community Center Renovation of Rosenwald School	\$ 25,000;
	(g) Lancaster Society for Historical Preservation, Inc. - Lancaster County Archives Center Construction	\$ 1,950,000;
	(h) Loris Historical Society Renovations and Upgrades of The State Theater	\$ 100,000;
	(i) National Heritage Corridor South Carolina 7	\$ 250,000;
	(j) Newberry Opera House Foundation Renovation of Two Elevators	\$ 515,000;
	(k) Peak Preservation Association Renovation of St. Simons Episcopal Church	\$ 250,000;
	(l) Phoenix Correspondence Commission	\$ 50,000;
	(m) Piedmont Historical Preservation Society YWCA Museum Handicapped Access	\$ 100,000;
	(n) Soapstone Empowerment Foundation Historic Site Preservation	\$ 250,000;
	(o) Town of St. George Rosenwald School Restoration	\$ 428,000;
(70)	H870 State Library	
	(a) Abbeville County Library Computer Equipment	\$ 50,000;
	(b) Aiken Bamberg Barnwell Edgefield Regional Library System North Augusta/Aiken Library Infrastructure	\$ 200,000;
	(c) Clarendon County Turbeville Library	\$ 950,000;
	(d) Colleton County Cottageville Library New Building	\$ 1,000,000;

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(e)	Dillon County—New Bookmobile	\$ 300,000;
(f)	Pat Conroy Literary Center—Fall 2024 Signature Events ...	\$ 50,000;
(g)	Sumter County—Main Library Renovations.....	\$ 800,000;
(71) H910	Arts Commission	
	Newberry Arts Commission—Building Renovations	\$ 200,000;
(72) H950	State Museum Commission	
(a)	Children's Museum of the Lowcountry—Summerville	
	Children's Museum	\$ 1,000,000;
(b)	City of Orangeburg—Civil Rights Museum.....	\$ 250,000;
(c)	Darlington African American Museum—Upgrades	\$ 500,000;
(d)	Dennis Community Development Corporation of	
	Lee County—Improvements to Historic Dennis High	
	School	\$ 100,000;
(e)	Fork Shoals Historical Society—McCullough's House Inn	
	Restoration	\$ 500,000;
(f)	Friends of Honey Hill, Inc.—Honey Hill Battlefield	\$ 725,000;
(g)	Friends of the Aiken Railroad Museum.....	\$ 350,000;
(h)	Georgetown Rice Museum—Elevator Replacement.....	\$ 50,000;
(i)	Gibbes Museum of Art—Art Charleston Festival	\$ 500,000;
(j)	Goodwill Educational and Historical Society, Inc.—	
	Improvements to Historic Goodwill Parochial School	\$ 594,000;
(k)	Historic Bluffton Foundation—Heyward House	
	Museum and Bluffton Welcome Center	\$ 200,000;
(l)	Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association—	
	African American History Museum.....	\$ 700,000;
(m)	Parris Island Heritage Foundation Museum Enhancement..	\$ 125,000;
(n)	South Carolina Alliance of Children's Museums—	
	Safety Improvements	\$ 500,000;
(o)	St. George Rosenwald School—Children's Museum	\$ 213,000;
(p)	The Charleston Museum—From Civil War to Civil Rights	
	Exhibit	\$ 400,000;
(q)	Town of Neeses—Neeses Museum	\$ 400,000;
(73) J060	Department of Public Health	
(a)	Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County—	
	Renovations.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(b)	Berkeley County—EMS Apprenticeships for Veterans	\$ 270,000;
(c)	Clarity Upstate—Audiology Services	\$ 150,000;
(d)	EMS Closet	\$ 50,000;
(e)	Greenville Prisma Health Sickle Cell	\$ 2,000,000;
(f)	Hope Health Inc.—Men's Health Center	\$ 500,000;
(g)	Kershaw County Health Services District—Indoor Pool	
	and Community Health Center.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(h)	Lions Vision Services—Palmetto Eyecare Program	\$ 500,000;
(i)	Louvenia D. Barksdale Sickle Cell Anemia	
	Foundation—Project Hope.....	\$ 100,000;
(j)	MedEx Academy—Summer Educational Programs	\$ 150,000;
(k)	No One Left Alone—Long COVID Research Support	\$ 900,000;
(l)	Pet Helpers Adoption Center—County Stray Funding.....	\$ 50,000;
(m)	Sandhills Medical Foundation—Expansion of	
	Services in Mental and Healthcare.....	\$ 1,000,000;

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(n)	SCBIO.....	\$ 500,000;
(o)	SmokeFree SC	\$ 1,000,000;
(p)	St. John Holistic Wellness Center.....	\$ 100,000;
(74) J020	Department of Health and Human Services	
(a)	ALS Association—ALS Care Services	\$ 500,000;
(b)	Anderson County—Domestic Abuse Services Support	\$ 100,000;
(c)	Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired SC— Adjustment to Blindness	\$ 350,000;
(d)	Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine—Sustainability Program.....	\$ 300,000;
(e)	Boys and Girls Club at Teen Jackson Center— Make it a Conversation Program.....	\$ 95,000;
(f)	Cancer Association of Anderson—Center for Hope and Healing.....	\$ 850,000;
(g)	Children's Trust of South Carolina—Home Visiting Program.....	\$ 250,000;
(h)	Clarendon Behavioral Health Services—Facilities Expansion.....	\$ 296,081;
(i)	Community Medicine Foundation, Inc.—Sickle Cell Program.....	\$ 750,000;
(j)	Community Wellness Outreach—Substance Abuse Treatment	\$ 300,000;
(k)	Eau Clair Cooperative Health Center—Batesburg— Leesville Family Medicine Health Center	\$ 500,000;
(l)	Generations Group Home—Bathroom Renovations	\$ 35,025;
(m)	House of Champions—Facility Renovation Project.....	\$ 250,000;
(n)	James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation.....	\$ 250,000;
(o)	Jeffrey and Harriet Lampkin Foundation—Food Insecurity and Art Youth Program.....	\$ 300,000;
(p)	Meals on Wheels of Greenville—New Facility Construction.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(q)	Middle Tyger Resource Center—Construction of New Facility	\$ 3,500,000;
(r)	My Sister's House—Domestic Violence Services.....	\$ 300,000;
(s)	Nola Network—Youth Sudden Cardiac Arrest Project.....	\$ 300,000;
(t)	North Strand Housing Shelter—Shelter Expansion.....	\$ 330,000;
(u)	Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation—Cancer Institute ..	\$ 1,500,000;
(v)	Our Place of Hope—Mental Health Support Program	\$ 175,000;
(w)	Outstanding Youth Awards—Building Youth Better	\$ 100,000;
(x)	Pace Center for Girls—Reach Counseling Services	\$ 650,000;
(y)	Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country—Prenatal Medical Care.....	\$ 100,000;
(z)	Project Hope Foundation Autism Support—Expansion of Services in the Upstate.....	\$ 2,850,000;
(aa)	Rural Health Center, Inc.	\$ 500,000;
(bb)	Safe Harbor—Improve Facilities and Services for Domestic Violence Victims.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(cc)	SC Association of Pregnancy Care Centers— Statewide Pregnancy Care Center Support	\$ 3,000,000;
(dd)	Sea Haven Youth Crisis Center—Youth Primary	

