

PART IB

OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1 - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1.1. (SDE: Appropriation Transfer Prohibition) The amounts appropriated herein for aid to subdivisions, allocations to school districts, or special line items shall not be transferred and must be expended in accordance with the intent of the appropriation, except that the department may transfer funds that are deducted and retained from a school district's transportation allocation to reimburse the department for the cost of unauthorized mileage. This transfer must be agreed upon by both the school district and the department. Those funds may be transferred into the department's school bus transportation operating account.

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

1.3. (SDE: State Aid to Classrooms) To the extent possible within available funds, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for one hundred percent of full implementation of the Education Finance Act via an allocation from the State Aid to Classrooms appropriation. The funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms shall be allocated as follows: ~~65.59~~ 64.59 percent must be allocated based on the Education Finance Act formula and the differentiated student weightings in this Act; ~~28.72~~ 29.90 percent must be allocated based on the manner of distribution of EFA employer contributions in the prior fiscal year; and ~~5.68~~ 5.51 percent must be allocated to fully implement the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule with a minimum starting teacher salary of \$35,000. The department is authorized to adjust the percentage allocation related to EFA employer contributions to accommodate for the disbursement of the state retirement funds and any other related employee allocation sent to districts. For the current fiscal year, the total pupil count is projected to be ~~720,346~~ 765,064. These funds represent an average per pupil of ~~\$3,889~~ \$3,775 in State Aid to Classrooms. The average per pupil funding is projected to be ~~\$6,556~~ \$6,687 state, ~~\$1,315~~ \$1,197 federal, and ~~6,406~~ \$7,392 local. This is an average total funding level of ~~\$14,227~~ \$15,276 excluding revenues of local bond issues. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the consolidation of the Education Finance Act and Education Finance Act - Employer Contributions appropriations, and the subsequent allocation of the State Aid to Classrooms appropriation back to these categories, should not significantly alter the application of funding formulas or maintenance of effort requirements referencing the Education Finance Act and Education Finance Act - Employer Contributions.

The funds allocated from State Aid to Classrooms for implementing the revised State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule shall be distributed to school districts using the EIA Teacher Salary Supplement methodology. The resulting estimated teacher salary schedule is as follows:

		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	
5	0	47,076	43,576	40,076	36,576	35,000
6		8.6%	9.8%	9.4%	9.3%	9.4%
7	1	47,593	43,813	40,377	36,838	35,119
8		9.8%	10.4%	10.2%	10.1%	9.7%
9	2	47,924	43,888	40,525	36,994	35,313
10		10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	10.4%
11	3	48,236	43,957	40,664	37,107	35,462
12		8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%
13	4	48,578	44,058	40,831	37,280	35,667
14		6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%
15	5	48,870	44,125	40,961	37,388	35,806
16		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
17	6	50,134	45,074	41,911	38,273	36,691
18		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
19	7	51,400	46,022	42,859	39,127	37,546
20		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
21	8	52,665	46,972	43,808	40,012	38,431
22		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
23	9	53,930	47,921	44,757	40,867	39,285
24		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
25	10	55,196	48,870	45,707	41,753	40,171
26		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
27	11	56,461	49,818	46,655	42,607	41,025
28		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
29	12	57,726	50,768	47,604	43,492	41,911
30		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
31	13	58,991	51,716	48,553	44,346	42,765
32		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
33	14	60,257	52,665	49,502	45,233	43,650
34		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
35	15	61,522	53,614	50,450	46,087	44,504

1		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
2	16	62,787	54,564	51,400	46,972	45,391
3		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
4	17	64,053	55,511	52,348	47,825	46,245
5		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
6	18	64,693	56,066	52,873	48,305	46,706
7		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
8	19	65,339	56,628	53,401	48,786	47,173
9		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
10	20	65,993	57,195	53,934	49,275	47,646
11		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
12	21	66,654	57,766	54,474	49,767	48,122
13		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
14	22	67,320	58,343	55,019	50,264	48,603
15		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
16	23	67,993	58,926	55,569	50,768	49,089
17		4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%

As further used in this act, references to the Education Finance Act or EFA funds shall be interpreted to mean the ~~65.59~~ 64.59 percent of funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms and allocated for the Education Finance Act and, where appropriate, the ~~28.72~~ 29.90 percent of State Aid to Classrooms allocated for Education Finance Act Employer Contributions.

For the purpose of maintaining consistency when calculating maintenance of effort, references to the base student cost shall be interpreted as the base student cost resulting from the ~~65.59~~ 64.59 percent of funds appropriated for State Aid to Classrooms and allocated for the Education Finance Act and, where appropriate, the ~~28.72~~ 29.90 percent of State Aid to Classrooms allocated for Education Finance Act Employer Contributions, and other any other items normally included in the base student cost calculation.

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 EFA funds to the charter school as determined by one hundred percent of the current year's base student cost, as funded by the General Assembly multiplied by the weighted pupils enrolled in the charter school, which must be subject to adjustment for student attendance.

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.

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

- (1) K-12 pupils or base students including homebound students 1.00
- Students served in licensed residential treatment facilities (RTFs) for children and adolescents as defined under Section 44-7-130 of the 1976 Code shall receive a weighting of 2.10.
- (2) Weights for students with disabilities as prescribed in Section 59-20-40(1)(c) Special Programs
- (3) Precareer and Career Technology 1.29
- (4) 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 0.20
 - (E) Dual Credit Enrollment 0.15

No local match is required for the additional weightings for personalized instruction in the current school year. Charter school per pupil calculations for locally sponsored charters will continue to be calculated according to Section 59-40-140 of the 1976 Code. Students may receive multiple weights for personalized instruction; however, within each weight, students should only be counted once. These weights are defined below:

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

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.

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.

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

Funds received by a school district pursuant to the dual credit weighting must be used to defray all possible costs of dual credit courses for students. Students identified for dual credit enrollment must be identified in PowerSchool as taking a course that will lead to both high school credit and post-secondary credit. Districts must utilize these funds to offset the cost of tuition, fees, instructors, and instructional materials for qualifying courses with the local technical college or other institution of higher education. Each school district shall report to the department the number of students participating in dual credit courses and specify the cost borne by each entity. School districts must assist students in accessing Lottery Tuition Assistance when applicable.

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

1 development, documentation, and training to incorporate the new pupil classification weightings and to make final district allocation
2 adjustments by June 30. The department must provide districts with technical assistance with regard to student count changes in
3 PowerSchool.

4 **1.4.** (SDE: EFA - Formula) The amount appropriated in Part IA, Section 1 for “Education Finance Act” shall be the maximum
5 paid under the provisions of Act 163 of 1977 (the South Carolina Education Finance Act of 1977) to the aggregate of all recipients.
6 The South Carolina Education Department shall develop formulas to determine the state and required local funding as stipulated in
7 the South Carolina Education Finance Act of 1977. Such formulas shall require the approval of the State Board of Education and
8 the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. After computing the EFA allocations for all districts, the department shall determine
9 whether any districts’ minimum required local revenue exceeds the districts’ total EFA Foundation Program. When such instance is
10 found, the department shall adjust the index of taxpaying ability to reflect a local effort equal to the cost of the districts’ EFA
11 Foundation Program. The districts’ weighted pupil units are to be included in determination of the funds needed for implementation
12 of the Education Finance Act statewide.

13 In the event that the formulas as devised by the Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education and the
14 State Fiscal Accountability Authority should provide for distribution to the various school districts totaling more than the amount
15 appropriated for such purposes, subject to the provisions of this proviso, the Department of Education shall reduce each school district
16 entitlement by an equal amount per weighted pupil so as to bring the total disbursements into conformity with the total funds
17 appropriated for this purpose. If a reduction is required in the state’s contribution, the required local funding shall be reduced by the
18 proportionate share of local funds per weighted pupil unit. The Department of Education shall continually monitor the distribution
19 of funds under the provisions of the Education Finance Act and shall make periodic adjustments to disbursements to ensure the
20 aggregate of such disbursements do not exceed the appropriated funds.

21 Local districts shall not be mandated or required to inflate the base number in their respective salary schedules by any percentage
22 greater than the percentage by which the appropriated base student cost exceeds the appropriated base student cost of the prior fiscal
23 year.

24 **1.5.** (SDE: Employer Contributions/Allocations) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation contained herein
25 for “Public School Employee Benefits” shall not be utilized to provide employer contributions for any portion of a school district
26 employee’s salary that is federally funded.

27 State funds allocated for school district employer contributions must be allocated by the formula and must be used first by each
28 district to cover the cost of fringe benefits for personnel required by the Defined Program, food service personnel and other personnel
29 required by law. Once a district has expended all state allocated funds for fringe benefits, the district may utilize food service
30 revenues to fund a proportionate share of fringe benefits costs for food service personnel.

31 The Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrections’ school districts must be allocated funds under the fringe
32 benefits program in accordance with criteria established for all school districts.

33 **1.6.** (SDE: Employer Contributions/Obligations) In order to finalize each school district’s allocations of Employer Contributions
34 funds for retiree insurance from the prior fiscal year, the Department of Education is authorized to adjust a school district’s allocation
35 in the current fiscal year accordingly to reflect actual payroll and payments to the Retirement System from the prior fiscal year. In
36 the event the Department of Education is notified that an educational subdivision has failed to remit proper payments to cover

1 Employee Fringe Benefit obligations, the Department of Education is directed to withhold the educational subdivision's state funds
2 until such obligations are met.

3 ~~1.7. (SDE: Governor's School for Science & Math) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of funds~~
4 ~~appropriated to or generated by the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics may be carried forward and expended in the~~
5 ~~current fiscal year pursuant to the direction of the board of trustees of the school.~~

6 **1.8. (SDE: Educational Responsibility/Foster Care)** The responsibility for providing a free and appropriate public education
7 program for all children including disabled students is vested in the public school district wherein a child of lawful school age resides
8 in a foster home, group home, orphanage, or a state operated health care facility including a facility for treatment of mental illness
9 or chemical dependence and habilitation centers for persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions located
10 within the jurisdiction of the school district or alternative residences. The districts concerned may agree upon acceptable local cost
11 reimbursement. If no agreement is reached, districts providing education shall receive from the district where the child last resided
12 before placement in a facility an additional amount equivalent to the statewide average of the local base student cost multiplied by
13 the appropriate pupil weighting as set forth in Section 59-20-40 of the Education Finance Act. If a child from out of state is residing
14 in a facility owned and/or operated by a for profit entity, the district providing educational services shall be reimbursed by the for
15 profit entity the local district's local support per weighted pupil above the statewide average base student cost multiplied by the
16 appropriate pupil weighting as set forth in Section 59-20-40 of the Education Finance Act. This also applies to John de la Howe
17 School who also has the authority to seek reimbursement in any situation that the school district has participation in the placement
18 of the student. John de la Howe School shall be reimbursed the local district's local support per weighted pupil above the statewide
19 average base student cost multiplied by the appropriate pupil weighting as set forth in Section 59-20-40 of the Education Finance
20 Act. Participation will be evidenced by a written agreement from the IEP team or 504 team, written referral, or the school district
21 initiating the placement process. School districts providing the education shall notify the nonresident district in writing within
22 forty-five calendar days that a student from the nonresident district is receiving education services pursuant to the provisions of the
23 proviso. The notice shall also contain the student's name, date of birth, and disabling condition if available. If appropriate financial
24 arrangements cannot be effected between institutions of the state, including independent school districts under the authority of the
25 Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and school districts, institutions receiving educational appropriations shall pay the
26 local base student cost multiplied by the appropriate pupil weighting. Children residing in institutions of state agencies shall be
27 educated with nondisabled children in the public school districts if appropriate to their educational needs. Such institutions shall
28 determine, on an individual basis, which children residing in the institution might be eligible to receive appropriate educational
29 services in a public school setting. Once these children are identified, the institution shall convene an IEP meeting with officials of
30 the public school district in which the institution is located. If it is determined by the committee that the least restrictive environment
31 in which to implement the child's IEP is a public school setting, then the school district in which the institution is located must
32 provide the educational services. However, that school district may enter into contractual agreements with any other school district
33 having schools located within a forty-five mile radius of the institution. The cost for educating such children shall be allocated in
34 the following manner: the school district where the child last resided before being placed in an institution shall pay to the school
35 district providing the educational services an amount equivalent to the statewide average of the local base student cost multiplied by
36 the appropriate pupil weighting as set forth in Section 59-20-40 of the Education Finance Act; the school district providing the

1 educational services shall be able to count the child for all funding sources, both state and federal. The institution and school district,
2 through contractual agreements, will address the special education and related services to be provided to students. Should the school
3 district wherein the institution is located determine that the child cannot be appropriately served in a public school setting, then the
4 institution may request a due process hearing pursuant to the procedures provided for in the Individuals with Disabilities Education
5 Act.

6 The agreed upon acceptable local cost reimbursement or the additional amount equivalent to the statewide average of the local
7 base student cost multiplied by the appropriate pupil weighting set forth in Section 59-20-40, for instructional services provided to
8 out-of-district students, shall be paid within sixty days of billing, provided the billing district has provided a copy of the invoice to
9 both the Superintendent and the finance office of the district being invoiced. Should the district not pay within sixty days, the billing
10 district can seek relief from the Department of Education. The department shall withhold EFA funding equal to the billing from the
11 district refusing to pay and submit the funding (equal to the invoice) to the billing school district.

12 The agency placing a child in any situation that requires changing school districts, must work with the schools to assure that all
13 required school records, including confidential records, are transferred from the sending to the receiving school within three working
14 days. School records to be transferred should include grade transcripts, state birth certificate, certificate of immunization, social
15 security card, attendance records, discipline records, IEP's, psychological reports (or notation in the school records that a
16 psychological report on the child is available at the school district office) and any other records necessary for the appropriate
17 placement of the child in the new school. School districts must release all records upon presentation of a court order or appropriate
18 permission for confidential release. If evaluation or placement is pending, the receiving school district is responsible to secure
19 information and to complete the placement. The receiving school will maintain appropriate confidentiality of all records received
20 on a child. Upon discharge or release from the treatment facility, the agency placing the child in the receiving school must work
21 with the school district where the student will reside after treatment to assure continuity of the student's education.

