**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-7-60, 2-7-62, 2-7-68, AND 2-7-78 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BIENNIALLY PROVIDE FOR ALL EXPENDITURES FOR ANY DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTION, BOARD, OR COMMISSION; AND TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO CHANGE ALL REFERENCES OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO THE BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 2‑7‑60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-7-60. The General Assembly shall ~~annually~~ biennially provide for all expenditures in the general ~~appropriation~~ appropriations act and the appropriations made for any department, institution, board, or commission shall be in a definite sum for each purpose or activity with such itemization under the activity as may be deemed necessary by the General Assembly.”

SECTION 2. Section 2‑7‑62 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-7-62. At each stage of consideration of the ~~annual~~ biennial general ~~appropriation~~ appropriations act, the Budget and Control Board shall compile and submit a report to the ~~Members~~ members of the General Assembly containing any transfer of funds resulting from the transfer of programs, functions, or responsibilities between agencies and institutions of state government. A transfer must be designated as to its origin and subsequent placement in the act with reference to the appropriate page and line number.”

SECTION 3. Section 2‑7‑68 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-7-68. Beginning with the State General Appropriation Bill for the Fiscal ~~Year 1980‑81~~ Years 2012‑2014 and in each ~~year~~ biennial State General Appropriations Bill thereafter, each section of the ~~Bill~~ bill which provides for the employment of additional personnel shall include a separate line item for all new employees for whom compensation is provided in the section concerned and such line items shall be divided according to the job classifications of such additional employees.

Beginning with Fiscal ~~Year 1984‑85~~ Years 2012‑2014 and in each ~~year~~ biennial State General Appropriations Bill thereafter, every proviso appearing in Part I of the ~~Bill~~ bill which regulates the expenditure of any funds appropriated or deals with related matters, but which did not appear as a proviso in Part I of the State General Appropriation Bill or State General Appropriation Act for the immediately preceding fiscal year, must be italicized.”

SECTION 4. Section 2‑7‑78 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 2-7-78. This section applies to the ~~annual~~ biennial appropriation recommendation of the Governor and to the report of the conference committee on the ~~annual~~ biennial general appropriations bill. A provision offered for inclusion in the ~~annual~~ biennial general appropriations bill by amendment or otherwise, by the Governor, or which increases or decreases the most recent official projection of general fund revenues of the Board of Economic Advisors must not be included in the bill or recommendation unless the revenue impact is certified by the board. Changes to the official general fund revenue estimate as a result of the provision may not exceed the amounts certified by the board. The requirements of this section are in addition to the other provisions of law regarding fiscal impact statements.”

SECTION 5. (A) Wherever the terms “annual general appropriations bill,” and “annual general appropriations act” appear in the 1976 Code, they shall be construed to mean “biennial general appropriations bill” and “biennial general appropriations act.” The Code Commissioner is directed to change all references at a time and manner as may be timely and cost effective.

(B) Wherever the terms “State General Appropriation Bill” and “State General Appropriation Act” appear in the 1976 Code, they shall be construed to mean “biennial State General Appropriation Bill” and “biennial State General Appropriation Act.” The Code Commissioner is directed to change all references in a time and manner as may be timely and cost effective.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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