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	Medical and Dental Screening.....	\$ 65,000;
(ee)	The Kollock Alumni Association Facility Upgrades.....	\$ 156,000;
(ff)	Town of McClellanville—McClellanville Medical Facility & Community Center.....	\$ 750,000;
(gg)	United Way of Kershaw County—Make It a Conversation Program.....	\$ 146,000;
(hh)	United Way of the Midlands—Young Men United.....	\$ 250,000;
(ii)	Wiley Kennedy Foundation—Coalition of Community Fellows and Safer Communities.....	\$ 75,000;
(jj)	Wiley Kennedy Foundation—Institute for Innovation and Informatics in Healthcare.....	\$ 50,000;
(kk)	Williamsburg County—Renovate Facility for VA, DAODAS and Mental Health Services.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(75) J120	Department of Mental Health	
(a)	Department of Mental Health—Incarcerated Inmates Support.....	\$ 400,000;
(b)	MIRCI.....	\$ 250,000;
(c)	South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association Safe Babies Court.....	\$ 467,000;
(d)	The Giving Back Fund c/o Mental Wealth Alliance— Mental Health Gym.....	\$ 175,000;
(76) J160	Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	
(a)	Osprey Village—Amenities Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(b)	The Therapy Place—Therapeutic Pool and Critical Repairs	\$ 400,000;
(77) J200	Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	
(a)	Athletic Coaches Association—Coaches vs. Overdoses.....	\$ 800,000;
(b)	Decisions.org—Cope EMS Wingman App.....	\$ 820,000;
(c)	Palmetto Foundation for Prevention & Recovery— Addiction Support Program.....	\$ 500,000;
(d)	RIZE Prevention—Teen Drug Prevention Program.....	\$ 300,000;
(e)	The Courage Center—Midlands Recovery Community Expansion and Operation.....	\$ 300,000;
(78) L040	Department of Social Services	
(a)	Alternatives to Abortion Program.....	\$ 100,000;
(b)	ASAFO Community Development Association— Conflict to Careers Mentoring Program.....	\$ 200,000;
(c)	Beaufort—Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry.....	\$ 600,000;
(d)	Bethany Christian Services—Post Adoption Services.....	\$ 150,000;
(e)	Feed the City.....	\$ 100,000;
(f)	Florence Crittenton Programs of SC—Housing and Support Services.....	\$ 400,000;
(g)	Fostering the Family—Foster Support Programs.....	\$ 100,000;
(h)	Jenkins Youth and Family Village/Orphan Aid Society, Inc.—Summer Enrichment Program.....	\$ 100,000;
(i)	Juveniles Upholding Morals and Principles of Society (JUMPS)—Mentoring Initiatives.....	\$ 200,000;
(j)	Midlands Community Development Corporation.....	\$ 300,000;
(k)	Midlands Fatherhood Coalition—Site Expansion.....	\$ 644,000;
(l)	My Community's Keeper Mentor Group—Advance Peace.	\$ 70,000;
(m)	Palmetto Hope Foundation—Charleston Navigation Center	\$ 200,000;

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(n) Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault—	
New Beginnings Transitional Shelter	\$ 50,000;
(o) Richland County—Emergency Operations Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(p) Smart Box—Food for All	\$ 50,000;
(q) The Hive Community Circle.....	\$ 500,000;
(r) The Salvation Army of Greenville County—Social	
Services Campus.....	\$ 500,000;
(s) Trent Hill Center	\$ 250,000;
(t) United Way Association of South Carolina, Inc.—	
AmeriCorps.....	\$ 1,014,000;
(79) L240—Commission for the Blind	
Sight Savers America—Vision Screenings	\$ 250,000;
(80) L060—Department on Aging	
(a) Allendale County—Recreational Walking Trail	\$ 325,000;
(b) Antioch Senior Center.....	\$ 250,000;
(c) Orangeburg County—Rural Life Resources.....	\$ 300,000;
(d) The Unumb Center of Neurodevelopment—Adult	
Residential Campus.....	\$ 3,000,000;
(e) Tri-City Visionaries Inc.—Senior Housing Repairs.....	\$ 400,000;
(81) L080—Department of Children's Advocacy	
SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(82) L320—Housing Finance and Development Authority	
(a) Anderson County—Substandard Housing Abatement	\$ 300,000;
(b) Cameron's House of Hope SC—Remodel Facility	\$ 100,000;
(c) City of Columbia—Belvedere & Greenview	
Neighborhood Revitalization Programs.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(d) City of Columbia—Fairwold Housing Assistance Program. \$	500,000;
(e) City of Columbia—Neighborhood Revitalization and	
Weatherization	\$ 1,000,000;
(f) Dorchester County Community Outreach—Homeless	
Shelter Relocation and Expansion	\$ 1,255,000;
(g) Oconee County Habitat for Humanity—Pointe Place	
Expansion.....	\$ 700,000;
(h) Parish House Community Development Corporation—	
Property Restoration	\$ 200,000;
(i) St. Francis Center on St. Helena Island—Home Repair	
Program.....	\$ 100,000;
(83) P160—Department of Agriculture	
The FARM Center in Oconee County	\$ 985,000;
(84) P240—Department of Natural Resources	
(a) Beaufort County—Alljoy Boat Landing Improvements	\$ 1,200,000;
(b) Cross Chapter #45 of Wildlife Action, Inc—Updates to	
Wildlife Community Center.....	\$ 20,000;
(c) DNR—Waddell Mariculture Center Hatchery Support.....	\$ 250,000;
(d) SC Hunters for the Hungry	\$ 350,000;
(e) Sumter County—Rimini Sparkleberry Landing Resurfacing \$	385,000;
(85) P280—Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	
(a) African American Tourism Institute—Development and	
Tourism Marketing	\$ 50,000;
(b) Aiken Steeplechase Association—Infrastructure	

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Improvements.....	\$ 500,000;
(e) Alvin Community Center HVAC Replacement and Facility Upgrades.....	\$ 100,000;
(d) Amazing Grace Park Foundation Completion of Amazing Grace Park.....	\$ 500,000;
(e) Anderson Civic Center Upgrades	\$ 170,000;
(f) Anderson County Anderson Regional Airport Playground.....	\$ 350,000;
(g) Anderson County Dolly Cooper Park Pickleball Courts ...	\$ 573,151;
(h) Anderson County Hurricane Springs Park Improvements ..	\$ 450,000;
(i) Anderson County Rural Community Program Grants...	\$ 260,000;
(j) Arts Council of York County Blues and Jazz Festival ..	\$ 25,000;
(k) Battery Park Alumni Association Battery Park Elementary School Renovation.....	\$ 500,000;
(l) Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation Gullah Geechee Cultural Center and Market	\$ 1,000,000;
(m) Berkeley County Hiker Biker Trail	\$ 500,000;
(n) Bluffton Eagles Community Action Property Improvement ..	\$ 50,000;
(o) Bon Secours Wellness Arena Renovation and Expansion ..	\$ 5,000,000;
(p) Brookgreen Gardens Purdy Center, Welcome Center, Conservatory and Gardens	\$ 250,000;
(q) Brookgreen Gardens Welcome Center & Conservatory Gardens	\$ 1,000,000;
(r) Cameron Community Club Facility and Grounds Upgrades	\$ 262,000;
(s) Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church Restoration and Rehabilitation.....	\$ 200,000;
(t) Cancer Survivors Park	\$ 500,000;
(u) Carolina Cup Racing Association Capital Improvements and Maintenance of Springdale Race Course	\$ 250,000;
(v) Chesterfield YMCA Pool Restoration	\$ 700,000;
(w) Christmasville	\$ 72,000;
(x) City of Belton Leda Poore Park Restroom and Press box ..	\$ 300,000;
(y) City of Cayce Riverwalk Expansion.....	\$ 500,000;
(z) City of Chester Civic Space Paving.....	\$ 105,000;
(aa) City of Columbia Marketplace at Congaree Pointe	\$ 4,400,890;
(bb) City of Columbia Riverfront Park Trail Enhancements	\$ 350,000;
(cc) City of Conway Kingston Ferry and Trail	\$ 2,000,000;
(dd) City of Darlington Blue Street Ballfields Renovation.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(ee) City of Forest Acres Richland County Mall Redevelopment.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(ff) City of Gaffney Henry L. Jolly Park Amphitheater Cover ..	\$ 500,000;
(gg) City of Hartsville Outdoor Walking Trail Repairs at Byerly Park	\$ 50,000;
(hh) City of Hartsville Refurbishment of Track and Field Track at Byerly Park	\$ 100,000;
(ii) City of Hartsville Tennis Court Resurfacing at Byerly Park	\$ 75,000;
(jj) City of Isle of Palms Beach Renourishment.....	\$ 1,000,000;