22 **1.9.** (SDE: Instruction in Juvenile Detention Centers) It shall be the responsibility of the school district where a local juvenile
23 detention center is located to provide adequate teaching staff and to ensure compliance with the educational requirements of this
24 State. Students housed in local juvenile detention centers are to be included in the average daily membership count of students for
25 that district and reimbursement by the Department of Education made accordingly.

26 **1.10.** (SDE: Revenue Authorization) The State Department of Education is hereby authorized to collect, expend, and carry
27 forward revenues in the following areas to offset the cost of providing such services: the sale of publications, manuals and forms,
28 the sale of Apple Tags, royalties, contributions, donations, foundation funds, special grants and contracts, brochures, photo copies,
29 listings and labels, Directory of South Carolina Schools, student health record cards, items to be recycled, and high school diplomas
30 and certificates; the collection of out-of-state and in-state investigation fees, registration fees for non-SDE employees, recurring
31 facility inspection fees, teacher certification fees; the handling of audio-visual film; the provision of contract computer services to
32 school districts and other state agencies, joint broadcast service to school districts, and education-related statistics through agreement
33 with the National Center for Education Statistics; the lease or sale of programs of television, audio or microcomputer software; the
34 lease or sale of virtual courses to other states; the collection of damage fees for instructional materials and the sale of unusable
35 instructional materials; sale of fuel; use and repair of transportation equipment; fees for Medicaid reimbursable transportation; the
36 receipt of insurance and warranty payments on Department of Education equipment and the sale of used school buses and support

1 equipment. The Department of Education is authorized to collect revenue for deposit into the State General Fund for testing material
2 purchases and test rescoring fees. The Department of Education is authorized to expend revenue collected for lost and damaged
3 instructional materials and the sale of unusable instructional materials for the purpose of contracting for the purchase and maintenance
4 of a statewide textbook inventory management system, provided that schools' newly-adopted instructional materials needs are met
5 first.

6 **1.11.** (SDE: School District Bank Accounts) Each school district in this State, upon the approval of the district's governing
7 body, may maintain its own bank account for the purpose of making disbursement of school district funds as necessary to conduct
8 school district business and each county treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer such amount as needed, upon receipt of a written
9 order certified by the district governing body or their designee. Such order shall contain a statement that such amount is for immediate
10 disbursement for the payment of correct and legal obligation of the school district.

11 **1.12.** (SDE: Travel/Outside of Continental U.S.) School District allocations from General Funds, lottery, and EIA funds shall
12 not be used for travel outside of the continental United States. The International Baccalaureate Program shall be exempt from this
13 restriction.

14 **1.13.** (SDE: Year End Closeout) The State Department of Education is authorized to expend federal and earmarked funds (not
15 including state or EIA funds) in the current fiscal year for expenditures incurred in the prior year; however, state funds appropriated
16 in Part IA, Section 1, X, Aid to School Districts, for the Children's Case Resolution System or private placements for services
17 provided to children with disabilities may be used for those expenditures in prior fiscal years. The department is also authorized to
18 use appropriated funds to pay for textbooks shipped in the fourth quarter of the prior fiscal year.

19 **1.14.** (SDE: Transportation Collaboration) The Department of Education School Bus Maintenance Shops shall be permitted, on
20 a cost reimbursable-plus basis, to deliver transportation maintenance and services to vehicles owned or operated by public agencies
21 in South Carolina.

22 School buses operated by school districts, other governmental agencies or head start agencies for the purpose of transporting
23 students for school or school related activities shall not be subject to state motor fuel taxes. Further, that school districts, other
24 governmental agencies or head start agencies may purchase this fuel, on a cost reimbursable-plus basis, from the Department of
25 Education School Bus Maintenance Shops.

26 **1.15.** (SDE: School Bus Insurance) The Department of Education shall maintain comprehensive and collision insurance or
27 self-insure state-owned buses. In no event shall the department charge local school districts for damages to the buses which are
28 commonly covered by insurance.

29 **1.16.** (SDE: Teacher Data Collection) Of the non-program funds appropriated to the Department of Education, it and the
30 Commission on Higher Education shall share data about the teaching profession in South Carolina. The data sharing should ensure
31 (1) a systematic report on teacher supply and demand information and (2) data to determine classes being taught by public school
32 teachers out of field of their preparation. The data collection should include but not be limited to: classes/subjects taught, number
33 of students taught, percentage of teacher education graduates from South Carolina colleges/universities who go into teaching,
34 percentage of teacher education graduates who teach in public schools in South Carolina, percentage of new teachers who leave the
35 South Carolina teaching profession in the first three years of public school teaching due to unsuccessful evaluations, percentage of
36 new teachers who leave the profession in the first three years of public school teaching in South Carolina who have successful

1 evaluations, turnover rate of teachers and certification areas with highest vacancies. All database items should be set up so that it
2 can be disaggregated by ethnicity, gender, geographic location, etc.

3 **1.17.** (SDE: School Bus Driver CDL) From funds provided in Part IA, Section 1, VII.B., local school districts shall request a
4 criminal record history from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for past conviction of any crime before the initial
5 employment of a school bus driver or school bus aide. The Department of Education and the school districts shall be treated as a
6 charitable organization for purposes of the fee charged for the criminal records search.

7 **1.18.** (SDE: School Bus Purchase) Any procurement of school buses with funds appropriated in this act or any other
8 appropriation bill must meet specifications developed by the School Bus Specification Committee as established by the State
9 Superintendent of Education. The School Bus Specifications Committee shall allow for input from all school bus chassis and body
10 manufacturers. However, if it is safe, more economical, and in the public interest, the department may use the school bus
11 specifications of another state in the procurement of school buses. If the department uses the specifications of another state, the
12 department must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
13 Committee detailing the methodology by which the alternative specifications were determined to be safe, more economical, and in
14 the public interest, when compared to the specifications set forth by the School Bus Specifications Committee.

15 **1.19.** (SDE: Buses, Parts, and/or Fuel) Funds appropriated for other operating in program VII.B. - Bus Shops and funds
16 appropriated in VII.C. - Buses may be used to purchase buses, fuel, parts, or other school bus related items. All funds appropriated
17 for bus fuel, parts/supplies, maintenance, and bus purchases may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended in the
18 current fiscal year to support bus transportation services.

19 **1.20.** (SDE: Mitford Transportation Costs) Transportation costs for the transporting of students from the Mitford area of Fairfield
20 County to schools in the Great Falls area of Chester County is not the responsibility of and shall not be borne by the Chester County
21 School District. These transportation costs shall continue to be the responsibility of the State Department of Education.

22 ~~**1.21.** (SDE: Status Offenders/John de la Howe) The funds appropriated for the Status Offender Program shall be distributed to~~
23 ~~John de la Howe School to expand residential programs to include court ordered status offenders. Components of such a program~~
24 ~~shall include collaboration between the home school district and the residential school and treatment or related services to the families~~
25 ~~of students in placement.~~

26 ~~**1.22.** (SDE: Governor's School Leave Policy) The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the South~~
27 ~~Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics are authorized to promulgate administrative policy governing annual and~~
28 ~~sick leave relative to faculty and staff with the approval of their respective board of directors. This policy shall address their~~
29 ~~respective school calendars in order to comply with the instructional needs of students attending both special schools.~~

30 **1.23.** (SDE: School Board Meetings) Of the funds appropriated through the Department of Education for technology related
31 expenses, school districts that have a website shall place a notice of a regularly scheduled school board meeting twenty-four hours
32 in advance of such meeting. The notice shall include the date, time, and agenda for the board meeting. The school district shall
33 place the minutes of the board meeting on their website within ten days of the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

34 **1.24.** (SDE: Proviso Allocations) In the event an official General Fund revenue shortfall is declared by the Board of Economic
35 Advisors, the Department of Education may reduce any allocation in Section 1 specifically designated by proviso in accordance with
36 the lower Board of Economic Advisors revenue estimate as directed by the Executive Budget Office, except the additional EFA

allocation to the South Carolina Public Charter School District. The reduction may not be greater than the total percentage of reduction of the Section 1 appropriation. Should the department hold back funds in excess of the total percentage reduction those funds must be allocated per the proviso. No allocation for teacher salaries shall be reduced as a result of this proviso.

1.25. (SDE: School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility) All school districts and special schools of this State may transfer and expend funds among appropriated state general fund revenues, Education Improvement Act funds, and Education Lottery Act funds, and funds received from the Children's Education Endowment Fund for school facilities and fixed equipment assistance, to ensure the delivery of academic and arts instruction to students. However, a school district may not transfer funds allocated specifically for state level maintenance of effort requirements under IDEA, funds allocated specifically for state level maintenance of effort requirement for federal program, funds provided for the Education and Economic Development Act, funds provided for Career and Technology Education, nor funds required for debt service or bonded indebtedness. All school districts must report the student teacher ratio for every classroom to the Department of Education at the ninety and ~~one hundred and eighty day~~ one hundred and thirty-fifth day mark. The department shall report this information to the General Assembly.

In order for a school district to take advantage of the flexibility provisions, at least seventy-five percent of the school district's per pupil expenditures must be utilized within the In\$ite categories of instruction, instructional support, and only transportation, food service, and safety within non-instruction pupil services. No portion of the seventy-five percent may be used for facilities, business services, debt service, capital outlay, program management, and leadership services, as defined by In\$ite. The school district shall report to the Department of Education the actual percentage of its per pupil expenditures used for classroom instruction, instructional support, and transportation, food service, and safety within non-instruction pupil services for the current school year ending June thirtieth. Salaries of on-site principals must be included in the calculation of the district's per pupil expenditures.

"In\$ite" means the financial analysis model for education programs utilized by the Department of Education.

School districts are encouraged to reduce expenditures by means, including, but not limited to, limiting the number of low enrollment courses, reducing travel for the staff and the school district's board, reducing and limiting activities requiring dues and memberships, reducing transportation costs for extracurricular and academic competitions, restructuring administrative staffing, and expanding virtual instruction.

School districts and special schools may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

Prior to implementing the flexibility authorized herein, school districts must provide to Public Charter Schools the per pupil allocation due to them for each categorical program.

Quarterly throughout the current fiscal year, the chairman of each school district's board and the superintendent of each school district must certify where non-instructional or nonessential programs have been suspended and the specific flexibility actions taken. The certification must be in writing, signed by the chairman and the superintendent, delivered electronically to the State Superintendent of Education, and an electronic copy forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee. Additionally, the certification must be presented publicly at a regularly called school board meeting, and the certification must be conspicuously posted on the internet website maintained by the school district.

1 For the current fiscal year, Section 59-21-1030 is suspended. The foreign language program assessment, and the physical
2 education assessment must be suspended. School districts and the Department of Education are granted permission to purchase the
3 most economical type of bus fuel.

4 For the current fiscal year, savings generated from the suspension of the assessments enumerated above must be allocated to school
5 districts based on weighted pupil units.

6 School districts must maintain a transaction register that includes a complete record of all funds expended over one hundred dollars,
7 from whatever source, for whatever purpose. The register must be prominently posted on the district's internet website and made
8 available for public viewing and downloading. The register must include for each expenditure:

9 (i) the transaction amount;

10 (ii) the name of the payee; and

11 (iii) a statement providing a detailed description of the expenditure.

12 The register must not include an entry for salary, wages, or other compensation paid to individual employees. The register must
13 not include any information that can be used to identify an individual employee. The register must be accompanied by a complete
14 explanation of any codes or acronyms used to identify a payee or an expenditure. The register must be searchable and updated at
15 least once a month.

16 Each school district must also maintain on its internet website a copy of each monthly statement for all of the credit cards
17 maintained by the entity, including credit cards issued to its officers or employees for official use. The credit card number on each
18 statement must be redacted prior to posting on the internet website. Each credit card statement must be posted not later than the
19 thirtieth day after the first date that any portion of the balance due as shown on the statement is paid.

20 The Comptroller General must establish and maintain a website to contain the information required by this section from a school
21 district that does not maintain its own internet website. The internet website must be organized so that the public can differentiate
22 between the school districts and search for the information they are seeking.

23 The provisions contained herein do not amend, suspend, supersede, replace, revoke, restrict, or otherwise affect Chapter 4, Title
24 30, of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Nothing in this proviso shall be interpreted as prohibiting the State Board of
25 Education to exercise its authority to grant waivers under Regulation 43-261.

26 **1.26.** (SDE: Medical Examination and Security Reimbursement/Expenditures) From funds authorized in Part IA, Section 1,
27 VII.B. Other Operating Expenses, the Department of Education may directly pay, or reimburse employees, for the cost of a medical
28 examination as required in Part 391, Subpart E of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, for employees that are required to
29 operate a state vehicle transporting hazardous materials and that are required to undergo a national security background check because
30 of the required Hazmat endorsement to their CDL.

31 **1.27.** (SDE: Budget Reduction) In compensating for any reduction in funding or an operating deficit publically recognized by
32 the School Board of Trustees, local districts must give priority to preserving classroom teachers and operations. Funding reductions
33 should first be applied to administrative and non-classroom expenses before classroom expenses are affected.

34 ~~**1.28.** (SDE: Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the~~
35 ~~prior fiscal year of funds appropriated to or generated by the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities may be carried forward~~
36 ~~and expended in the current fiscal year pursuant to the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the School.~~

~~1.29. (SDE: Governor's Schools' Fees) The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics are authorized to charge, collect, expend, and carry forward student fees as approved by their respective Board of Directors. The purpose and amount of any such fees will be to maintain program quality in both academics and residential support. No student will be denied admittance or participation due to financial inability to pay. The respective Board of Directors shall promulgate administrative policy governing the collection of all student fees. Both schools shall conspicuously publish a fee schedule on their respective websites.~~

1.30. (SDE: School District Furlough) Should there be a midyear reduction in state funding to the districts, school districts may institute employee furlough programs for district-level and school-level professional staff. Before any of these employees may be furloughed, the chairman of the governing body of the school district must certify that all fund flexibility provided by the General Assembly has been utilized by the district and that the furlough is necessary to avoid a year-end deficit and a reduction in force. The certification must include a detailed report by the superintendent of the specific action taken by the district to avoid a year-end deficit. The certification and report must be in writing and delivered to the State Superintendent of Education and a copy must be forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The local school district board of trustees may implement a furlough of personnel once certification to the State Superintendent documents all funding flexibility has been exhausted and continued year-end deficits exist. Local school boards of trustees shall have the authority to authorize furloughs of these employees in the manner in which it sees fit. However, instructional personnel may be furloughed for up to five non-instructional days if not prohibited by an applicable employment contract with the district and provided district administrators are furloughed for twice the number of days. District administrators may only be furloughed on non-instructional days and may not be furloughed for a period exceeding ten days. District administrators shall be defined by the Department of Education using the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) System. For individuals not coded in PCS, the determination shall be made based upon whether the individual performs the functions outlined in position codes identified by the department as administration. Educators who would have received a year's experience credit had a furlough not been implemented, shall not have their experience credit negatively impacted because of a furlough implementation.

