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## NOTICE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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**CC:** Senator Nikki G. Setzler, Vice Chairman

**FROM:** Senator A. Shane Massey, Subcommittee Chairman

**DATE:** January 25, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Subcommittee Meeting on Regulations Doc. 4816, Doc. 4819, Doc. 4831, Doc. 4832, and Doc. 4833

A subcommittee meeting on Regulations Doc. 4816, Doc. 4819, Doc. 4831, Doc. 4832, and Doc. 4833 has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 12:00 pm in room 207 of the Gressette Building. Senator Massey will serve as chairman of the subcommittee. Donna Barton and Sally Cauthen are the staff members assigned to this subcommittee.

### Document No. 4816

Agency: Commission on Higher Education

Subject: Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program

Synopsis: R.62-300 through 62-375 of Chapter 62 is being amended and replaced in its entirety. Revisions to the existing regulation for the Palmetto Fellow Scholarship Program and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement are being considered to clarify the policies and procedures for administering the program and to update the information to allow a change in the Palmetto Fellows application process. In doing so, several definitions are updated, high school class ranking policies and transcripts requirements are clarified, and language was modified to reflect the current S.C. Uniform Grading Scale and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) information. Additional changes were made to allow a Palmetto Fellow recipient to prorate their award during their final term of college enrollment. Lastly, to promote consistency among the state scholarship programs, there are additional changes being proposed to allow a Palmetto Fellow recipient to enroll at an eligible institution up to one year after high school graduation.

### Document No. 4819

Agency: Board of Education

Subject: Medical Homebound Instruction

Synopsis: The State Board of Education proposes to amend R.43-241, Medical Homebound Instruction, to add "nurse practitioner" and "physician's assistant" as additional providers who may sign forms recommending Homebound Instruction.

Document No. 4831

Agency: Board of Education

Subject: School Resource Officers

Synopsis: The State Board of Education proposes to create R.43-210, to establish a definition of “school resource officers,” along with expectations, roles, and procedures associated with these individuals.

Document No. 4832

Agency: Board of Education

Subject: Accounting and Reporting

Synopsis: State Board of Education Regulation 43-172 governs the requirements for school districts, county boards of education, and career and technical education centers to obtain an annual audit of financial records by a certified or licensed public accountant. Amendments to Regulation 43-172 will revise the due date of the annual audit report from November 15 to December 1 to coincide with the deadline listed in the SC Code of Law 59-17-100. The amendment will also remove the reference to the “Office of School District Auditing” and replace it with the “Department” and revise the term “occupational education center” to “career and technical education center” to coincide with current terms. The amendment will also update the Financial Resources to remove the reference to the Staff Accountability Manual which does not exist and replace with the Student Accountability Manual.

Document No. 4833

Agency: Board of Education

Subject: Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services

Synopsis: South Carolina Code of Laws Section 59-67-470 (Bus drivers; selection; eligibility, training and certificates) establishes criteria for selecting and employing school bus drivers. It also authorizes the State Board of Education to provide a rigid training and testing program for prospective drivers and requires that successful candidates be issued school bus driver certificates. Regulation 43-80, Section N further details the training/testing processes and establishes different classifications of school bus driver certificates.

The change to the regulation is proposed to allow greater flexibility in certifying drivers to operate school buses. Changes will also be made to unify the titling of each certification category and their respective sub-classifications; to clarify the vehicles which may be operated under each certification category; to reflect that all certification categories have multiple sub-classifications; to renumber the regulation to reflect the addition of a sub-classification; and to remove a reference and timeline for changing from a single-category certification program to a multi-category certification program.

Changes will be made to the Section T, Special Transportation Service section to remove all references to boat to bring this regulation in line with Section 59-67-535. Clean up will be done on this regulation to renumber sections and subsections; change the terminology from pupil(s) and child(ren) to student(s); and to correct minor errors in grammar, syntax, and punctuation to bring this regulation in line with other agency regulations.

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