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(kk)	City of Laurens—Laurens Amphitheater Project	\$ 1,500,000;
(ll)	City of Marion—Green St. Sports Complex	\$ 450,000;
(mm)	City of Myrtle Beach—Downtown Revitalization	\$ 5,000,000;
(nn)	City of North Myrtle Beach—Cherry Grove Dredging	\$ 1,500,000;
(oo)	City of Seneca—Recreation Complex Addition	\$ 5,150,000;
(pp)	City of Spartanburg—Mary H. Wright Greenway	\$ 455,000;
(qq)	City of Sumter—African American Historic Park	\$ 1,500,000;
(rr)	City of Sumter—Downtown Lighting and Event Infrastructure	\$ 1,000,000;
(ss)	City of Sumter—Richardson Competition Facilities	\$ 5,900,000;
(tt)	City of Sumter—Riley Ballpark Support Facilities	\$ 1,200,000;
(uu)	City of Sumter—Swan Lake Iris Gardens	\$ 1,500,000;
(vv)	City of West Columbia—Greenway River Access Improvements	\$ 650,000;
(ww)	City of West Columbia—Historic Mill Village Redevelopment and Mobility Improvements	\$ 2,000,000;
(xx)	City of Westminster—Streetscape and Recreation	\$ 1,500,000;
(yy)	City of York—Recreation Facility Upgrades and Additional Parking	\$ 2,000,000;
(zz)	Coastal Carolina YMCA—Community Outreach and Program Support	\$ 500,000;
(aaa)	Darla Moore Foundation—Art Fields	\$ 1,500,000;
(bbb)	Dorchester County—Oakbrooks Sports Complex	\$ 1,000,000;
(ccc)	Dorchester Heritage Center, Inc.—The Wall That Heals ..	\$ 64,000;
(ddd)	Edgefield County Star Park	\$ 750,000;
(eee)	Festival on the Avenue	\$ 100,000;
(fff)	Forty One Community Center—Building Renovations ...	\$ 100,000;
(ggg)	Four Holes Indian Organization—Tribal Grounds	\$ 300,000;
(hhh)	Freedom Walkway Event	\$ 10,000;
(iii)	Georgetown County—Murrells Inlet Dredging	\$ 5,000,000;
(jjj)	Greenville County Recreation Department—Park Facilities Upgrades	\$ 100,000;
(kkk)	Greenville Zoo—Farmyard	\$ 1,000,000;
(lll)	Hagood Mill Foundation—Heritage Pavilion Enclosure ..	\$ 1,000,000;
(mmm)	Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park—Interpretive Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(nnn)	Holly Hill Youth Sports Organization—Activity Bus	\$ 120,000;
(ooo)	Horry County—Conway to Myrtle Beach Multi Use Path	\$ 2,000,000;
(ppp)	Indian Land Green—Indian Land Green	\$ 1,000,000;
(qqq)	International African American Museum—Marketing Support	\$ 1,000,000;
(rrr)	Land United Foundation—Indian Land Athletic Fields ...	\$ 350,000;
(sss)	Lexington County Recreation Commission—Multi Sports Facility Complex	\$ 3,000,000;
(ttt)	Mill Town Players—Historic Pelzer Auditorium	\$ 1,000,000;
(uuu)	Mount Moriah Baptist Church—Prayer Garden	\$ 35,000;
(vvv)	N.O.W.W. Empowerment Housing and Community Projects	\$ 25,000;
(www)	Nix—Stilton Road Community Improvement	

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	Organization—One Stop Community Center.....	\$ 96,750;
(xxx)	Oconee County—Community Investments.....	\$ 1,885,000;
(yyy)	Orangeburg County—Samaritan House Kitchen/Dining Project.....	\$ 650,000;
(zzz)	Pineville Eadytown Community Park—Park Improvements.....	\$ 98,000;
(aaaa)	Richland County Recreation Commission—Aquatics Center.....	\$ 6,000,000;
(bbbb)	Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens—Infrastructure.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(cccc)	Santee Cooper Counties Promotion Commission— Visitor Center Expansion.....	\$ 175,000;
(dddd)	SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism—Hunting Island Roads and Grounds Improvements.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(eeee)	Spartanburg County Government—The Daniel Morgan Trail System.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(ffff)	Special Olympics—2024 Unified Outreach Initiative.....	\$ 300,000;
(gggg)	Sumter County—County Building Renovation.....	\$ 1,400,000;
(hhhh)	Sumter County—Patriot Park Amphitheater.....	\$ 3,300,000;
(iiii)	Surf Dreams Foundation—Surf Clinics.....	\$ 10,000;
(jjjj)	Swamp Fox Trails—Sumter Florence Rail Trail Feasibility Study.....	\$ 250,000;
(kkkk)	The Original Gullah Festival Transportation and Event Support.....	\$ 125,200;
(lll)	The RECing Crew, Inc.—North Augusta Multipurpose Miracle League Field.....	\$ 175,000;
(mmmm)	The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association— North vs. South All Star Football Game.....	\$ 100,000;
(nnnn)	Town of Aynor—Levister Recreation Center.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(oooo)	Town of Blackville—Signage and Street Cameras.....	\$ 250,000;
(pppp)	Town of Cheraw—Downtown Revitalization.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(qqqq)	Town of Clover—Construction of New Indoor Recreation Facility.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(rrrr)	Town of Cottageville—Cottageville Library and Town Hall Improvements.....	\$ 150,000;
(ssss)	Town of Cowpens—Rast Spartanburg Sports Venter.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(ttt)	Town of Cowpens—Park Improvements.....	\$ 200,000;
(uuuu)	Town of Eutawville—The 2024 Eutaw Village Festival..	\$ 45,000;
(vvvv)	Town of Greeleyville—Pocket Park Splash Pad Project..	\$ 150,000;
(www)	Town of Honea Path—Farmer's Market.....	\$ 40,000;
(xxxx)	Town of Irmo—New Town Hall.....	\$ 500,000;
(yyyy)	Town of Jefferson—Blue Jay Nest Gymnasium.....	\$ 120,000;
(zzzz)	Town of Lake View—Holiday Beautification Project.....	\$ 40,000;
(aaaaa)	Town of Lake View—Lake View Town Square.....	\$ 75,000;
(bbbbb)	Town of Latta—Historic Edwards House.....	\$ 50,000;
(ccccc)	Town of Lockhart—Facility Improvements.....	\$ 150,000;
(ddddd)	Town of Mount Pleasant—Mathis Ferry Trail.....	\$ 2,300,000;
(eeee)	Town of Mount Pleasant—Shem Creek Sustainability/Dredging.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(fffff)	Town of Summerville—Main St. Resiliency Project.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(ggggg)	Town of Williamston—Mineral Springs and Brookdale	