During any furlough, affected employees shall be entitled to participate in the same benefits as otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits that require employer and employee contributions, including, but not limited to, contributions to the South Carolina Retirement System or the optional retirement program, the district will be responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the employee remains solely responsible for making those contributions. Placement of an employee on furlough under this provision does not constitute a grievance or appeal under any employee grievance procedure. The district may allocate the employee's reduction in pay over the balance of the fiscal year for payroll purposes regardless of the pay period within which the furlough occurs.

Each local school district must prominently post on the district's internet website and make available for public viewing and downloading the most recent version of the school district's policy manual and administrative rule manual.

This proviso shall not abrogate the terms of any contract between any school district and its employees.

1.31. (SDE: School Lunch/Attendance Supervisors) For those counties in which an entity other than the school district administers the school lunch supervisor and/or attendance supervisor programs, the school districts in that county shall transfer to

1 the entity the amount available in the previous fiscal year for administration of the school lunch supervisor and/or attendance
2 supervisor programs. Each district shall transfer a pro rata share of the total cost based upon the percentage of state EFA funds
3 distributed to the districts within the county.

4 ~~1.32. (SDE: SCGSAH Certified Teacher Designation) Because of the unique nature of the South Carolina Governor's School
5 for the Arts and Humanities, the Charleston School of the Arts, and the Greenville County Fine Arts Center, the schools are authorized
6 to employ at its discretion noncertified classroom teachers teaching in the literary, visual and performing arts subject areas who are
7 otherwise considered to be appropriately qualified in a ratio of up to one hundred percent of the entire teacher staff.~~

8 **1.33.** (SDE: No Discrimination Requirement) State funds must not be appropriated to a school that discriminates against or
9 participates with or is a member of an association with policies that discriminate or afford different treatment of students based on
10 race or national origin.

11 **1.34.** (SDE: Medicaid Cash Match Accounting) The department is granted authority to transfer funds between budget lines and
12 object codes to identify, reconcile, reimburse, and remit funds required for Medicaid cash match to the Department of Health and
13 Human Services.

14 **1.35.** (SDE: Student Report Card-GPA) For each high school student, school districts shall be required to print the student's
15 individual cumulative grade point average for grades nine through twelve on the student's report card.

16 **1.36.** (SDE: Lost & Damaged Instructional Materials Fees) Fees for lost and damaged instructional materials for the prior school
17 year are due no later than December first of the current school year when invoiced by the Department of Education. The department
18 may withhold instructional materials funding from schools that have not paid their fees by the payment deadline.

19 **1.37.** (SDE: Education Finance Act Reserve Fund) There is created in the State Treasury a fund separate and distinct from the
20 General Fund of the State and all other funds entitled the Education Finance Act Reserve Fund. All unexpended general funds
21 appropriated to the Department of Education for the Education Finance Act in the current fiscal year shall be transferred to the
22 Education Finance Act Reserve Fund. In the event that the amount appropriated for the Education Finance Act is insufficient to fully
23 fund the base student cost as established by this act, revenues from the Education Finance Act Reserve Fund may be used to
24 supplement the funds appropriated. By June 30th of the current fiscal year, if the department determines that the funds are not needed
25 to supplement the Education Finance Act, the department may utilize the funds for bus purchase. The General Assembly may make
26 direct appropriations to this fund. All unexpended funds in the Education Finance Act Reserve Fund and any interest accrued by the
27 fund must remain in the fund and may be carried forward into the current fiscal year.

28 **1.38.** (SDE: Prohibit Advertising on School Buses) The Department of Education and local school districts are prohibited from
29 selling space for or the placement of advertisements on the outside or inside of state-owned school buses.

30 **1.39.** (SDE: Residential Treatment Facilities Student Enrollment and Funding) Each South Carolina resident of lawful school
31 age residing in licensed residential treatment facilities (RTFs) for children and adolescents identified on the State Qualified Providers
32 list and meets the requirements of Section 44-7-130 of the 1976 Code, (students) shall be entitled to receive educational services
33 from the school district in which the RTF is located (facility school district). The responsibility for providing appropriate educational
34 programs and services for these students, both with and without disabilities, who are referred, authorized, or placed by the State is
35 vested in the facility school districts. For purposes of this proviso, an authorization must be pursuant to a physician's determination
36 of medical necessity. If clinically appropriate, the facility school district, the RTF, and the parent or guardian of a student referred

1 or placed in a RTF may consider the appropriateness of providing the student's education program virtually through enrollment in
2 either the facility district's virtual program, the South Carolina virtual school program provided through the Department of Education
3 (Virtual SC), or a virtual charter school authorized by the South Carolina Public Charter School District, or a virtual charter school
4 authorized by an approved institute of higher education. This decision should be made jointly with the best interest of the student
5 and what is clinically indicated being considered.

6 A facility school district must provide the necessary educational programs and services directly to the student at the RTF's facility,
7 provided that the RTF facility provides and maintains comparable adequate space for the educational programs and services
8 consistent with all federal and state least restrictive environment requirements. Adequate space shall include appropriate electrical
9 support and Internet accessibility. Unless the parent or legal guardian of the student seeks to continue the student's enrollment in
10 the resident school district under a medical homebound instruction program and the district approves, if appropriate, then, under
11 these circumstances, the facility school district shall enroll the student and assume full legal and financial responsibility for the
12 educational services including enrolling the student, approving the student's entry into a medical homebound instructional program,
13 if appropriate, and receiving and expending funds, unless the resident school district undertakes to carry out its educational
14 responsibilities for the student directly. Alternatively, a facility school district may choose to provide the necessary educational
15 programs and services by contracting with the RTF provided that the RTF agrees to provide educational services to the student at the
16 RTF's facility. Under these circumstances, the facility school district must enroll the student and pay the RTF for the educational
17 services provided. If the facility school district determines the educational program being offered by the RTF does not meet the
18 educational standards outlines in the contract, the facility district shall be justified in terminating the contract.

19 The facility school districts are entitled to receive the base student cost multiplied by the Education Finance Act pupil weighting
20 for pupils in a Residential Treatment Facility of 2.10, as set forth in Proviso 1.3 of this Act and any eligible categorical and federal
21 funds. These funds may be retained by the facility school districts for the purpose of providing the educational programs and services
22 directly to students referred or placed by the State or the facility school districts may use these funds to reimburse RTFs for the
23 educational programs and services provided directly by the RTFs. A facility school district is entitled to reimbursement from a
24 resident school district for the difference between (1) the reasonable costs expended for the educational services provided directly
25 by the facility school district or the amount paid to the RTF and (2) the aggregate amount of federal and state funding received by
26 the facility school district for that student. However, the reimbursement rate may not exceed \$90 per student per day. Through a
27 joint agreement with the facility school district and the RTF, the funding received for RTF students must be utilized to deliver an
28 instructional program that meets the needs of the students, and when applicable, the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities
29 Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Facility school districts providing the educational services shall
30 notify the resident district in writing within forty-five calendar days that a student from the resident district is receiving educational
31 services pursuant to the provisions of the proviso. Reimbursements shall be paid within sixty days of billing, provided the facility
32 district has provided a copy of the invoice to both the District Superintendent and the finance office of the resident district being
33 invoiced. Should the facility school district be unable to reach agreement with the resident school district regarding reasonable costs
34 differences, the facility school district shall notify the Department of Education's Office of General Counsel. The Department of
35 Education shall facilitate a resolution of the dispute between the facility school district and the resident school district within
36 forty-five days of the notice of dispute. If the issue of reasonable cost differences should remain unresolved, a facility school district

1 shall have the right to file a complaint in a Circuit Court. Should a resident school district fail to distribute the entitled funding to
2 the facility school district by the one hundred thirty-five day count, the Department of Education is authorized to withhold the
3 equivalent amount of EFA funds and transfer those funds to the facility school district.

4 RTF facilities on the State Qualified Provider List not located within the boundaries of the state shall be reimbursed at a rate that
5 may not exceed \$45 per student per day for education services and school districts shall be eligible to receive a base student cost
6 weighted funding of 2.10 provided that the student remains enrolled in the school district. Facilities providing the educational
7 services shall notify the resident district in writing within forty-five calendar days that a student from the resident district is receiving
8 educational services pursuant to the provisions of the proviso. Reimbursements shall be paid within sixty days of billing, provided
9 the qualified facility has provided a copy of the invoice to both the District Superintendent and the finance office of the resident
10 district being invoiced. Should the facility be unable to reach agreement with the resident school district regarding reasonable costs
11 differences, the provider shall notify the Department of Education's Office of General Counsel. The Department of Education shall
12 facilitate a resolution of the dispute between the facility and the resident school district within forty-five days of the notice of dispute.
13 If the issue of reasonable cost differences should remain unresolved, a facility shall have the right to file a complaint in a Circuit
14 Court. Additionally, qualified RTF providers' general education curriculum must be aligned to the South Carolina academic
15 standards in the core content areas. All students with disabilities who are eligible for special education and related services under
16 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended, and the State Board of Education (SBE) regulations, as
17 amended, shall receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment by appropriately certified personnel.
18 Students in a qualified RTF will at all times be eligible to receive the educational credits (e.g., Carnegie Units) earned through their
19 educational efforts. The resident school district and the RTF should develop a memorandum of understanding to outline the
20 responsibilities of the RTF in providing the educational services and responsibilities, if any, of the resident school district while the
21 student is housed in the RTF.

22 If a child from out of state is placed in a RTF by an out-of-state school district or agency, the child's home state remains responsible
23 for the educational services. The facility school district may choose to provide the educational program to the child and, upon
24 choosing to do so, shall contract with the appropriate entity for payment of educational services provided to the child. Out-of-state
25 students provided educational services by a facility school district shall not be eligible for funding through the Education Finance
26 Act.

27 If a child is placed in a RTF by the child's parent or guardian and is not referred, authorized, or placed by the State, the facility
28 school district may choose to provide the educational program to the child, and upon doing so, must negotiate with the resident
29 school district for services through medical homebound procedures. A facility school district is responsible for compliance with all
30 child find requirements under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2004 (IDEA).

31 All students enrolled in the facility school districts shall have access to the facility school districts' general education curriculum,
32 which will be tied to the South Carolina academic standards in the core content areas. All students with disabilities who are eligible
33 for special education and related services under the Individuals with IDEA, as amended, and the State Board of Education (SBE)
34 regulations, as amended, shall receive special education and related services in the least restrictive environment by appropriately
35 certified personnel. Students in an RTF will at all times be eligible to receive the educational credits (e.g., Carnegie Units) earned
36 through their educational efforts.

With respect to students enrolled in the facility school districts, for accountability purposes, the assessment and accountability measures for students residing in RTFs shall be attributed to a specific school only if the child physically attends the school. The performance of students residing in a RTF who receive their educational program on site at the RTF must be reflected on a separate line on the facility school district's report card and must not be included in the overall performance ratings of the facility school district. The Department of Education shall examine the feasibility of issuing report cards for RTFs. For the current fiscal year, a facility school district shall not have the district's state accreditation rating negatively impacted by deficiencies related to the delivery of an educational program at a RTF.

RTFs shall notify the facility school district as soon as practical, and before admission to the RTF if practical, of a student's admission to the RTF. RTFs, the facility school districts and the Department of Education shall use their best efforts to secure and/or exchange information, including documents and records necessary to provide appropriate educational services and/or related services as necessary to assist the facility school district in determining the resident school district. The Department of Education, in collaboration with state placing agencies, RTFs, facility school districts, and resident school districts, shall implement a system to follow the release of students from a RTF and re-enrollment in public, private, or special schools to ensure these students, when appropriate, are not recorded as dropouts.

1.40. (SDE: Special Schools Flexibility) For the current fiscal year, the special schools are authorized to transfer funds among funding categories, including capital funds.

1.41. (SDE: High School Driver Education) For the current fiscal year, the requirement for high schools to provide a course in driver education is suspended however, high schools may continue to offer driver education courses if they choose to do so.

1.42. (SDE: Carry Forward Authorization) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education is authorized to carry forward and expend any General Fund balances for school bus transportation.

1.43. (SDE: Administrative Costs Report Posting) School districts must report the amount of funds spent on administrative costs, as defined by InSight in the prior fiscal year and post the report on the districts website. School districts shall provide an electronic copy of this report to the Department of Education in conjunction with the financial audit report required by Section 59-17-100, of the 1976 Code. If a district fails to meet these requirements they must be notified in writing by the department that the district has sixty days to comply with the reporting requirement. If the district does not report within sixty days, the department is authorized to reduce the district's base student cost by one percent until such time as the requirement is met. Once in compliance, any funds withheld will be returned to the district.

~~**1.44.** (SDE: Governor's Schools Residency Requirement) Of the funds appropriated, the Governor's School for the Arts and the Humanities and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics are to ensure that a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student attending either the Governor's School for the Arts and the Humanities or the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics must prove that they are a legal resident of the state of South Carolina at the time of application and must remain so throughout time of attendance. The Governor's School for the Arts and the Humanities and Governor's School for Science and Mathematics may not admit students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are not legal residents of South Carolina.~~

1.45. (SDE: Holocaust Funds) Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for the SC Council on Holocaust shall not be used for any other purpose nor transferred to any other program. In addition, in the event the department is required to implement a budget reduction, SC Council on Holocaust funds may not be reduced.