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	Parks.....	\$ 750,000;
(hhhhh)	Tri Community Center, Inc. Upfit for National Shelter System Site Designation.....	\$ 50,000;
(iiii)	Umoja Village Community Projects.....	\$ 250,000;
(jjjj)	United Way of Anderson County Community Garden ..	\$ 100,000;
(kkkkk)	Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance Foothills Trail Revitalization.....	\$ 300,000;
(llll)	Waccamaw Indian Tribe Tribal Land Improvements ...	\$ 50,000;
(mmmmmm)	Wassamassaw Recreation League (WRL) — Outdoor Projects and Upgrades	\$ 20,000;
(nnnnn)	Williamsburg County Muddy Creek Community Center and Park.....	\$ 100,000;
(ooooo)	York County Worth Mountain Park Upgrades	\$ 750,000;
(86) P320	Department of Commerce	
(a)	Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Restoration of Chamber Building.....	\$ 500,000;
(b)	City of Clinton Industrial Park Upgrades	\$ 1,500,000;
(c)	City of Mauldin Multi Purpose Stadium	\$ 6,000,000;
(d)	City of Myrtle Beach Revitalization and Tech Hub	\$ 5,000,000;
(e)	Graduation Alliance	\$ 500,000;
(f)	SC Center for Visual Arts Downtown Building Revitalization Acquisition.....	\$ 400,000;
(g)	SC Economic Developers Association Economic Developer Certification.....	\$ 75,000;
(h)	South Carolina Research Authority AI Symposium.....	\$ 55,000;
(i)	State Christmas Tree Ornaments Columbia Garden Club Foundation.....	\$ 5,000;
(j)	Vision Center, Inc. Conference Center Renovations	\$ 2,000,000;
(87) P450	Rural Infrastructure Authority	
(a)	Charleston County Public Works Hollings Road Drainage Improvements.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(b)	Chester County Wastewater Recovery Sewer Expansion on I 77 NE Quadrant.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(c)	City of Clemson Pendleton Clemson Sewer Upgrade.....	\$ 1,500,000;
(d)	City of Dillon Public Works.....	\$ 570,000;
(e)	City of Georgetown Stormwater Pump Station Upgrade ..	\$ 375,000;
(f)	City of Honea Path, SC Water and Sewer Line Repair	\$ 175,000;
(g)	City of Inman Public Works Sewer Extension	\$ 767,000;
(h)	City of Isle of Palms Stormwater Infrastructure.....	\$ 1,250,000;
(i)	City of Iva Water and Sewer Line Repair.....	\$ 175,000;
(j)	City of Sumter Utility Replacement and Repair	\$ 1,000,000;
(k)	City of West Columbia Water System Improvements.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(l)	Dorchester County Greater St. George Water Treatment.....	\$ 2,945,000;
(m)	Dupont Wappoo Drainage Improvement Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(n)	Georgetown County Water and Sewer District — Commercial Property Fire Protection	\$ 50,000;
(o)	Greenville Water 60 Inch Water Main Project, Phase II ...	\$ 1,000,000;
(p)	Lancaster County Water and Sewer District Regional Water Transmission Infrastructure.....	\$ 500,000;

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(q)	Meansville Riley Road Water Company — Water Line Expansion.....	\$ 250,000;
(r)	MetroConnects — Judson Mill Village Wastewater Rehabilitation Project.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(s)	Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District — Cinder Branch Pump Station and Force Main Project	\$ 2,500,000;
(t)	Spartanburg Water — Water Line Expansion	\$ 250,000;
(u)	Town of Chesterfield — Sewer Rehabilitation Project	\$ 1,200,000;
(v)	Town of Edisto Beach — Water Meter Project.....	\$ 500,000;
(w)	Town of Harleyville — Radio Read Water Meter Improvements.....	\$ 125,000;
(x)	Town of James Island — Sewer Expansion	\$ 500,000;
(y)	Town of Kershaw — Sewer Pump Station.....	\$ 1,200,000;
(z)	Town of Norway — Reinforcing the Viability of Norway Water/Wastewater.....	\$ 500,000;
(aa)	Windermere Drainage and Outfall Improvement Project	\$ 1,000,000;
(bb)	Woodruff Roebuck Water District — System Expansion.....	\$ 3,500,000;
(88)	P500 — Department of Environmental Services	
(a)	Clarendon County — Newman Branch Swamp Clearing	\$ 950,000;
(b)	Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society — Land Improvement and Infrastructure.....	\$ 20,000;
(c)	Easley Combined Utilities — Upper Saluda Watershed Restoration	\$ 2,200,000;
(d)	Grand Strand Humane Society.....	\$ 2,000,000;
(e)	James Island Public Service District — Environmental Mitigation.....	\$ 500,000;
(f)	Kind Keeper — No Kill Animal Shelter	\$ 300,000;
(g)	Pawmetto Lifeline — Veterinary Services	\$ 250,000;
(h)	PFAS Pilot Program.....	\$ 900,000;
(89)	K050 — Department of Public Safety	
(a)	Abbeville Police Department — Vehicle Support.....	\$ 135,000;
(b)	Aiken County — Couchton VF Water Truck.....	\$ 300,000;
(c)	Allendale County — Sheriff's Department	\$ 620,000;
(d)	Anderson County Sheriff's Office — Rapid Deployment Command Vehicle.....	\$ 300,000;
(e)	Beaufort County Sheriff — Crime Lab	\$ 500,000;
(f)	Berkeley County — Rehabilitation of Berkeley County Regional Services Training Center	\$ 1,616,399;
(g)	Berkeley County Sheriff's Office — Mobile Incident Command Vehicle.....	\$ 1,250,000;
(h)	Calhoun County Sheriff's Office — Technology Upgrades....	\$ 100,000;
(i)	Cherokee County Sheriff's Office — Armored Rescue Vehicle and Equipment	\$ 399,412;
(j)	Chester County Sheriff's Office — Body Scanner and Drone Vehicle	\$ 265,000;
(k)	City of Campobello — Purchase and Upgrade of Public Safety Equipment.....	\$ 150,000;
(l)	City of Conway Police and Fire Departments — Radio Upgrades	\$ 500,000;
(m)	City of Darlington — First Responder Radios	\$ 230,000;

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(n) City of Dillon First Responder Equipment.....	\$ 100,000;
(o) City of Florence Police Department Evidence Storage	\$ 1,000,000;
(p) City of Florence Upfitted Police Cars	\$ 480,000;
(q) City of Greer Upgrades to Public Safety Facilities.....	\$ 250,000;
(r) City of Hanahan Enhancing Hawks Nest Park & Completing Steward Street Park	\$ 1,150,000;
(s) City of Inman Police Department Replacement of Police Vehicles.....	\$ 125,000;
(t) City of Landrum New Patrol Car and New Restroom Facility	\$ 110,000;
(u) City of Mauldin Police Department Mobile Command Center & SRT Equipment	\$ 500,000;
(v) City of Sumter Police Department Vehicles, Equipment, and Software	\$ 1,000,000;
(w) City of Walhalla Police Station	\$ 4,250,000;
(x) Coward Police Department Upfitted Police Car.....	\$ 11,500;
(y) Darlington County Sheriff's Department LENSLOCK Cameras.....	\$ 63,000;
(z) Dillon County Sheriffs Office Equipment & Training Facility Grant	\$ 100,000;
(aa) Ebenezer Fire Department Construction of Fire Substation.....	\$ 150,000;
(bb) Florence County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Equipment.....	\$ 584,790;
(cc) Glendale Fire District Equipment Replacement.....	\$ 284,159;
(dd) Greenwood County Sheriff's Office Watchguard Migration and Upgrade	\$ 338,703;
(ee) Horry County Government Public Safety Enhancements .	\$ 4,000,000;
(ff) Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Equipment Replacement.....	\$ 600,000;
(gg) Lee County Sheriff's Office AFIS, Drone and Security and Safety Upgrades	\$ 80,000;
(hh) Lexington County Sheriff's Office A. Lewis McCarty Firearms Range and Training Facility.....	\$ 573,000;
(ii) Marion County Sheriff's Office Training Facility and Equipment.....	\$ 300,000;
(jj) McCormick County Sheriff's Department Replacement of Detention Center Control Panel.....	\$ 92,000;
(kk) Newberry County Sheriff's Office Tactical Vehicle and Technology Upgrades.....	\$ 1,000,000;
(ll) Olanta Police Department Public Safety Equipment and Infrastructure.....	\$ 38,200;
(mm) Palmetto 800 Fire and EMS Pageland	\$ 1,000,000;
(nn) Pamplico Police Department Public Safety Equipment.	\$ 183,365;
(oo) Richland County Sheriff's Department Mobile Command Post.....	\$ 900,000;
(pp) Serve and Connect Law Enforcement Community Connection Program	\$ 1,000,000;
(qq) Sumter County Sheriff's Office Phase II of Training Center.....	\$ 879,000;