1 **1.46.** (SDE: Student Health and Fitness) Funds appropriated for Student Health and Fitness shall be allocated to school districts
2 to increase the number of physical education teachers to the extent possible and to provide licensed nurses for elementary public
3 schools. ~~Twenty-one~~ Seventeen percent of the funds shall be allocated to the districts based on average daily membership of grades
4 K-5 from the preceding year for physical education teachers. The remaining funds will be made available for school nurses and shall
5 be distributed to the school districts on a per school basis. Schools that provide instruction in grades K-5 are eligible to apply for the
6 school nurse funds.

7 **1.47.** (SDE: Impute Index Value) For the current fiscal year and for the purposes of calculating the index of taxpaying ability
8 the Department of Revenue shall impute an index value for owner-occupied residential property qualifying for the special four
9 percent assessment ratio by adding the second preceding taxable year total school district reimbursements for Tier 1, 2, and Tier 3(A)
10 and not to include the supplement distribution. The Department of Revenue shall not include sales ratio data in its calculation of the
11 index of taxpaying ability. The methodology for the calculations for the remaining classes of property shall remain as required
12 pursuant to the EFA and other applicable provisions of law.

13 **1.48.** (SDE: EFA State Share) A school district that does not recognize a State share of the EFA financial requirement shall be
14 supplemented with an amount equal to seventy percent of the school district with the least State financial requirement.

15 **1.49.** (SDE: Health Education) (1) Each school district is required to ensure that all comprehensive health education,
16 reproductive health education, and family life education conducted within the district, whether by school district employees or a
17 private entity, must utilize curriculum that complies with the provisions contained in Chapter 32, Title 59 and aligns to all standards
18 and regulations adopted by the South Carolina State Board of Education. Each district shall publish on its website the title and
19 publisher of all health education materials it has approved, adopted, and used in the classroom. If the department determines that a
20 district is non-compliant with mandated health education upon review of the district's annual CHE Compliance Survey or if the
21 district fails to publish the title and publisher of materials on its website, then the Department of Education shall withhold one percent
22 of the district's funds allocated in Part IA, Section 1, X - Student Health and Fitness Act until the department determines the district
23 is in compliance.

24 (2) Any person may complain in a signed, notarized writing to the chairman of the governing board of a school district that matter
25 not in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 32, Title 59 is being taught in the district. Upon receiving a notarized complaint,
26 the chairman of the governing board must ensure that the complaint is immediately investigated and, if the complaint is determined
27 to be founded, that immediate action is taken to correct the violation. If corrective action is not taken within 60 days of such a
28 determination, or if no investigation is made within 60 days of the chairman's receipt of the notarized statement, then the complainant
29 may within 60 calendar days, give written notice to the department. The notice must include the original notarized complaint. If,
30 upon investigation, the department determines that the district has not taken appropriate immediate action to correct a violation, then
31 the Department of Education shall withhold one percent of the district's funds allocated in Part IA, Section 1, X - Student Health and
32 Fitness Act until the department determines the district is in compliance.

33 **1.50.** (SDE: Bus Lease/Purchase) The Department of Education is permitted to purchase or lease school buses in order to
34 continue replacement of the state's school bus fleet.

35 **1.51.** (SDE: School Enrollment Policy) For the current fiscal year, any school district with an open enrollment policy for all
36 schools or certain schools which had previously accepted certain students residing outside of the district to an academic magnet

1 school in the district must continue to accept these students and their siblings for enrollment at the academic magnet school under
2 the same terms and conditions these students were previously permitted to attend the school.

3 **1.52.** (SDE: District Funding Flexibility) For the current fiscal year, districts must utilize funding flexibility provided herein to
4 ensure that district approved safety precautions are in place at every school.

5 **1.53.** (SDE: Transportation Maintenance Facilities) For the current fiscal year, a school district wishing to include school bus
6 maintenance in a contract with a private vendor may enter into an agreement with the Department of Education whereby the
7 department releases the school district to include school bus maintenance in the private vendor contract.

8 **1.54.** (SDE: School District Activity Bus Advertisements) School Districts may sell commercial advertising space on the outside
9 or inside of district owned activity buses. However, as defined and determined by the local school board, a school district may not
10 sell such commercial advertising if the advertisement promotes a political candidate, ideology, or cause, a product that could be
11 harmful to children, or a product that appeals to the prurient interest. Revenue generated from the sale of commercial advertising
12 space shall be retained by the school district.

13 **1.55.** (SDE: School District Property) The requirements of Section 59-19-250 of the 1976 Code, as amended, which requires
14 the consent of a governing board of a county in order for school trustees to sell or lease school property whenever they deem it
15 expedient to do so are suspended for the current fiscal year.

16 **1.56.** (SDE: Full-Day 4K) ~~Eligible students residing in a school district that met the poverty level for participation in the prior~~
17 ~~school year are eligible to participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program in the current school~~
18 ~~year. Beginning with the current fiscal year, eligible students residing in any school district may participate in the South Carolina~~
19 ~~Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) pending the availability of space and funding. Student eligibility as~~
20 ~~defined by Section 59-156-130 is an annual family income of one hundred eighty-five percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines~~
21 ~~as promulgated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or a statement of Medicaid eligibility.~~

22 A parent or guardian may choose to enroll their child in a public school participating in the program and approved by the
23 Department of Education pursuant to Section 59-156-210 or in a private provider participating in the program and approved by the
24 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
25 child care facility regulated by the United States Department of Defense, or a non-profit independent school. State funds
26 appropriated for the provision of CERDEP services in military child care facilities may not be used to supplant existing federal child
27 care funds.

28 Beginning with the current fiscal year, public schools and non-profit independent schools participating in CERDEP are not
29 required to be approved, registered, or licensed by the Department of Social Services in order to participate in CERDEP. Instead,
30 the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps are responsible for ensuring that providers deliver high-quality educational
31 programs pursuant to Section 59-156-160.

32 Public and private providers shall be funded for instructional costs at a rate of ~~\$4,600~~ \$4,800 per student enrolled. Eligible students
33 enrolling during the school year or withdrawing during the school year shall be funded on a pro rata basis determined by the length
34 of their enrollment. Private providers transporting eligible children to and from school shall also be eligible for a reimbursement of
35 ~~\$574~~ \$587 per eligible child transported. All providers who are reimbursed are required to retain records as required by their fiscal
36 agent. New providers participating for the first time in the current fiscal year and enrolling between one and six eligible children

1 shall be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per child in materials and equipment funding, with providers enrolling seven or more such
2 children eligible for funding not to exceed \$10,000. Providers receiving equipment funding are expected to participate in the program
3 and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure to participate for three
4 years will require the provider to return a portion of the equipment allocation at a level determined by the Department of Education
5 and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. Funding to providers is contingent upon receipt of data as requested by the
6 Department of Education and the Office of First Steps. The Department of Education shall only provide funding for public school
7 students whose complete records have been entered into PowerSchool based on the one hundred and thirty-five day student average
8 daily membership. For the current fiscal year, providers may enroll pay-lunch children who score at or below the twenty-fifth
9 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
10 eligible or the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program in a district or county are projected to be enrolled in that
11 program, Head Start, or ABC Child Care Program as determined by the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps, Child
12 Early Reading Development and Education Program. Providers may receive reimbursement for these children if funds are available.

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

20 Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of
21 the South Carolina Child Development Education Pilot Program and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by January
22 fifteenth of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine the data necessary and both
23 public and private providers are required to submit the necessary data as a condition of continued participation in and funding of the
24 program. This data shall include developmentally appropriate measures of student progress. Additionally, the Department of
25 Education shall issue a unique student identifier for each child receiving services from a private provider. The Department of
26 Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day
27 four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and
28 maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall
29 use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's
30 implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a
31 timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs.

32 For each school district that chooses not to participate in CERDEP, the district shall receive the same amount of EIA funds as
33 allocated in the prior fiscal year for the provision of a half-day 4K program from the funds appropriated to the Department of
34 Education for CERDEP or from any funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year to CERDEP. For eligible children residing in
35 school districts that do not participate in CERDEP, the Department of Education is required to develop and implement inter-district

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

3 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
 4 reimbursement rates to high-quality child care centers. The reimbursement rate for students enrolled by child care providers rated
 5 B or higher in the ABC Quality System operated by the Department of Social Services may be increased by up to 10% of the
 6 per-student base following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps; and (2) up to \$100,000 to provide one-time
 7 supplemental, needs-based incentive grants in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for newly created and/or newly approved private
 8 providers proposing to expand service to ten or more CERDEP eligible children in communities unable to enroll all eligible students
 9 in a public, private, or Head Start setting during the prior fiscal year. These grants are designed to address building renovations,
 10 documented as necessary to bring proposed classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations, materials and staffing costs,
 11 and/or other obstacles currently preventing their participation in the program. The First Steps Board of Trustees shall develop and
 12 approve an application process that incorporates formal review and fiscal safeguards designed to ensure grant funds are used solely
 13 to address documented barriers to program participation. Providers receiving this one-time supplement shall be expected to
 14 participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure
 15 to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level determined by
 16 the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. First Steps shall submit a report detailing its process, expenditures and expanded
 17 enrollment to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by March
 18 15; and (3) up to \$1,000,000 may be used to provide grants to public-private partnerships to address building renovations and
 19 designs necessary to get the building and classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations and other obstacles that prevent
 20 participation in CERDEP following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps. Providers participating in this pilot shall be
 21 expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three
 22 years. Failure to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level
 23 determined by the Office of First Steps.

24 If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines that appropriations will exceed expenditures,
 25 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
 26 half hours per day or two hundred and twenty days per year or to fund summer programs. If a district chooses to fund summer
 27 enrollment the program funding shall conform to the funding in this act for full year programs however it shall be reduced on a pro
 28 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
 29 shall be not more than ten weeks in length. The per pupil allocation and classroom grant must conform with the appropriated amount
 30 contained in this Act and end of year adjustments shall be based on the one hundred and thirty-five-day student average daily
 31 membership or later student average daily membership for districts choosing to extend the program past one hundred and eighty
 32 days. Funds may also be used to provide professional development and quality evaluations of programs. No later than April first,
 33 the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the
 34 Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the expenditure of these funds to include the following information: the
 35 amount of money used and specific steps and measures taken to enhance the quality of the 4K program and the amount of money
 36 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.

On or before September 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.

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.

1.57. (SDE: Summer Reading Camps) For the current fiscal year, funds appropriated for summer reading camps must be allocated as follows: (1) up to twenty percent to the Department of Education to provide bus transportation for students attending the camps; (2) \$700,000 allocated to the department to provide grants to support community partnerships whereby community organizations shall partner with local school districts to provide enrichment activities as part of after school programs or summer reading camps that utilize volunteers, mentors or tutors to provide instructional support to struggling readers in elementary schools that have a poverty index of forty percent or greater. All mentors and tutors that are a part of these after school programs or summer reading camps must have passed a SLED criminal background check. Participant to volunteer or teacher ratio must conform to that of the school district in which the program is located; and (3) the remainder on a per pupil allocation to each school district based on the number of students who substantially failed to demonstrate third-grade reading proficiency as indicated on the prior year's state assessment as defined by Section 59-155-120 (10) of the 1976 Code. Summer reading camps must be at least six weeks in duration with a minimum of four days of instruction per week and four hours of instruction per day, or the equivalent minimum hours of instruction in the summer. School transportation shall be provided. The camps must be taught by compensated teachers who have at least an add-on literacy endorsement or who have documented and demonstrated substantial success in helping students comprehend grade-level texts. The Department of Education shall assist districts that cannot find qualified teachers to work in the summer camps. Districts may also choose to contract for the services of qualified instructors or collaborate with one or more districts to provide a summer reading camp. Schools and school districts are encouraged to partner with county or school libraries, institutions of higher learning, community organizations, faith-based institutions, businesses, pediatric and family practice medical personnel, and other groups to provide volunteers, mentors, tutors, space, or other support to assist with the provision of the summer reading camps. In the current school year, any student in third grade who substantially fails to demonstrate third-grade reading proficiency by the end of the school year must be offered the opportunity to attend a summer reading camp at no cost to the parent or guardian. The purpose of the reading camp is to provide students who are significantly below third-grade reading proficiency with the opportunity to receive quality, intensive instructional services and support. A district may also include in the summer reading camps students who are not exhibiting reading proficiency at any grade and may charge fees for these students to attend the summer reading camps based on a sliding scale pursuant to Section 59-19-90, except where a child is found to be reading below grade level in the first, second or third grade. A parent or guardian of a student who does not substantially demonstrate proficiency in comprehending texts appropriate for his grade level must make the final decision regarding the student's participation in the summer reading camp.

1 **1.58.** (SDE: Interscholastic Athletic Association Dues) (A) A public school district supported by state funds shall not use any
 2 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
 3 support any interscholastic athletic association, body, or entity unless the constitution, rules, or policies of the association, body, or
 4 entity contain the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 ~~**1.59.** (SDE: Governor's Schools Informational Access to Students) For the current fiscal year, school districts must permit both~~
 35 ~~the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics to collaborate with~~
 36 ~~individual schools and their staff to share information with students and families about the educational opportunities offered at the~~

1 respective Governor's Schools, through avenues including school visits, informational presentations, and posters. By June thirtieth,
 2 of the current fiscal year, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities and the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
 3 must report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee the
 4 results of these Informational Access efforts. Further, the two Governor's Schools will work with districts, the Department of
 5 Education and School Report Card administrators, to ensure that SAT scores of current Governor's Schools' students are included
 6 in the School Report Card of those students' resident schools and districts.

7 **1.60.** (SDE: Reading/Literacy Coaches) (A) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Reading/Literacy
 8 Coaches, the Department of Education shall retain up to \$14,000,000 to be expended for the Palmetto Literacy Project. The
 9 Department shall identify schools in the Palmetto Literacy Project that have one-third or more of its third-grade students scoring at
 10 the lowest achievement level on the statewide summative English language arts assessment. For each school identified and
 11 participating in the Palmetto Literacy Project in the prior school year, the Department of Education will provide, at a minimum, the
 12 following support: provision of reading specialists, professional learning, and curriculum resources based on the science of reading.
 13 The reading specialist/coaches provided to the Palmetto Literacy Project schools will be hired and evaluated annually by the
 14 Department of Education.

15 (B) The balance of funds appropriated to the Department for Reading/Literacy Coaches shall be allocated to school districts for
 16 schools not included in the Palmetto Literacy Project to support reading instruction and interventions which may include, but not be
 17 limited to, hiring reading/literacy coaches, interventionists, or professional development based on the science of reading.
 18 Expenditure of funding must be included in the district reading plan approved by the Department of Education.

19 (C) ~~Funds appropriated for Reading/Literacy Coaches~~ These funds must be allocated to school districts by the Department of
 20 Education as follows: for each primary and elementary school, the school district shall be eligible to receive up to \$62,730 or the
 21 actual cost of salary and benefits for a full-time reading/literacy coach.

22 ~~(B)~~(D) By accepting these funds, a school district warrants that they will not be used to supplant existing school district
 23 expenditures, except for districts that either are currently, or in the prior fiscal year, were paying for reading/literacy coaches with
 24 local funds. A district may only utilize these funds to employ reading/literacy coaches that may serve in a primary, elementary, or
 25 middle school or a combination of these schools depending on the area of highest need in the district except in the event that the
 26 district can request and receive a waiver from the Department of Education to expend the funds on interventionists who spend more
 27 than fifty percent of their time providing direct support to struggling readers in grades kindergarten through grade five. The school
 28 district must align the placement of coaches to the district reading plan that is approved by the department.

29 ~~(C)~~(E) Funds appropriated for reading/literacy Coaches are intended to be used to provide primary, elementary, and/or middle
 30 schools with reading/literacy coaches who shall serve according to the provisions in Chapter 155 of Title 59.

31 ~~(D)~~(F) Schools and districts accepting funding to support a coaching position agree that the reading/literacy coach must not serve
 32 as an administrator. If the department finds that school districts are using these funds for administrative costs as defined in statute
 33 they must withhold that districts remaining balance of funds allocated pursuant to this proviso.

34 ~~(E)~~(G) The Department of Education must publish guidelines that define the minimum qualifications for a reading/literacy coach.
 35 These guidelines must deem any licensed/certified teacher qualified if, at a minimum, he or she:

- 36 (1) holds a bachelor's degree or higher and an add-on endorsement for literacy coach or literacy specialist; or

1 (2) holds a bachelor's degree or higher and is actively pursuing the literacy coach or literacy specialist endorsement; or

2 (3) holds a master's degree or higher in reading or a closely-related field.

3 Within these guidelines, the Department of Education must assist districts in identifying a reading/literacy coach in the event that
4 the school is not successful in identifying and directly employing a qualified candidate. ~~The provisions of subsection (A), including~~
5 ~~the local support requirements, shall also apply to any allocations made pursuant to this paragraph.~~

6 ~~(F) The Department of Education must develop procedures for monitoring the use of funds appropriated for reading/literacy~~
7 ~~coaches to ensure they are applied to their intended uses and are not redirected for other purposes. The Department of Education~~
8 ~~may receive up to \$100,000 of the funds appropriated for reading/literacy coaches in order to implement this program, provided that~~
9 ~~this allocation does not exceed the department's actual costs.~~

10 ~~(G) Prior to the close of the current fiscal year, any unspent or unallocated funds for reading/literacy coaches shall be used to fund~~
11 ~~Summer Reading Camps.~~

12 ~~(H) For the current school year, the Department of Education shall screen and approve the hiring of any reading/literacy coach~~
13 ~~serving in a school in which one third or more of its third grade students scoring at the lowest achievement level on the statewide~~
14 ~~summative English/language arts assessment. No funds shall be disbursed to the district to fund the reading/literacy coach until the~~
15 ~~department has screened and approved the coach. Schools in which at least sixty percent of students scored at meets or exceeds~~
16 ~~expectations on the state summative assessment in English/language arts may submit, as part of their reading plan, a request to the~~
17 ~~department for flexibility to utilize their allocation to provide literacy support to students, which may include, but is not limited to:~~
18 ~~a reading coach, a literacy interventionist, or other supplemental services directed to students in need of interventions. This plan~~
19 ~~must be approved by the department annually as part of the district reading plan.~~

20 ~~(I)~~(H) The Department of Education shall require:

21 (1) any school district receiving funding ~~under subsection (A)~~ to identify the name and qualifications of the supported
22 reading/literacy coach; as well as the school in which the coach is assigned; and

23 (2) any school district receiving funding ~~under subsection (G)~~ to account for the specific amounts and uses of such funds.

24 ~~(J)~~(I) With the data reported by the school districts, the department shall report by January fifteenth of the current fiscal year on
25 the hiring of and assignment of reading/literacy coaches by school. The department shall also report the amount of funds that will
26 be used for Summer Reading Camps.

27 ~~(K)~~(J) ~~Funds appropriated for reading/literacy coaches shall be retained and~~ Any unexpended or unallocated funds may be carried
28 ~~forward to be used for the same purpose but may not be flexed~~ and expended for Summer Reading Camps.

29 **1.61.** (SDE: Sports Participation) Any school receiving state funds shall be required to allow a military dependent student who
30 has transferred from their resident school district to another school district to participate in a sport that was not offered in the resident
31 school district. Should a school fail to comply with this provision, the Department of Education shall withhold one percent of their
32 total state allocation.

33 **1.62.** (SDE: Graduation Rates) For the current fiscal year, if a high school has a graduation rate below sixty percent, using
34 appropriated funds a local school district board of trustees must provide a report detailing a plan to increase the graduation rate in
35 accordance with the provisions of the Education Accountability Act to the State Board of Education.

~~1.63. (SDE: South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program) There is created the South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program. The purpose of this matching grants program is to encourage and sustain partnerships between a community and its local public school district or school for the implementation of innovative, state-of-the-art education initiatives and models to improve student learning. The initiatives and models funded by the grant must be well designed, based on strong evidence of effectiveness, and have a history of improved student performance.~~

~~—The General Assembly finds that the success offered by these initiatives and programs is assured best when vigorous community support is integral to their development and implementation. It is the intent of this proviso to encourage public school and district communities and their entrepreneurial public educators to undertake state-of-the-art initiatives to improve student learning and to share the results of these efforts with the state's public education community.~~

~~—As used in this proviso:~~

~~—(1) "Community" is defined as a group of parents, educators, and individuals from business, faith groups, elected officials, nonprofit organizations and others who support the public school district or school in its efforts to provide an outstanding education for each child. As applied to the schools impacted within a district or an individual school, "community" includes the school faculty and the School Improvement Council as established in Section 59-20-60 of the 1976 Code;~~

~~—(2) "Poverty" is defined as the percent of students eligible in the prior year for the free and reduced price lunch program and or Medicaid; and~~

~~—(3) "Achievement" is as established by the Education Oversight Committee for the report card ratings developed pursuant to Section 59-18-900 of the 1976 Code.~~

~~—The Executive Director of the Education Oversight Committee is directed to appoint an independent grants committee to develop the process for awarding the grants including the application procedure, selection process, and matching grant formula. The grants committee will be comprised of seven members, three members selected from the education community and four members from the business community. The chairman of the committee will be selected by the committee members at the first meeting of the grants committee. The grants committee will review and select the recipients of the Community Block Grants for Education.~~

~~—The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but are not limited to:~~

~~—(1) the establishment and continuation of a robust community advisory committee to leverage funding, expertise, and other resources to assist the district or school throughout the implementation of the initiatives funded through the Block Grant Program;~~

~~—(2) a demonstrated ability to meet the match throughout the granting period;~~

~~—(3) a demonstrated ability to implement the initiative or model as set forth in the application; and~~

~~—(4) an explanation of the manner in which the initiative supports the district's or school's strategic plan required by Section 59-18-1310 of the 1976 Code.~~

~~—In addition, the district or school, with input from the community advisory committee, must include:~~

~~—(1) a comprehensive plan to examine delivery implementation and measure impact of the model;~~

~~—(2) a report on implementation problems and successes and impact of the innovation or model; and~~

~~—(3) evidence of support for the project from the school district administration when an individual school applies for a grant.~~

~~—The match required from a grant recipient is based on the poverty of the district or school. No matching amount will exceed more than seventy percent of the grant request or be less than ten percent of the request. The required match may be met by funds or by~~

in-kind donations, such as technology, to be further defined by 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.

~~—However, no grant may exceed \$250,000 annually unless the grants committee finds that exceptional circumstances warrant exceeding this amount.~~

~~—The Education Oversight Committee will review the grantee reports and examine the implementation of the initiatives and models to understand the delivery of services and any contextual factors. The Oversight Committee will then highlight the accomplishments and common challenges of the initiatives and models funded by the Community Block Grant for Education Pilot Program to share the lessons learned with the state's public education community.~~

~~—For the current fiscal year, funds allocated to the Community Block Grant for Education Pilot Program must be used to provide or expand high-quality early childhood programs for a targeted population of at-risk four-year-olds. High-quality is defined as meeting the minimum program requirements of the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program and providing measurable high-quality child teacher interactions, curricula and instruction. Priority will be given to applications that involve public-private partnerships between school districts, schools, Head Start, and private child care providers who collaborate to: (1) provide high-quality programs to four-year-olds to maximize the return on investment; (2) assist in making the transition to kindergarten; (3) improve the early literacy, social and emotional, and numeracy readiness of children; and (4) engage families in improving their children's readiness.~~

1.64. (SDE: Proceeds from Sale of Bus Shop & Boat) For the current fiscal year the Department of Education is authorized to retain any funds received from the sale of any bus shop and the sale of the state-owned boat and expend those funds for transportation purposes.

1.65. (SDE: First Steps 4K Technology) During the current fiscal year, South Carolina Office of First Steps to School Readiness is authorized to expend up to \$75,000 from the four-year-old kindergarten carry forward funds to purchase electronic devices for the administration of required school readiness assessments to children enrolled in the full-day 4K program in private centers in the current fiscal year. The State Office of First Steps may purchase one device, which would be the property of the Office of First Steps, for every ten centers serving children in the program. The regional coordinators who provide support to the centers shall coordinate the usage of the devices among the centers. First Steps shall provide a report documenting its technology and materials expenditures to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 15 of the current fiscal year.

1.66. (SDE: Teacher Certification Exemption) For the current fiscal year, a teacher certified at the secondary level may teach such courses in grades seven through twelve without having the add on certification for middle-level education. A teacher certified in elementary education may teach first grade without having the add on certification in early childhood education. Districts must report to the Department of Education and the Center for Educator Recruitment Retention and Advancement on the teachers and courses that utilize this exemption.

1.67. (SDE: Digital Instructional Materials) The Department of Education shall continue to create an instructional materials list composed of those items (print and/or digital) that have received State Board of Education approval through the normal adoption process. The department shall continue to work with the publishers of instructional materials to ensure that districts have options for

1 print/digital student materials to include class sets of print student editions, if needed. Funds appropriated for the purchase of
 2 instructional materials (print/digital) may be used for reimbursing school districts to offset the costs of refurbishing science kits on
 3 the state-adopted instructional materials inventory, purchasing new kits or those adopted as supplemental from the central textbook
 4 depository, or a combination of refurbishment and purchase. The refurbishing cost of kits may not exceed the cost of the
 5 state-adopted refurbishing kits plus a reasonable amount for shipping and handling. Costs for staff development, personnel costs,
 6 equipment, or other costs associated with refurbishing kits on state inventory are not allowable costs. Funds provided for Instructional
 7 Materials may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the
 8 department, school districts, and special schools. These funds are not subject to flexibility.

9 ~~1.68. (SDE: CDEPP Unexpended Funds) For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the Office of First Steps to School Readiness is permitted to~~
 10 ~~retain the first \$1,000,000 of any unexpended CDEPP funds of the prior fiscal year and expend these funds to enhance the quality of~~
 11 ~~the full-day 4K program in private centers and provide professional development opportunities. By August first, the Office of First~~
 12 ~~Steps is directed to allocate any additional unexpended CDEPP funds from the prior fiscal year and any CDEPP funds carried forward~~
 13 ~~from prior fiscal years that were transferred to the restricted account for the following purpose: Education Oversight~~
 14 ~~Committee \$1,000,000 for the South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program.~~

15 ~~—If carry forward funds are less than the amounts appropriated, funding for the items listed herein shall be reduced on a pro rata~~
 16 ~~basis.~~

17 ~~—If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines there will be funds available, funds shall~~
 18 ~~be allocated on a per pupil basis for districts eligible for participation first, who have a documented waiting list, and funded an~~
 19 ~~extended program per this proviso in the prior school year, then to districts to increase the length of the program to a maximum of~~
 20 ~~eight and a half hours per day or two hundred and twenty days per year or to fund summer programs. The department and the Office~~
 21 ~~of First Steps are authorized to target funds to ensure that the schools in which more than one third of third graders scored “Does Not~~
 22 ~~Meet Expectations” on the state English/language arts assessment are serving all eligible four year olds. By August 1, the Department~~
 23 ~~of Education and the Office of First Steps must collect the documented waiting lists and determine a process to notify parents of~~
 24 ~~eligible students of available slots in all approved providers. If a district chooses to fund summer enrollment the program funding~~
 25 ~~shall conform to the funding in this act for full year programs, however shall be reduced on a pro rata basis to conform with the~~
 26 ~~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~~
 27 ~~in length. The per pupil allocation and classroom grant must conform with the appropriated amount contained in this Act and end~~
 28 ~~of year adjustments shall be based on the one hundred and thirty five day student average daily membership or later student average~~
 29 ~~daily membership for districts choosing to extend the program past one hundred and eighty days. Funds may also be used to provide~~
 30 ~~parent engagement, professional development and quality evaluations of programs.~~

31 ~~—For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the Office of First Steps may pilot a program to provide higher reimbursement rates to high quality~~
 32 ~~centers in order to increase the numbers of First Steps participants. Utilizing up to \$1,000,000 of carry forward funding, the~~
 33 ~~reimbursement rate for students enrolled by private providers rated B or higher in the ABC Quality System operated by the~~
 34 ~~Department of Social Services may be increased by up to 10% of the per student base following guidelines developed by the Office~~
 35 ~~of First Steps.~~

~~No later than April first, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps must 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.~~

1.69. (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance) Of the funds appropriated *in VIII.D - Technology* for the K-12 Technology Initiative, the department is authorized to withhold up to \$350,000 in order to ~~develop a statewide technology plan for schools and districts. The plan must address, at a minimum, infrastructure and connectivity needs, online testing requirements, equipment, educational technology, digital literacy and a statewide learning management system to connect teachers and students. The plan must take into account the need for some districts to utilize a regional approach to services that may include, but is not limited to, purchasing, training and support services. This plan, including cost projections, shall be presented to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by February 1, 2020. Remaining funds shall be used to provide technology technical assistance to school districts.~~ *The Department is required to report by January 1 annually to the General Assembly on how the funds were expended and what assistance was provided to school districts.*

1.70. (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance) Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Technology Technical Assistance must be used to increase the capacity of districts who are or were the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit. Funds shall be used by the department to assist school districts in procuring appropriate technology to include devices and infrastructure in accordance with the recommendations made by the technology review team to begin to build capacity to offer online testing and increased access. For the current fiscal year districts and individual public charter schools may request a waiver from the State Board of Education from the requirement that all assessments be administered online; *however, any paper administration must be completed according to the deadlines set by the Department.*

1.71. (SDE: Assistance Funding) For the current fiscal year, any funds appropriated to the Department of Education to assist districts that are or were Plaintiffs in the Abbeville law suit and funding appropriated to the department to provide technical assistance to underperforming districts may not be transferred to any other program, are not subject to flexibility, and may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes.