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(rr)	Town of Allendale – Police Department Cameras	\$ 200,000;
(ss)	Town of Batesburg Leesville – First Responder Equipment.....	\$ 200,000;
(tt)	Town of Bluffton Police Department – K9 Program.....	\$ 50,000;
(uu)	Town of Varnville – Public Safety Communication Equipment.....	\$ 280,000;
(vv)	Town of Yemassee – Yemassee Police Station.....	\$ 500,000;
(ww)	Town of Yemassee Capital Improvements	\$ 1,500,000;
(90)	N040 – Department of Corrections Marion County – Improvements to County Detention Center.....	\$ 2,500,000;
(91)	N080 – Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (a) Fresh Start Transitional Project – Re-Entry Program.....	\$ 250,000;
	(b) Pilot Program at Orangeburg Calhoun Detention Center	\$ 400,000;
	(c) Turn90 – Prison Re-Entry Services	\$ 500,000;
(92)	N120 – Department of Juvenile Justice Palmetto Project – Charleston Alternative to Detention	\$ 250,000;
(93)	R360 – Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (a) Allendale County – St. Mark Community Upgrades.....	\$ 1,200,000;
	(b) Alligator Fire District – Asphalt Driveways.....	\$ 31,000;
	(c) Anderson Fire Department – Safety Equipment.....	\$ 125,000;
	(d) Bethany Santiago Fire Department.....	\$ 400,000;
	(e) Boiling Springs Fire Department – Urban/Wildland Interface Truck.....	\$ 450,000;
	(f) Boiling Springs Fire District – Safety Equipment.....	\$ 350,000;
	(g) Calhoun Falls Fire Department – Refurbishment.....	\$ 102,000;
	(h) Center Rock Fire Department Station 11 – Annex Building	\$ 100,000;
	(i) Centerville Fire Station 9 – Critical Repairs.....	\$ 91,000;
	(j) Chesnee Community Fire Department – Frontline Fire Engine	\$ 750,000;
	(k) Chester County Emergency Services – West Chester Fire Department and Ambulance Expansion.....	\$ 500,000;
	(l) City of Bennettsville – Fire Department.....	\$ 750,000;
	(m) City of Florence – Fire Engine Apparatus.....	\$ 1,250,000;
	(n) City of Goose Creek – Fire and Police Training Facility....	\$ 1,500,000;
	(o) City of York – Fire Apparatus.....	\$ 1,200,000;
	(p) CKC Fire Department – Station Construction.....	\$ 725,000;
	(q) Clarendon County – Fire Rescue Station Ten Replacement.	\$ 550,000;
	(r) Corinth Fire Department – Improvements.....	\$ 750,000;
	(s) Dillon County Fire Dept. Station 2 – Equipment Upgrades .	\$ 200,000;
	(t) Double Springs Fire Department – Renovation.....	\$ 13,000;
	(u) Fire House #2 with Police Substation	\$ 3,400,000;
	(v) Lake View Rescue Squad – Extrication Equipment.....	\$ 40,000;
	(w) Oakdale Fire Department – Fire Station Relocation.....	\$ 500,000;
	(x) Oakland Volunteer Fire Dept. – Brush Truck.....	\$ 70,000;
	(y) Rock Hill Fire Department – Ballistic Vests	\$ 13,000;
	(z) Sharon Volunteer Fire Department – Equipment and Upgrades	\$ 250,000;
	(aa) South Spartanburg Fire District – Firefighter Safety and ADA Compliance.....	\$ 965,000;

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	(bb) Townville Fire Department Station #17—Air Packs.....	\$ 55,000;
	(cc) Zion Fire Department—Phase II Renovation	\$ 56,000;
(94) R600	Department of Employment and Workforce	
	Heart of Life—Youth Workforce Development Program....	\$ 200,000;
(95) U120	Department of Transportation	
	(a) Charleston County—Highway 61 Corridor Improvements..	\$ 2,000,000;
	(b) City of Belton—Sidewalk Repair.....	\$ 800,000;
	(c) City of Columbia—Assembly St. Railroad Grade Separation Project.....	\$ 5,000,000;
	(d) City of Columbia—Bridge to the Greenway.....	\$ 2,500,000;
	(e) City of Columbia—Five Points Parking Garage	\$ 2,500,000;
	(f) City of Columbia—Five Points Project.....	\$ 2,500,000;
	(g) City of Columbia—Quiet Zone—Infrastructure and Technology at Rail Crossings.....	\$ 1,500,000;
	(h) City of Greenville—East North Gateway.....	\$ 2,250,000;
	(i) City of Greenville—Infrastructure Improvements.....	\$ 2,250,000;
	(j) City of Travelers Rest—N. Poinsett Hwy Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(k) Department of Transportation—Devine Street Corridor.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(l) Greenville County—Bracken Road.....	\$ 2,900,000;
	(m) Historic Sol Legare Community Safety Project.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(n) Horry County—Augusta Plantation Interchange at SC 31 ...	\$ 2,000,000;
	(o) Lexington County—Caulks Ferry Road Interchange.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(p) Locust Hill Road / Highway 290 Widening.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(q) Pickens County CTC—Traffic Mitigation in Easley.....	\$ 2,500,000;
	(r) SCDOT—Highway 90 Improvements	\$ 2,000,000;
	(s) SCDOT—Old Buncombe Rd Crash Mitigation Project.....	\$ 915,000;
	(t) Town of Ravenel—Public Safety Project Highway 165 Sidewalk.....	\$ 576,000;
	(u) Williamsburg County—Soccee Bridge and Approaches.....	\$ 367,715;
	(v) York County—Transportation Infrastructure	\$ 8,000,000;
(96) U300	Division of Aeronautics	
	Beaufort County Airports Board—Relocation of St. James Baptist Church.....	\$ 4,000,000;
(97) E240	Adjutant General's Office	
	(a) City of Bamberg—Tornado Response.....	\$ 1,000,000;
	(b) City of Sumter—Military Museum	\$ 3,000,000;
	(c) Greenwood County—Emergency Services Complex.....	\$ 2,000,000;
	(d) National Medal of Honor Center for Leadership	\$ 5,000,000;
	(e) Polaris Tech Charter School—Jasper Area Emergency Response Center.....	\$ 500,000;
(98) E260	Department of Veterans' Affairs	
	(a) Chapin American Legion—Building Project	\$ 200,000;
	(b) City of Walterboro—Washington Street Plaza & Colleton Co. Veterans Memorial Rehab Project.....	\$ 125,000;
	(c) Dillon VFW Post 6091—Building Improvements	\$ 75,000;
	(d) Lamar American Legion—American Legion Hut Facility Renovations.....	\$ 32,595;
	(e) Low Country Veterans Group—Homeless Veterans Project	\$ 150,000;
	(f) Operation Patriots FOB—Warrior Program.....	\$ 100,000;
	(g) PTSD Veterans Village—From Boots to Beds Serving	

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	Unhoused Veterans	\$ 100,000;
(h)	Spartanburg County Veterans Affairs Office Veterans Programs	\$ 180,000;
(i)	Track Heroes Military Veteran and First Responder PTSD Program	\$ 100,000;
(j)	Upstate Circle of Friends Vetforward Housing Project	\$ 96,000;
(k)	Veterans Welcome Home Resource Center Tiny Home Village	\$ 138,000;
(l)	Vets Helping Vets Anderson Veterans Center	\$ 300,000;
(99) X220	Aid to Subdivisions State Treasurer	
(a)	Aiken County Administration Financial Assistance for Ambulance Replacements	\$ 370,000;
(b)	Anderson County Caroline Community Center	\$ 150,000;
(c)	Bamberg County Courthouse Critical Repairs	\$ 1,500,000;
(d)	Bishopville Depot Renovation & Community Health and Wellness Center	\$ 1,000,000;
(e)	Capital City/ Lake Murray Country RTB Lake Murray Regional Visitor's Center	\$ 100,000;
(f)	Catholic Charities Next Level Services and Getting Ahead Programs	\$ 100,000;
(g)	Central Midlands Council of Government Deferred Maintenance and Upfit of CMCOG Office	\$ 1,000,000;
(h)	City of Beaufort Cyber Security Education Facility	\$ 1,500,000;
(i)	City of Columbia Beltline Community Improvements ..	\$ 1,500,000;
(j)	City of Conway Conservation Property	\$ 75,000;
(k)	City of Florence Freedom Blvd Water Line Extension	\$ 5,000,000;
(l)	City of Fountain Inn Municipal Center	\$ 1,300,000;
(m)	City of Loris Old Loris High School Revitalization	\$ 1,000,000;
(n)	City of Orangeburg New City Hall	\$ 1,500,000;
(o)	City of Rock Hill Southside Home Improvement Program ..	\$ 500,000;
(p)	City of Simpsonville Traffic Realignment and Downtown Improvements	\$ 1,000,000;
(q)	Dillon County Emergency Services Facility	\$ 1,500,000;
(r)	Georgetown County Brick Chimney Road Phase II	\$ 1,000,000;
(s)	Nicholtown Community Center Community Center Refurbishment	\$ 550,000;
(t)	Omegas of Spartanburg Uplift Center Renovations	\$ 452,000;
(u)	River Road/Brownswood Road Safety Upgrades	\$ 5,000,000;
(v)	SC Appalachian Council of Governments Building Expansion	\$ 400,000;
(w)	Town of Clover American Thread	\$ 1,500,000;
(x)	Town of Lynchburg Town Hall Renovations	\$ 40,000;
(y)	Town of North Parks and Recreation Facilities	\$ 75,000;
(z)	Town of Pamplico Zero Turn Mower	\$ 13,000;
(aa)	Town of Ridgeville Community Center Improvement	\$ 267,000;
(bb)	Town of Troy Revitalization Projects	\$ 156,000;
(cc)	Town of Turbeville Town Hall Renovations	\$ 40,000;
(dd)	Town of Winnsboro Washington and Congress Downtown District Improvements	\$ 1,000,000;
(ee)	West Greenville Community Center	\$ 500,000;

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and

(ff) ~~Williamsburg County—Alex Chatman Judicial Complex~~
Renovations..... \$ ~~500,000.~~

~~(C) The funds for items (26)(b), (26)(c), (42)(b), (37)(c), (57)(a), and (57)(f) will be available on July 1, 2024 from the Contingency Reserve Fund.~~

~~(D) For the purpose of all items in this provision, funds shall not be disbursed until verification that receiver's organization is registered as a business, nonprofit, or charitable organization with the South Carolina Secretary of State's office. This requirement does not apply to governmental entities or entities created by statute. Upon receipt and verification of all requirements in this act, the funds shall be transferred directly to the grant recipients within ten business days.~~

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

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

118.20 **AMEND** (SR: Homestead Exemption Fund) Appropriates \$600 million of nonrecurring revenue from the Homestead Exemption Fund to various agencies and to accelerate the income tax reduction.

WMC: AMEND proviso to update the amount for the Homestead Exemption Fund to \$114,369,000 and directs the State Treasurer to disburse that amount to the Part 1A General Fund to provide income tax relief by September 30, 2025. Updates fiscal year and calendar year references.

HOU: ADOPT proviso as amended.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update revenue source and disbursement amount.

SEN: AMEND proviso to update revenue source and disbursement amount. Sponsor: Sen. Peeler

118.20. (SR: Homestead Exemption Fund) ~~(A)~~ The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is ~~nonrecurring~~ revenue generated from the following source:

~~\$600 million~~ \$124,319,000 from the Homestead Exemption Fund.

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are suspended for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfer shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year ~~2024-25~~ 2025-26 after September 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, following the Comptroller General's close of the State's book on Fiscal Year ~~2023-24~~ 2024-25.

~~This transfer shall constitute partial repayment of the general revenues of the State, which have subsidized property tax relief in the amount of \$927.4 million dollars pursuant to Act 388 of 2006.~~

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

~~The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2024 for the purposes stated: \$124,319,000 to Part 1A General Fund to provide income tax relief by September 30, 2025.~~

- ~~(1) Part 1A General Fund to Accelerate the Income Tax~~
Reduction to 6.2% \$99,599,000;
- ~~(2) U200 County Transportation Funds~~
CTC Acceleration Fund \$200,000,000;
- ~~(3) U120 Department of Transportation~~

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(a) Bridge Acceleration Fund..... \$100,000,000;
 (b) Rural Road Safety Program..... \$117,401,000;
 (3.1) Of the funds appropriated to the Rural Road Safety Program, an amount not to exceed \$21,500,000 shall be used to improve aviation facility access, support traffic flow, and promote economic development.

(4) ~~P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority~~
 (a) Rural Infrastructure Fund..... \$15,000,000;
 (b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund..... \$15,000,000;

and

(5) ~~H270 University of South Carolina Health Sciences Campus~~
 Bond Avoidance \$53,000,000.

Funding included in item 3 above shall be utilized to enhance both programs and shall not supplant any funds currently designated for these purposes. Allocations of funding contained in items 2, 3, and 4 above shall take into account the availability of matching federal funds.

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

118.21 AMEND (SR: Income Tax Reduction) Directs that the top marginal rate imposed on taxable income equals 6.2% except for those exempted under Sections 12-6-530 through 12-6-550.

SFC: AMEND proviso to update the top marginal income tax rate.

SEN: DELETE proviso. *Ruled Out of Order.*

HOU2: AMEND proviso to update the top marginal income tax rate. Sponsors: Bannister, Whitmire, Stavrinakis, Lowe, Ballentine, Crawford, Moss, Hewitt, and Murphy

118.21. (SR: Income Tax Reduction) For the 2024 income tax year, the top marginal rate imposed on the South Carolina taxable income of individuals, estates, trusts, and any other entity except those taxed or exempted from taxation under Sections 12-6-530 through 12-6-550 of the S.C. Code, equals ~~6.2~~ 6.0%. The bracket to which the ~~6.2~~ 6.0% applies must be the same as the bracket for which the top marginal rate would have otherwise applied.

118.22 ADD (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) **SFC:** ADD new proviso to appropriate nonrecurring revenue to various agencies for Fiscal Year 2025-26, generated from specific sources.

SEN: AMEND proviso to update appropriations of nonrecurring revenue and amend the Part 1A Transfer amount as a revenue source.

HOU2: AMEND proviso to update appropriations of nonrecurring revenue and revenue sources.

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

- (1) \$332,294,362 from Contingency Reserve Fund;
- (2) \$552,468,400 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Surplus;
- (3) \$34,054,856 from Litigation Recovery Account;
- (4) \$109,752,745 from Excess Debt Service;
- (5) \$6,254,723 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;
- (6) \$1,643,873 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Debt Service Lapse;
- (7) \$2,290,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Governor Vetoes;
- (8) \$4,000,000 from Workers' Compensation – Overage of IT project;
- (9) \$80,000,000 from Tax Relief Trust Fund; and
- (10) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.

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

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

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

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2025, for the purposes stated:

- (1) F010 General Reserve Fund
General Reserve Fund Contribution..... \$99,695,200;
- (2) H630 Department of Education
 - (a) Education Scholarship Trust Fund..... \$15,000,000;
 - (b) High Quality Instructional Materials \$ 1;
 - (c) School of Workforce Innovation Pilot - Phase 2 \$ 1;
- (3) H620 First Steps
Innovation Investments \$ 1,250,000;
- (4) H710 Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
 - (a) Building and Office Maintenance..... \$ 600,000;
 - (b) Student Recreational..... \$ 125,000;
- (5) H750 School for the Deaf and the Blind
 - (a) CLRC - Roof Repairs \$ 1,000,000;
 - (b) HVAC - Memminger Hall, CLRC and Dobson House \$ 1,000,000;
 - (c) Walker Hall Maintenance and Repairs \$ 500,000;
- (6) L120 Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe
 - (a) De la Howe Hall Site Work \$ 2,000,000;
 - (b) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery \$ 4,000,000;
- (7) H670 Educational Television Commission
 - (a) Combined Control Room Modernization..... \$ 1,500,000;
 - (b) Facility Security Update..... \$ 1,000,000;
 - (c) Fire Suppression..... \$ 400,000;
 - (d) HVAC Replacement \$ 5,000,000;
- (8) H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities
 - (a) Film Equipment for New Art Program \$ 100,000;
 - (b) Gallery/Flexible Instructional Space..... \$ 1,000,000;
- (9) H650 Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Replacement of 6 Des Champs HVAC Units for Residence Halls... \$ 1,850,000;
- (10) H090 The Citadel
 - (a) Deas Hall Renovation..... \$ 7,000,000;
 - (b) Engineering Building Replacement..... \$12,900,000;
 - (c) Renovation of Workforce Housing \$ 2,000,000;
- (11) H120 Clemson University
 - (a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement..... \$ 1;
 - (b) NextGen Computing Complex \$ 1;
- (12) H150 University of Charleston
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement..... \$ 4,000,000;
- (13) H170 Coastal Carolina University