1.72. (SDE: Reporting and Procurement) Any state agency or school for which the department acts as the fiscal agent must comply with any state and federal reporting requirements using agency procedures and shall follow all state procurement laws.

1.73. ~~(SDE: Military Child Care Centers) During the current fiscal year, South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness may extend four year old kindergarten provider eligibility to military child care settings regulated by the United States Department of Defense. State funds appropriated for use in military child care facilities must be used to expand service to CERDEP eligible children residing in school districts approved for participation during the prior fiscal year and may not be used to supplant any existing federal child care investment.~~

1.74. (SDE: First Steps 4K Underserved Communities) Using funds appropriated for the Child Early Reading and Development Education Program, South Carolina First Steps shall develop a pilot program to expand four year old kindergarten enrollment within underserved communities eligible for participation during the most recent fiscal year. 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 of eligible

students in a public, private, or Head Start setting during the prior fiscal year, may apply for up to \$30,000 in one-time supplemental, needs-based incentives 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 First Steps 4K 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 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 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, 2020.

—For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the Office of First Steps may pilot a program to provide CERDEP services in underserved communities serving multi-counties and multi-districts. 4K centers served by this pilot may provide CERDEP-funded services to eligible children from non-CERDEP districts but must also offer services to students from at least one school district eligible to participate in the CERDEP program. Utilizing up to \$1,000,000 of carry-forward funding, First Steps may provide grants to participants in this pilot if they are public-private partnerships to address building renovations and designs necessary to get the building and classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations and other obstacles that prevent participation in the CERDEP program following guidelines developed by SC First Steps. Providers participating in this pilot 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 supplemental allocation at a level determined by the Office of First Steps to School Readiness.

1.75. (SDE: School Leadership) Of the funds appropriated to and retained by the department for Professional Development, \$400,000 shall be used to contract with a non-profit statewide K-12 professional association located in South Carolina whose membership provides for the development and support of current and future school leaders. The provider must specialize in multiple assessments, executive coaching, and leadership development that provides the skills necessary for a progressive career path in school leadership.

1.76. (SDE: School Bus Drivers) For the current fiscal year, a driver candidate must possess a valid driver's license that meets the requirements in State and Federal law to operate commercial and non-commercial school bus type vehicles with no restrictions other than vision correction to qualify for issuance. Driver candidates must complete all Department of Education classroom and behind-the-wheel training requirements, including a medical examination and drug/alcohol testing, for initial certification as well as all Department of Education required in-service training annually to qualify for continued certification.

1.77. (SDE: Special Education Minutes Requirement) For the current fiscal year the required two-hundred fifty minutes of specialized instruction a student is required to receive in order to qualify for the special education weighting in the EFA is waived. A special education weighting may be applied for any public school child with an Individualized Education Program in effect, regardless of the number of minutes of instruction.

1.78. (SDE: Retired Educators Employment) For the current fiscal year school districts may notify retired educators of employment in writing on or before May 1. School districts employing retired educators pursuant to Section 9-1-1795 of the 1976

1 Code shall provide documentation of compliance with the earnings limitation exemptions to the department. The department shall
2 verify the compliance and send the verification to the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

3 **1.79.** (SDE: Education Rate Program) For purposes of the federal Educational Rate Program, a child attending a state-funded
4 four-year-old kindergarten program must be considered an elementary school student.

5 **1.80.** (SDE: Safe Schools Initiative) ~~(A) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education and the State Law Enforcement~~
6 ~~Division shall continue to support, through the state level Threat Assessment Team, school threat assessment teams and training in~~
7 ~~school districts. By August 15, 2019, each school in the state must have identified key staff to serve on a threat assessment team.~~
8 Each school in the state shall continue to maintain a threat assessment team. The department shall work with stakeholders to provide
9 professional development to staff ~~who will serve~~ serving on the team. The state level Threat Assessment Team shall continue to
10 coordinate, collect, and compile Threat Assessment & School Safety Plans from each school district with their input. These plans
11 shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 30-4-10, et seq. of the 1976 Code. The Department of Education and the State Law
12 Enforcement Division shall continue to provide the Governor and the General Assembly with recommendations regarding school
13 safety which shall include any projected costs or necessary statute changes.

14 **1.81.** (SDE: Alternative Certification Programs) For the current fiscal year, the department, through the State Board of
15 Education, is authorized to award a conditional teaching certificate to a person who is enrolled in an approved alternative certification
16 program provided the person has earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a major, or major
17 equivalence, as defined by the State Board of Education in guidelines developed by the department in a certification area for which
18 the board has determined there exists a critical shortage of teachers, and the person has passed the appropriate teaching examination.

19 **1.82.** (SDE: Student Meals) For the current fiscal year, all school districts shall identify students in poverty according to the
20 provisions in Proviso 1.3 of this Act and increase access to free school meals for these students. School districts shall use the criteria
21 to directly certify pupils eligible for free and reduced-price school meals to the extent permitted under federal law. The local board
22 of trustees of a district in which all schools are eligible to receive the free federal reimbursement rate for all reimbursable school
23 breakfasts and lunches served, pursuant to the Community Eligibility Provision in Section 1759(a) of Title 42 of the United States
24 Code, shall adopt a resolution indicating participation. If a district is unable to participate, the local board of trustees shall adopt a
25 resolution stating that it is unable to participate in CEP and demonstrate the reasons why. The resolution shall be published on a
26 public meeting agenda concurrently with the proposed district budget as an action item and shall be approved by a majority of the
27 board. School districts shall ensure that the parents or guardians of students eligible for free and reduced lunch receive the necessary
28 applications and instructions and upon request are provided with assistance in completing the paperwork. Schools shall not publically
29 identify a student who is unable to pay for a meal for any reason. Communications from the district regarding any meal debt owed
30 must only be directed to the parent or guardian and may be sent home through the student.

31 **1.83.** (SDE: Consolidate Administrative Functions) For the current fiscal, any school district that has an average daily
32 membership of less than 1,500 students, has been designated in Fiscal Watch, Caution or Emergency status, has a risk assessment of
33 medium or high, has a school or is a district with an accreditation status of probation or denied, or has a school or schools that have
34 been in improvement status for three years may be directed by the State Superintendent of Education to consolidate administrative
35 and professional services with one or more school districts. Administrative and professional services may include, but are not limited
36 to: finance, human resources, procurement, administrative functions, transportation and collaboration on increasing instructional

offerings. The Superintendent shall notify a district in writing that they meet one or more of the criteria. The district then has thirty business days from receipt of the notification to deliver a plan to the Superintendent for her approval. The Superintendent must either approve or amend the plan within fifteen days. Plans must be implemented within sixty days of approval. If a district fails to submit a plan, the Superintendent shall direct the consolidation of services with another school district and if the district fails to comply, the department shall withhold one percent of the district's EFA allocation until the district does comply. At that time, the EFA payments shall resume and any EFA funds withheld shall be allocated to the district.

~~**1.84.** (SDE: School Safety Program) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers 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 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 must apply for funding through the department and no districts shall receive an award of more than four certified school resource officer positions. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that will serve as a full time school resource officer. The department is authorized to carry forward funds from the prior fiscal year and utilize these funds for the same purpose.~~

1.85. (SDE: Exceptional Needs Sports Participation) A student who meets the definition of 'Exceptional needs child' in Section 12-6-3790 (A)(2) and the definition of 'Qualifying Student' in Section 12-6-3790 (A)(5) of the 1976 Code shall be eligible to participate in any sport offered at the public school for which the child is zoned to attend.

1.86. (SDE: School Districts Capital Improvement) The funds appropriated for school district capital improvements in Proviso 112.1, shall be prioritized by the Department of Education pursuant to subsections (A) and (B).

(A) Twenty-five percent of the funds shall be made available first to a local school district or districts with an average daily membership that is less than one thousand five hundred, based on the most recent student count received by the department, and that is located within a county ranked as Tier IV pursuant to Section 12-6-3360(B) for 2018 which chooses to consolidate with another school district located in the same county. The funds may be used to support costs directly related to the consolidation which shall include, but are not limited to, salary adjustments, facilities, debt mitigation, millage rate adjustments, transportation, technology and other factors for which the district demonstrates are necessary to complete consolidation. Furthermore, the department is eligible to carry forward these funds and use them for the same purpose. On or before August 1, the eligible districts must submit a preliminary plan and timeline for pursuing consolidation, including the use of the consolidation funds requested, to the Department of Education for review and approval. When the department has approved the final plan, the districts shall forward the plan to the local legislative delegation outlining the specific request that local legislation be enacted to effect the consolidation. The legislation may include, but is not limited to, composition of the consolidated board, transition procedures, and disposition and/or assumption of district assets and liabilities. Upon approval of a consolidation plan, the department shall make an initial allocation to the impacted districts and shall allocate remaining funds upon enactment of legislation formally consolidating the districts for the benefit of the consolidated district.

(B) Any funds not used for the purposes of assisting districts eligible in (A) shall be distributed by the department to eligible districts for the purpose of funding shared school facility construction and upgrades in districts with a poverty index of seventy

percent or higher or an index of taxpayer ability less than .009. For the purpose of this provision, “school facility” means only facilities necessary for instructional and related supporting purposes including, but not limited to, classrooms, libraries, media centers, laboratories, cafeterias, physical education spaces, related interior and exterior facilities, and the conduit, wiring, and powering of hardware installations for classroom computers or for area network systems. Eligible school facility projects shall include and be prioritized as follows: construction of shared high school and career and technology education facilities with priority given to districts that submit a plan for a facility that serves multiple school districts with average daily membership counts of less than one thousand five hundred and then for the following purposes: (a) health and safety upgrades; (b) technology upgrades inside school facilities; (c) upgrades associated with career and technology education programs; and (d) deferred maintenance needs as described in the district’s capital improvement plan. For purposes of this provision, school facilities shall not include unimproved real property, centralized district administration facilities, or other facilities, including those normally identified with interscholastic sports activities.

(i) The department shall develop and maintain an application process for school districts to request funding for qualified school projects and establish policies, procedures, and priorities for the making of grants pursuant to this provision. At least twice a year and upon receipt of applications pursuant to the application process adopted by the department, the department shall prioritize the eligible projects with the greatest need and shall submit a list of recommended grant awards to the State Board of Education. Grants shall be awarded upon an affirmative vote of the State Board.

(ii) The financial assistance provided to 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.

(C) Following the close of the fiscal year, the department shall submit a report on the expenditure of funds pursuant to subsections (A) and (B) for the preceding year to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee.

1.87. (SDE: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the average teachers’ salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school year the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~\$52,830~~ \$53,426. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to the national average teacher salary.

Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using 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 ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended if additional State funds fill the gap.

Funds allocated by Proviso 1.3 for implementing a revised state minimum salary schedule for Teacher Salaries must be used to increase salaries of those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b), to include classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and

1 audiologists in the school districts of the state by not less than four percent. Districts must use the district salary schedule utilized
2 the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase.

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

5 **1.88.** (SDE: School District Hold Harmless) If there is not an increase in state support for school districts that is disbursed
6 through the Education Finance Act formula pursuant to Proviso 1.3 in this Act, any district that must use reserve funds to pay for
7 teacher pay raises, to include step increases, shall be held harmless from the local school district's reserve fund requirement
8 provisions in the Fiscal Accountability Act for Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-2022 and upon approval by the Department of Education.

9 **1.89.** (SDE: Educational Services for Children with Disabilities) In order to determine whether educational services provided to
10 children with disabilities are delivered effectively and efficiently and whether services or funding should be reformed and to include
11 a specific focus on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on children with special needs, the Department of Education, in
12 coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, shall provide data to the Joint Legislative and Citizens Committee
13 on Children, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, Chairman of the House
14 Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee regarding services to exceptional
15 needs children served by public schools and BabyNet as follows: ~~(1) summary reports on the identification of students in need of~~
16 ~~services through IDEA Parts C and B to include the number of students qualifying for services by district; (2) information on services~~
17 ~~provided to students with IEPs in the least restrictive environment; (3) recommendations on updates to student weightings and~~
18 ~~funding in the current Education Finance Act; (4) how are these services funded with federal, state and local funds at the district~~
19 ~~level; and (5) prior school year outcome data for students with disabilities~~ requested by the Committee. The findings shall be
20 submitted by January 15, 2020.

21 **1.90.** ~~(SDE: Reserve Suspension) In the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 3 of Act 593 of 1992, as amended, relating~~
22 ~~to the limit on cash reserves are suspended for Dorchester County School District 2. The cash reserve may consist of state or federal~~
23 ~~funds allocated to the school district pursuant to this act, as well as other funds.~~

24 **1.91.** (SDE: Standards-Based Assessments Suspended) In Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the provisions of Section
25 59-18-325(C)(3) requiring science standards-based assessments of students in grade eight and social studies standards-based
26 assessments of students in grades five and seven are suspended. Of the funds available due to the suspension of these assessments,
27 \$500,000 must be used by the Department of Education to fund educator professional development regarding the South Carolina
28 Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards. The remainder of the funds shall be used to pay for industry
29 certification/credentials as approved to measure College/Career Readiness for purposes of the state accountability system.