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	<u>Wheelwright Auditorium Renovation.....</u>	<u>\$ 4,488,000;</u>
(14)	<u>H180 Francis Marion University</u>	
	<u>(a) Hyman Fine Arts Center Building Renovation.....</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair</u>	
	<u>Science Building Renovation</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,000;</u>
(15)	<u>H210 Lander University</u>	
	<u>(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(b) Marion Carnell Learning Center Renovation</u>	<u>\$ 5,940,000;</u>
(16)	<u>H240 South Carolina State University</u>	
	<u>(a) Renovation of Dr. Maceo O. Nance Hall</u>	<u>\$15,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Replacement of Smith Hammond</u>	
	<u>Middleton Convocation Center.....</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
(17)	<u>H270 University of South Carolina - Columbia</u>	
	<u>(a) Battery Center Facility.....</u>	<u>\$13,200,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Maintenance Repair and Renovation:</u>	
	<u>Coker College Maintenance Renovation</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(18)	<u>H290 University of South Carolina - Aiken</u>	
	<u>Science Building Enhancement and Modernization</u>	<u>\$ 8,350,000;</u>
(19)	<u>H340 University of South Carolina - Upstate</u>	
	<u>(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$10,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Recreation and Tourism Management Center.....</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,000;</u>
(20)	<u>H360 University of South Carolina - Beaufort</u>	
	<u>New Convocation Center.....</u>	<u>\$ 9,250,000;</u>
(21)	<u>H370 University of South Carolina - Lancaster</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,000;</u>
(22)	<u>H380 University of South Carolina - Salkehatchie</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,000;</u>
(23)	<u>H390 University of South Carolina - Sumter</u>	
	<u>(a) Collaboration Lab.....</u>	<u>\$ 5,506,900;</u>
	<u>(b) Facilities Management Center</u>	<u>\$ 3,000,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(24)	<u>H400 University of South Carolina – Union</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,320,000;</u>
(25)	<u>H470 Winthrop University</u>	
	<u>(a) Academic Renovations & New Strategic Academic</u>	
	<u>Programs.....</u>	<u>\$ 2,309,996;</u>
	<u>(b) Administrative Building Renovation.....</u>	<u>\$ 4,620,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(26)	<u>H510 Medical University of South Carolina</u>	
	<u>(a) College of Medicine Academic Building.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(b) Lancaster Medical Center Graduate Medical Education</u>	
	<u>(GME) Program</u>	<u>\$ 5,802,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Southeastern Health AI Consortium.....</u>	<u>\$ 6,600,000;</u>
(27)	<u>H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education</u>	
	<u>(a) Make It In SC.....</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(b) readySC.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(c) SC WINS.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(d) Aiken Technical College</u>	
	<u>(i) Demolition of the 100/200 and 300 buildings.....</u>	<u>\$ 606,000;</u>
	<u>(ii) Equipment Funding.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,818,550;</u>

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(iii)	<u>ITC Roof Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 594,000;</u>
(iv)	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(v)	<u>Parking Lot Refurbishment</u>	<u>\$ 792,000;</u>
(e)	<u>Technical College of the Lowcountry</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(f)	<u>Denmark Technical College</u>	
	<u>New Building - Cybersecurity, Energy, Healthcare</u>	<u>\$ 2,310,000;</u>
(g)	<u>Florence-Darlington Technical College</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(h)	<u>Greenville Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Center for Industrial Cyber Security and AI</u>	<u>\$16,000,000;</u>
	(ii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(i)	<u>Horry-Georgetown Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Equip Grand Strand Speir Healthcare Building</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(ii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(j)	<u>Midlands Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Advanced Trades Center</u>	<u>\$16,000,000;</u>
	(ii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(k)	<u>Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Health Sciences Building</u>	<u>\$ 5,086,000;</u>
	(ii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(l)	<u>Piedmont Technical College</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000;</u>
(m)	<u>Spartanburg Community College</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(n)	<u>Central Carolina Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Kershaw Campus Expansion</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000;</u>
	(ii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(iii) <u>Technical High School Workforce Center</u>	<u>\$15,000,000;</u>
(o)	<u>Tri-County Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Diesel Mechanic Training Facility</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(ii) <u>Forestry Technician Program Facility</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(iii) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 511,666;</u>
(p)	<u>Trident Technical College</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 4,271,487;</u>
(q)	<u>Williamsburg Technical College</u>	
	<u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>
(r)	<u>York Technical College</u>	
	(i) <u>Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(ii) <u>Trades Program Expansion</u>	<u>\$12,000,000;</u>
(28)	<u>H790 Department of Archives and History</u>	
	(a) <u>Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,000;</u>
	(b) <u>SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,000;</u>
(29)	<u>H910 Arts Commission</u>	
	<u>Support Grants for Community Arts Organizations</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>
(30)	<u>H950 State Museum Commission</u>	
	(a) <u>Imagery Server Repository and Backup Expansion</u>	<u>\$ 100,000;</u>
	(b) <u>Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement</u>	
	<u>Project</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	(c) <u>Security Alarm System & Wayfinding Emergency</u>	

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	<u>Public Announcement System</u>	<u>\$ 300,000;</u>
(31) H960	<u>Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission</u>	
	<u>(a) Conrad Wise Chapman Paintings</u>	<u>\$ 150,000;</u>
	<u>(b) International Aspect of the American Civil War Exhibit.....</u>	<u>\$ 750,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Main Gallery Exhibits Updates.....</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(d) South Carolina Vietnam Veterans' Oral Interviews.....</u>	<u>\$ 30,000;</u>
(32) J060	<u>Department of Public Health</u>	
	<u>(a) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Modernizing IT Infrastructure Support Systems.....</u>	<u>\$10,000,000;</u>
	<u>(c) SCBio.....</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
(33) H730	<u>Department of Vocational Rehabilitation</u>	
	<u>(a) Dorm Building VR Center – Heat Pump Unit Replacement....</u>	<u>\$ 73,750;</u>
	<u>(b) Evaluation VR Center / State Office Repaving.....</u>	<u>\$ 150,000;</u>
	<u>(c) ITTC/Rehabilitation Engineering Building Repaving.....</u>	<u>\$ 150,000;</u>
(34) J020	<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>	
	<u>(a) Children's Hospital Collaborative.....</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Statewide Pediatric Bed Enhancements</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(35) J120	<u>Department of Mental Health</u>	
	<u>(a) Alternative Transportation Program.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(b) Berkeley and Orangeburg County Jail Based Programs</u>	<u>\$ 800,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Inpatient Services Capital Needs.....</u>	<u>\$ 9,370,000;</u>
(36) J160	<u>Department of Disabilities and Special Needs</u>	
	<u>(a) Residential Services.....</u>	<u>\$ 3,500,000;</u>
	<u>(b) South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>
(37) L040	<u>Department of Social Services</u>	
	<u>(a) Economic Services System Application Modernization</u>	
	<u>(ESSAM) – DDI Phase</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(b) SNAP Employment and Training Funding.....</u>	<u>\$ 400,000;</u>
(38) L080	<u>Department of Children's Advocacy</u>	
	<u>IT Operations.....</u>	<u>\$ 77,000;</u>
(39) L320	<u>Housing Finance and Development Authority</u>	
	<u>First-time Homebuyers Workforce Housing.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(40) P120	<u>Forestry Commission</u>	
	<u>(a) Computer-Aided Dispatch and Related IT.....</u>	<u>\$ 550,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Mechanic Recruitment and Retention & Vehicle and</u>	
	<u>Supplies.....</u>	<u>\$ 63,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Prescribed Fire Capacity.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(41) P160	<u>Department of Agriculture</u>	
	<u>(a) Equipment Replacement.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,120,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Regional Farmers Markets.....</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000;</u>
(42) P200	<u>Clemson University Public Service Activities</u>	
	<u>PSA Planned Maintenance and Critical Infrastructure.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
(43) P210	<u>SC State University Public Service Activities</u>	
	<u>(a) Agriculture Innovation Research.....</u>	<u>\$ 500,000;</u>
	<u>(b) Animal Research & Education Center (AREC).....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(c) Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development.....</u>	<u>\$ 650,000;</u>
(44) P240	<u>Department of Natural Resources</u>	
	<u>(a) Disaster Relief Grant Match Funding.....</u>	<u>\$ 1;</u>
	<u>(b) Field & Regional Building Maintenance & Construction.....</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000;</u>
	<u>(c) Law Enforcement Equipment.....</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000;</u>