30 **1.92.** (SDE: Schools of Choice) For the current fiscal year, school districts are authorized to create multiple schools of choice
31 within the district. These schools of choice must meet the requirements of Section 59-19-350 of the 1976 Code.

32 **1.93.** (SDE: Master's Plus Thirty) For school year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-2022, the department shall continue to process the master's
33 plus thirty certificate classification in the same manner as the prior school year. Educators earning a master's degree with sixty or
34 more semester hours of graduate coursework will remain eligible for the master's plus thirty credential classification.

~~1.94. (SDE: COVID-19 Emergency Powers) (A) The Superintendent of Education is authorized to exercise the following emergency powers if she determines that any, or all, of them are necessary and appropriate measures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency:~~

~~—(1) waive statutory requirements concerning testing, assessments, and reporting including, but not limited to, those requirements contained in Chapter 18, Title 59; Article 3, Chapter 18, Title 59; and Section 59-155-160 of the 1976 Code;~~

~~—(2) include all days of distance learning during which instruction was provided in good faith pursuant to a school district's distance learning plan as an instructional day required to meet the one hundred eighty instructional day requirement contained in Section 59-1-425; and~~

~~—(3) provide maximum programmatic and financial flexibility including, but not limited to, the authority to carry forward any cash balances to local school districts adjusting to operations in response to COVID-19.~~

~~—(B) The State Superintendent of Education is authorized to promote and encourage districts to use summer reading camps and all other available tools to ensure appropriate time is spent by students to keep them on grade level and satisfy their learning needs.~~

~~—(C) The State Superintendent of Education is authorized to carry forward any cash balances maintained by the Department of Education. The superintendent is further authorized to transfer any appropriations within the department to assist local school districts adjusting operations in response to COVID-19.~~

~~—(D) The state teacher minimum salary schedule will remain at the Fiscal Year 2019-20 level. Step increases are suspended until the annual general appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020-21 is enacted.~~

~~—(E) On or before August 1, 2020, the State Superintendent of Education shall provide a report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Education Committee, and the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee concerning the emergency powers exercised in subsection (A). The report shall identify the statutory requirements waived and the reason for which the waiver was granted and identify and describe any actions taken in regards to subsection (A)(3).~~

1.95. (SDE: Anti-Bullying) To receive the increased funding for State Aid to Classrooms, beginning July 1, 2021, a school district must implement a policy that prohibits the use of personal electronic communication devices by students during direct classroom instructional time. For purposes of this provision, a personal electronic communication device is considered to be a device not authorized for classroom use by a student, utilized to access the Internet, wi-fi, or cellular telephone signals.

1.96. (SDE: Charter School Funding) The funds appropriated for charter schools must be allocated in the following manner to students at charter schools within the South Carolina Public Charter School District or within a registered Institution of Higher Education: Pupils enrolled in virtual charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education shall receive \$1,900 per weighted pupil and pupils enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education shall receive \$3,600 per weighted pupil. 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 receive \$3,600 per student for brick and mortar charter schools. Three and four year old students with a disability, who are eligible for serves under IDEA and enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered IHE, shall be included in student counts for the South Carolina Public Charter School District and registered IHE's solely for

purposes of funding under this proviso. Any unexpended funds, not to exceed ten percent of the prior year appropriation, must be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended for the same purpose. Any unexpended funds exceeding ten percent of the prior year appropriation must be transferred to the Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Program established in Section 59-40-175. For Fiscal Year 2021-22, the timelines set forth for ruling on charter school applications are extended for sixty calendar days for all applications submitted to the South Carolina Public Charter School District if the district determines that an applicant should be permitted to amend its application to meet the requirements of Section 59-40-60 and Section 59-40-70, of the 1976 Code, based on an applicant's proposal to address an existing achievement gap utilizing an evidence-based educational program in an underserved geographical area of the state including, but not limited to, charter schools proposed to be located in any school district that is a plaintiff in the Abbeville law suit. The South Carolina Public Charter School District shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the outcomes of this extended time for a hearing at the end of the application cycle.

SECTION 1A - H630 - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA

1A.1. (SDE-EIA: Prohibition on Appropriation Transfers) The amounts appropriated herein for aid to subdivisions or allocations to school districts shall not be transferred or reduced and must be expended in accordance with the intent of the appropriation. However, transfers are authorized from allocations to school districts or special line items with projected year-end excess appropriations above requirements, to allocations to school districts or special line items with projected deficits in appropriations.

1A.2. (SDE-EIA: African-American History) Funds provided for the development of the African-American History curricula may be carried forward into the current fiscal year. Funds that are currently a salary line item will be reallocated for the development of instructional materials and programs and the implementation of professional learning opportunities that promote African American history and culture. For the current fiscal year, not less than seventy percent of the funds carried forwarded must be expended for the development of additional instructional materials by nonprofit organizations, school districts, or institutions of higher education selected through a grant process by the Department of Education.

1A.3. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Evaluations, Implementation/Education Oversight) The Department of Education is directed to oversee the evaluation of teachers at the School for the Deaf and the Blind, the John de la Howe School and the Department of Juvenile Justice under the ADEPT model.

1A.4. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/State Agencies) 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 South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts

1 and Humanities and the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics are authorized to increase the salaries of
2 instructional personnel by an amount equal to the percentage increase given by the School District in which they are both located.

3 Teacher salary increases recommended by the Department of Education and funded in this Act shall be incorporated into each
4 agency's EIA appropriation contained in Section 1, VIII.F.

5 **1A.5.** (SDE-EIA: Work-Based Learning) Of the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.A.1. for the Work-Based Learning
6 Program, \$75,000 shall be used by the State Department of Education to provide for regional professional development in contextual
7 methodology techniques and integration of curriculum, and professional development in career guidance for teachers and guidance
8 counselors and training mentors. Pilot-site delivery of contextual methodology training in mathematics will be supported by
9 technology and hands-on lab activities. In addition, \$500,000 shall be allocated for Regional Career Specialists. Each Regional
10 Career Specialist shall (1) be housed within the regional centers/WIA geographic areas, (2) provide career development activities
11 throughout all schools within the region, (3) be under the program supervision of the Office of Career and Technology Education,
12 State Department of Education, and (4) adhere to an accountability and evaluation plan created by the Office of Career and
13 Technology Education, State Department of Education. The Office of Career and Technology Education, State Department of
14 Education, shall provide a report, in February of the current fiscal year to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and
15 Means Committee on accomplishments of the Career Counseling Specialists. Of the funds appropriated in the prior fiscal year,
16 unexpended funds may be carried forward to the current fiscal year and expended for the same purposes.

17 **1A.6.** (SDE-EIA: CHE/Teacher Recruitment) Of the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. for the Teacher
18 Recruitment Program, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education shall distribute a total of ninety-two percent to the Center
19 for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA-South Carolina) for a state teacher recruitment program, of which
20 at least seventy-eight percent must be used for the Teaching Fellows Program specifically to provide scholarships for future teachers,
21 and of which twenty-two percent must be used for other aspects of the state teacher recruitment program, including the Teacher
22 Cadet Program and \$166,302 which must be used for specific programs to recruit minority teachers: and shall distribute eight percent
23 to South Carolina State University to be used only for the operation of a minority teacher recruitment program and therefore shall
24 not be used for the operation of their established general education programs. Working with districts with an absolute rating of
25 At-Risk or Below Average, CERRA will provide shared initiatives to recruit and retain teachers to schools in these districts. CERRA
26 will report annually by October first to the Education Oversight Committee and the Department of Education on the success of the
27 recruitment and retention efforts in these schools. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education shall ensure that all funds
28 are used to promote teacher recruitment on a statewide basis, shall ensure the continued coordination of efforts among the three
29 teacher recruitment projects, shall review the use of funds and shall have prior program and budget approval. The South Carolina
30 State University program, in consultation with the Commission on Higher Education, shall extend beyond the geographic area it
31 currently serves. Annually, the Commission on Higher Education shall evaluate the effectiveness of each of the teacher recruitment
32 projects and shall report its findings and its program and budget recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees,
33 the State Board of Education and the Education Oversight Committee by October first annually, in a format agreed upon by the
34 Education Oversight Committee and the Department of Education.

35 With the funds appropriated CERRA shall also appoint and maintain the South Carolina Teacher Loan Advisory Committee. The
36 Committee shall be composed of one member representing each of the following: (1) Commission on Higher Education; (2) State

Board of Education; (3) Education Oversight Committee; (4) Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement; (5) South Carolina Student Loan Corporation; (6) South Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; (7) a local school district human resources officer; (8) a public higher education institution with an approved teacher education program; and (9) a private higher education institution with an approved teacher education program. The members of the committee representing the public and private higher education institutions shall rotate among those institutions and shall serve a two-year term on the committee. The committee must be staffed by CERRA, and shall meet at least twice annually. The committee's responsibilities are limited to: (1) establishing goals for the Teacher Loan Program; (2) facilitating communication among the cooperating agencies; (3) advocating for program participants; and (4) recommending policies and procedures necessary to promote and maintain the program.

1A.7. (SDE-EIA: Disbursements / Other Entities) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2-7-66 and 11-3-50, South Carolina Code of Laws, it is the intent of the General Assembly that funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. Other State Agencies and Entities shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis by the Department of Revenue directly to the state agencies and entities referenced except for the Teacher Loan Program, Centers of Excellence, the Education Oversight Committee and School Technology, which shall receive their full appropriation at the start of the fiscal year from available revenue. The ~~Comptroller General's~~ Executive Budget Office is authorized to make necessary appropriation reductions in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. to prevent duplicate appropriations. If the Education Improvement Act appropriations in the agency and entity respective sections of the General Appropriations Act at the start of the fiscal year do not agree with the appropriations in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. Other State Agencies and Entities, the "other funds" appropriations in the respective agency and entity sections of the General Appropriations Act will be adjusted by the ~~Comptroller General's~~ Executive Budget Office to conform to the appropriations in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. Other State Agencies and Entities. Further, the Department of Revenue is directed to provide the full appropriation of the funding appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.C.2. Teacher Supplies to the Department of Education at the start of the fiscal year from available revenue. The Department of Revenue is also directed to provide the first quarter appropriation of the funding appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.H. Charter School District to the Department of Education at the start of the fiscal year from available revenue.

1A.8. (SDE-EIA: Arts in Education) Funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.A.1. Arts Curricula shall be used to support innovative practices in arts education curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the visual and performing arts including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts which incorporates strengths from the Arts in Education sites. They shall also be used to support the advancement of the implementation of the visual and performing arts academic standards. These funds shall be distributed to schools and school districts under a competitive grants program; however, up to thirty-three percent of the total amount of the grant fund shall be made available as "Aid to Other Agencies" to facilitate the funding of professional development arts institutes that have been approved by the State Department of Education for South Carolina arts teachers, appropriate classroom teachers, and administrators. Arts Curricular Grants funds may be retained and carried forward into the current fiscal year to be expended in accordance with the proposed award.

1A.9. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) 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 publically 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

1 school board may receive reimbursement of two hundred seventy-five dollars each school year to offset expenses incurred by them
 2 for teaching supplies and materials. Funds shall be disbursed by the department to School districts by July fifteenth based on the last
 3 reconciled Professional Certified Staff (PCS) listing from the previous year. With remaining funds for this program, any deviation
 4 in the PCS and actual teacher count will be reconciled by December thirty-first or as soon as practicable thereafter. Based on the
 5 public decision of the school district and no later than May fifteenth annually, the district shall notify all individuals entitled to receive
 6 these funds the manner in which the funds will be dispersed. Funds may be disbursed to each teacher via check in a manner separate
 7 and distinct from their payroll check on the first day teachers, by contract, are required to be in attendance at school for the current
 8 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
 9 separate and distinct from their payroll check. This reimbursement shall not be considered by the state as taxable income. Special
 10 schools include the Governor's School for Science and Math, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray
 11 Opportunity School, Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe School, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Felton Lab,
 12 Department of Juvenile Justice, and Palmetto Unified School District. Funds distributed to school districts or allocated to schools
 13 must not supplant existing supply money paid to teachers from other sources. If a school district requires receipts for tax purposes
 14 the receipts may not be required before December thirty-first. Districts that do not wish to require receipts may have teachers retain
 15 the receipts and certify for the district they have received the allocation for purchase of teaching supplies and/or materials and that
 16 they have purchased or will purchase supplies and/or materials during the fiscal year for the amount of the allocation. Districts shall
 17 not have an audit exception related to non-retention of receipts in any instances where a similar instrument is utilized. Any district
 18 requiring receipts must notify any teacher from whom receipts have not been submitted between November twenty-fifth and
 19 December sixth that receipts must be submitted to the district. Districts may not add any additional requirement not listed herein
 20 related to this reimbursement.

21 Any classroom teacher, including a classroom teacher at a South Carolina private school, that is not eligible for the reimbursement
 22 allowed by this provision, may claim a refundable income tax credit on the teacher's ~~2019~~ 2021 tax return, provided that the return
 23 or any amended return claiming the credit is filed prior to the end of the fiscal year. The credit is equal to two hundred seventy-five
 24 dollars, or the amount the teacher expends on teacher supplies and materials, whichever is less. If any expenditures eligible for a
 25 credit are made after December thirty-first, the teacher may include the expenditures on his initial return or may file an amended
 26 ~~2019~~ 2021 return claiming the credit, so long as the return or amended return is filed in this fiscal year. The Department of Revenue
 27 may require whatever proof it deems necessary to implement the credit provided by this part of this provision. Any person receiving
 28 the reimbursement provided by this proviso is ineligible to take the income tax credit allowed by this proviso.

29 **1A.10.** (SDE-EIA: Teacher of the Year Awards) Of the funds provided herein for Teacher of the Year Awards, each district
 30 Teacher of the Year shall receive an award of \$1,000. In addition, the State Teacher of the Year shall receive an award of \$25,000,
 31 and each of the four Honor Roll Teachers of the Year will receive an award of \$10,000. To be eligible, districts must participate in
 32 the State Teacher of the Year Program sponsored by the State Department of Education. These awards shall not be subject to South
 33 Carolina income taxes.