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<i>(d) State Lakes - High Hazard Dams and Spillway Repair.....</i>	<i>\$27,755,000;</i>
<i>(e) Statewide Flood Inundation Map Modeling.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,500,000;</i>
<i>(f) Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,500,000;</i>
<i>(g) Waterways Protection Fund (S. 367).....</i>	<i>\$ 750,000;</i>
<i>(45) P280 Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism</i>	
<i>(a) Agency Property Development.....</i>	<i>\$15,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) Beach Renourishment Grants.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,524,000;</i>
<i>(c) Destination Specific Marketing Grants.....</i>	<i>\$ 6,000,000;</i>
<i>(d) Film Incentives.....</i>	<i>\$ 4,000,000;</i>
<i>(e) SCATR - Regional Promotions.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,100,000;</i>
<i>(f) Sports Marketing.....</i>	<i>\$ 4,000,000;</i>
<i>(g) State Park Maintenance and Repairs.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,000,000;</i>
<i>(h) Tourism Development.....</i>	<i>\$ 9,573,000;</i>
<i>(46) P320 Department of Commerce</i>	
<i>(a) Airport Enhancements.....</i>	<i>\$80,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) LocateSC - Site Readiness.....</i>	<i>\$80,000,000;</i>
<i>(46.1) The funds in item (46)(a) shall be distributed to primary commercial airports as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which had a minimum of 500,000 enplanements per calendar year 2023 data available from the FAA. The funds shall be distributed as follows: 46% to Charleston International Airport, 25% to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, 19% to Myrtle Beach International Airport, and 10% to Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The Secretary of Commerce may utilize up to ten million dollars of these funds for the purposes of airport enhancements to further aviation industry economic development at non-primary commercial airports owned by a subdivision of the State of South Carolina.</i>	
<i>(47) P400 SC Conservation Bank</i>	
<i>(a) Conservation Grant Funding.....</i>	<i>\$ 9,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) State Resource Agency Strategic Land Acquisition.....</i>	<i>\$ 1;</i>
<i>(c) Working Ag Lands Grant.....</i>	<i>\$ 1;</i>
<i>(48) P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority</i>	
<i>(a) Rural Infrastructure Fund.....</i>	<i>\$12,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund.....</i>	<i>\$15,000,000;</i>
<i>(49) P500 Department of Environmental Services</i>	
<i>Electrical Utilities Permitting.....</i>	<i>\$ 4,700;</i>
<i>(50) B040 Judicial Department</i>	
<i>(a) Bamberg County Courthouse.....</i>	<i>\$ 8,500,000;</i>
<i>(b) Case Management System Modernization.....</i>	<i>\$25,000,000;</i>
<i>(51) E200 Attorney General's Office</i>	
<i>(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program.....</i>	<i>\$19,452,149;</i>
<i>(b) Legal Fees.....</i>	<i>\$ 6,000,000;</i>
<i>(52) D100 State Law Enforcement Division</i>	
<i>(a) Agency IT Operating.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) Agency Operating.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,000,000;</i>
<i>(c) Personnel Equipment.....</i>	<i>\$ 500,000;</i>
<i>(53) K050 Department of Public Safety</i>	
<i>(a) 9-1-1 IVR costs for SCDPS Implementation.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,000,000;</i>
<i>(b) DMV Headquarters Ground Floor HVAC Renovation.....</i>	<i>\$ 1;</i>
<i>(c) Law Enforcement Equipment.....</i>	<i>\$ 1,000,000;</i>
<i>(d) Radio Replacement Life Cycling.....</i>	<i>\$ 500,000;</i>
<i>(e) School Safety Program.....</i>	<i>\$ 8,324,448;</i>

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<u>(54) N040 Department of Corrections</u>	
(a) Cell Phone Interdiction	\$ 3,500,000;
(b) Deferred Maintenance	\$ 2,500,000;
(c) Prison Industries Operating Costs	\$ 1,000,000;
(d) Security Equipment Replacement	\$ 500,000;
<u>(55) N080 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services</u>	
(a) Agency Fleet Cost	\$ 350,000;
(b) IT Modernization	\$ 750,000;
<u>(56) N120 Department of Juvenile Justice</u>	
IT Ongoing Security Assessment and Remediation	\$ 1,300,000;
<u>(57) R200 Department of Insurance</u>	
Safe Homes Program	\$ 1;
<u>(58) R600 Department of Employment and Workforce</u>	
(a) Graduation Alliance	\$ 1,000,000;
(b) Statewide Education & Workforce Development Portal	\$10,300,000;
<u>(59) U120 Department of Transportation</u>	
(a) Bridge Modernization	\$200,000,000;
(b) Hurricane Helene	\$35,000,000;
(c) Off-State Litter	\$ 1;
<u>(60) U150 Infrastructure Bank Board</u>	
Act 37 Adjustments	\$ 1,300,000;
<u>(61) U300 Division of Aeronautics</u>	
Airport Safety and Development	\$ 5,000,000;
<u>(62) A010 The Senate</u>	
Operating Expenses	\$ 500,000;
<u>(63) A050 House of Representatives</u>	
Operating Expenses	\$ 5,000,000;
<u>(64) A170 Legislative Services Agency</u>	
Enterprise Software System	\$ 6,500,000;
<u>(65) A200 Legislative Audit Council</u>	
Government Efficiency RFP Review	\$ 10,000;
<u>(66) D300 Office of Resilience</u>	
(a) Data Collection/Coordination	\$ 1,000,000;
(b) Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund Replenishment ..	\$40,000,000;
(c) MUSC Charleston Medical District Elevated Walkway	\$18,000,000;
(d) Watershed Coordination & Planning	\$ 5,000,000;
<u>(67) D500 Department of Administration</u>	
(a) Independent Compliance Consultant	\$ 1,800,000;
(b) Modernized IT Service Management Platform	\$ 9,000,000;
(c) State Facilities Master Planning	\$ 725,000;
(d) State-Owned Buildings Security Upgrades	\$ 2,929,318;
<u>(68) E160 State Treasurer's Office</u>	
Database Services	\$ 192,000;
<u>(69) E240 Adjutant General's Office</u>	
(a) Armory Revitalization	\$ 1,500,000;
(b) SCEMD - Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund	\$ 1,000,000;
(c) SCEMD - SC Public Assistance Program	\$ 1;
(d) Wireless Network support to NG Armories and key facilities ..	\$ 1;
<u>(70) E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs</u>	
(a) E. Roy Stone State Veteran Home Facility	

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Maintenance Improvements..... \$ 1,400,000;
(b) Military Enhancement Fund..... \$ 5,000,000;
(71) E280 Election Commission
(a) Annual Election Costs \$ 708,000;
(b) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant..... \$ 200,000;
(c) Statewide voting system upgrade..... \$10,970,755;
and
(72) E550 State Fiscal Accountability Authority
SCPro Procurement Module..... \$ 3,200,000.
(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.
(D) After funding has been disbursed for the above items, to the extent that revenues are available in excess of what has been spent, \$35,000,000 shall be used to settle pending lawsuits as approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.