34 **1A.11.** (SDE-EIA: EOC) The Education Oversight Committee may collect, retain and expend revenue from conference
 35 registration and fees; charges for materials supplied to local school districts or other entities not otherwise mandated to be provided

1 by state law; and from other activities or functions sponsored by the committee including public awareness campaign activities. Any
2 unexpended revenue from these sources may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the same purposes.

3 **1A.12.** (SDE-EIA: Technical Assistance) In order to best meet the needs of underperforming schools, funds appropriated for
4 technical assistance must be used to provide intensive support to schools and districts with an absolute rating of below average or
5 at-risk on the most recent annual school report card or with the lowest percentages of students meeting state standards on state
6 assessments on the most recent state assessments or with the lowest high school graduation rates. The department will create a
7 system of tiers of technical assistance for low-performing schools and districts that will receive technical assistance. The tiers will
8 be determined by factors that include, but are not limited to, length of time performance of the school or district has been at-risk/below
9 average, annual achievement ratings, annual growth ratings, school or district accreditation, and/or financial risk status. The tiers of
10 technical assistance may include a per student allocation, placement of a principal mentor, transformation coach, instructional leader,
11 replacement of the principal, reconstitution of a school, and declaration of a state of emergency. Low-performing schools and districts
12 shall be placed within the tiered technical assistance framework not later than December fifteenth.

13 Low-performing schools shall receive a diagnostic review through the department. In addition, newly identified low-performing
14 schools and districts must be reviewed by an External Review Team in the year of designation, and every third year thereafter. These
15 reports shall be made available on the Department of Education's website; any information pertaining to personnel matters or
16 containing personally identifiable information shall be exempted. Based upon the recommendations in the review(s), low-performing
17 schools and districts must develop and submit to the Department of Education an updated school renewal or district strategic plan
18 outlining goals for improvements. The amended plans must address specific strategies designed to increase student achievement and
19 must include measures to evaluate the success of implementation of the plan.

20 With the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, and any experts placed in the school or district for technical assistance
21 services, the department will assist low-performing schools and districts in designing and implementing the strategies and
22 measurement identified in the amended plans and in brokering for technical assistance personnel as stipulated in the plan. In addition,
23 the department must monitor student academic achievement and progress on implementation and report their findings to the
24 Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate
25 Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the local legislative delegation, and the
26 Governor in the fall following the school or district designation as low-performing. If the school or school district does not provide
27 the evaluation information necessary to determine effective use, the principal of the school or the district superintendent may be
28 subject to receiving a public reprimand by the State Board of Education if it is determined that those individuals are responsible for
29 the failure to provide the required information.

30 Funds must be used by the department for implementation and delivery of technical assistance services. Using previous report
31 card data and monitoring reports on the status of implementation of the school renewal plan, the department shall identify priority
32 schools. Funds appropriated for technical assistance shall be used by the department to work with those schools identified as
33 low-performing and to support priority schools under the tiered system. These funds shall not be transferred to any other funding
34 category by the school district without prior approval of the State Superintendent of Education and funds are not subject to agency
35 flexibility provisions.

1 Reconstitution means the redesign or reorganization of the school, which may include the declaration that all positions in the
 2 school are considered vacant. Certified staff currently employed in priority schools must undergo an evaluation in the spring
 3 following the school's identification as a priority school and must meet determined goals to be rehired and continue their employment
 4 at that school. Educators who were employed at a school that is being reconstituted prior to July 2009, and to whom the employment
 5 and dismissal laws apply will not lose their rights in the reconstitution. If they are not rehired or are not assigned to another school
 6 in the school district they have the opportunity for a hearing. However, employment and dismissal laws shall not apply to educators
 7 who are employed in the district and assigned to the priority schools July 1, 2009, in the event of a reconstitution of the school in
 8 which the educator is employed. Those rights are only suspended in the event of a reconstitution of the entire school staff.
 9 Additionally, the rights and requirements of the employment and dismissal laws do not apply to educators who on July 1, 2009, were
 10 on an induction or annual contract, that subsequently were offered continuing contract status after the effective date of this proviso,
 11 and are employed at a school that is subject to reconstitution under this proviso.

12 The reconstitution of a school could take place if the school has been identified as a priority school that has failed to improve
 13 satisfactorily. The decision to reconstitute a school shall be made by the State Superintendent of Education in consultation with the
 14 principal the school board of trustees, and the district superintendent. The decision to reconstitute a school shall be made by April
 15 first, at which time notice shall be given to all employees of the school. The department, in consultation with the district
 16 superintendent, shall develop a staffing plan and a budget for each reconstituted school.

17 The State Superintendent of Education may declare a state of emergency in a district if the accreditation status is probation or
 18 denied, if a majority of the schools fail to show improvement, if the district is classified as being in "high risk" status financially, or
 19 for financial mismanagement resulting in a deficit. The State Superintendent of Education may declare a state of emergency in a
 20 school if the accreditation status is probation or denied, or if the school fails to show improvement. Upon declaration of a state of
 21 emergency, the Superintendent may take over management of the school or district. Management of the school or district may
 22 include direct management, consolidation with another district, charter management, public/private management, or contracting with
 23 an educational management organization or another school district.

24 **1A.13.** (SDE-EIA: Proviso Allocations) In the event an official EIA revenue shortfall is declared by the Board of Economic
 25 Advisors, the Department of Education may reduce any allocation in Section 1A specifically designated by proviso in accordance
 26 with the lower Board of Economic Advisors revenue estimate as directed by the Executive Budget Office. No allocation for teacher
 27 salaries shall be reduced as a result of this proviso.

28 **1A.14.** (SDE-EIA: School Districts and Special Schools Flexibility) All school districts and special schools of this State may
 29 transfer and expend funds among appropriated state general fund revenues, Education Improvement Act funds, and Education Lottery
 30 Act funds, and funds received from the Children's Education Endowment Fund for school facilities and fixed equipment assistance,
 31 to ensure the delivery of academic and arts instruction to students. However, a school district may not transfer funds allocated
 32 specifically for state level maintenance of effort requirements under IDEA, funds allocated specifically for state level maintenance
 33 of effort requirement for federal program, funds provided for the Education and Economic Development Act, funds provided for
 34 Career and Technology Education, nor funds required for debt service or bonded indebtedness. All school districts must report the
 35 student teacher ratio for every classroom to the Department of Education at the ninety and ~~one hundred and eighty day~~ one hundred
 36 and thirty-fifth day mark. The department shall report this information to the General Assembly.

1 In order for a school district to take advantage of the flexibility provisions, at least seventy-five percent of the school district's per
2 pupil expenditures must be utilized within the In\$ite categories of instruction, instructional support, and only transportation, food
3 service, and safety within non-instruction pupil services. No portion of the seventy-five percent may be used for facilities, business
4 services, debt service, capital outlay, program management, and leadership services, as defined by In\$ite. The school district shall
5 report to the Department of Education the actual percentage of its per pupil expenditures used for classroom instruction, instructional
6 support, and transportation, food service, and safety within non-instruction pupil services for the current school year ending June
7 thirtieth. Salaries of on-site principals must be included in the calculation of the district's per pupil expenditures.

8 "In\$ite" means the financial analysis model for education programs utilized by the Department of Education.

9 School districts are encouraged to reduce expenditures by means, including, but not limited to, limiting the number of low
10 enrollment courses, reducing travel for the staff and the school district's board, reducing and limiting activities requiring dues and
11 memberships, reducing transportation costs for extracurricular and academic competitions, restructuring administrative staffing, and
12 expanding virtual instruction.

13 School districts and special schools may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

14 Prior to implementing the flexibility authorized herein, school districts must provide to Public Charter Schools the per pupil
15 allocation due to them for each categorical program.

16 Quarterly throughout the current fiscal year, the chairman of each school district's board and the superintendent of each school
17 district must certify where non-instructional or nonessential programs have been suspended and the specific flexibility actions taken.
18 The certification must be in writing, signed by the chairman and the superintendent, delivered electronically to the State
19 Superintendent of Education, and an electronic copy forwarded to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of
20 the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education
21 and Public Works Committee. Additionally, the certification must be presented publicly at a regularly called school board meeting,
22 and the certification must be conspicuously posted on the internet website maintained by the school district.

23 For the current fiscal year, Section 59-21-1030 is suspended. The foreign language program assessment, and the physical
24 education assessment must be suspended. School districts and the Department of Education are granted permission to purchase the
25 most economical type of bus fuel.

26 For the current fiscal year, savings generated from the suspension of the assessments enumerated above must be allocated to school
27 districts based on weighted pupil units.

28 School districts must maintain a transaction register that includes a complete record of all funds expended over one hundred dollars,
29 from whatever source, for whatever purpose. The register must be prominently posted on the district's internet website and made
30 available for public viewing and downloading. The register must include for each expenditure:

- 31 (i) the transaction amount;
- 32 (ii) the name of the payee; and
- 33 (iii) a statement providing a detailed description of the expenditure.

34 The register must not include an entry for salary, wages, or other compensation paid to individual employees. The register must
35 not include any information that can be used to identify an individual employee. The register must be accompanied by a complete

1 explanation of any codes or acronyms used to identify a payee or an expenditure. The register must be searchable and updated at
2 least once a month.

3 Each school district must also maintain on its internet website a copy of each monthly statement for all of the credit cards
4 maintained by the entity, including credit cards issued to its officers or employees for official use. The credit card number on each
5 statement must be redacted prior to posting on the internet website. Each credit card statement must be posted not later than the
6 thirtieth day after the first date that any portion of the balance due as shown on the statement is paid.

7 The Comptroller General must establish and maintain a website to contain the information required by this section from a school
8 district that does not maintain its own internet website. The internet website must be organized so that the public can differentiate
9 between the school districts and search for the information they are seeking.

10 The provisions contained herein do not amend, suspend, supersede, replace, revoke, restrict, or otherwise affect Chapter 4, Title
11 30, of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Nothing in this proviso shall be interpreted as prohibiting the State Board of
12 Education to exercise its authority to grant waivers under Regulation 43-261.

13 **1A.15. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salary Supplement)** The department is directed to carry forward prior year unobligated teacher salary
14 supplement and related employer contribution funds into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose. Any unexpended
15 funds in teacher salary supplement may be used to fund shortfalls in the associated employer contribution funding in the current
16 fiscal year.

17 **1A.16. (SDE-EIA: Dropout Prevention and High Schools That Work Programs)** The Department of Education must report
18 annually by December first, to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and
19 Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works
20 Committee on the effectiveness of dropout prevention programs funded by the Education and Economic Development Act and on
21 the High Schools that Work Programs' progress and effectiveness in providing a better prepared workforce and student success in
22 post-secondary education. The department, school districts, and special schools may carry forward unexpended funds from the prior
23 fiscal year into the current fiscal that were allocated for High Schools That Work.

24 **1A.17. (SDE-EIA: Assessment)** The department is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year, prior year state
25 assessment funds for the same purpose. Reimbursements shall resume in the current fiscal year for PSAT, pre-ACT or 10th grade
26 Aspire.

27 **1A.18. (SDE-EIA: Report Card Information)** The percentage each school district expended on classroom instruction as defined
28 by the Department of Education's In\$ite classification for "Instruction" must be printed on the Annual School and District Report
29 Card.

30 **1A.19. (SDE-EIA: Core Curriculum Materials)** The funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.A.3 for instructional materials
31 for core curriculum shall be expended consistent with the requirements of Section 59-31-600 of the 1976 Code requiring the
32 development of higher order thinking skills and critical thinking which should be integrated throughout the core curriculum
33 instructional materials. Furthermore, the evaluation criteria used to select instructional materials with funds appropriated in Part IA,
34 Section 1, VIII.A.3 shall include a weight of up to ten percent of the overall criteria to the development of higher order thinking skills
35 and critical thinking.

1 **1A.20.** (SDE-EIA: Certified Staff Technology Proficiency) To ensure the effective and efficient use of the funding provided by
2 the General Assembly in Part IA, Section 1 VIII.D. for school technology in the classroom and internet access, the State Department
3 of Education shall approve district technology plans that specifically address and incorporate certified staff technology competency
4 standards and local school districts must require certified staff to demonstrate proficiency in these standards as part of each certified
5 staff's Professional Development plan. District adopted technology proficiency standards and plans should be, at minimum, aligned
6 to the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) teacher standards. Evidence that districts are meeting the
7 requirement is a prerequisite to expenditure of a district's technology funds.

8 **1A.21.** (SDE-EIA: Accountability Program Implementation) To support implementation of the accountability program, the
9 Education Oversight Committee may carry forward unexpended Education Accountability Act funds authorized specifically for the
10 administration of the Education Oversight Committee. For the current fiscal year the Education Oversight Committee may carry forward
11 prior year EIA South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program funds not awarded by the grant committee. These
12 funds must be used for an independent common evaluation of each awarded grant to ensure high quality programs that maximize a
13 return on the state's investment.

14 **1A.22.** (SDE-EIA: 4K Targeting) EIA funds allocated for the provision of four-year-old kindergarten shall be utilized for the
15 provision of services to age-eligible children in poverty, as defined in Proviso 1.3 of this Act. Children with developmental delays
16 documented through state approved screening assessments or children with medically documented disabilities who do not already
17 qualify for special need services should also be considered for enrollment. In the event that more students seek to enroll than available
18 space permits, districts shall prioritize students (at the time of acceptance) on the basis of family income expressed as a percentage
19 of the federal poverty guidelines, with the lowest family incomes given the highest enrollment priority.

20 **1A.23.** (SDE-EIA: Reading) The funds allocated to the Department of Education for reading shall be used to provide districts
21 with research-based strategies and professional development and to work directly with schools and districts to assist with
22 implementation of research-based strategies. When providing professional development the department and school districts must
23 use the most cost effective method and when able utilize ETV to provide such services throughout the state. The department shall
24 establish measurements for monitoring impact on student achievement.

25 **1A.24.** (SDE-EIA: Students at Risk of School Failure) For the current fiscal year, EIA funds appropriated for students at academic
26 risk of school failure, must be allocated to school districts based upon two factors: (1) poverty as determined for the poverty add on
27 weight in Proviso 1.3; and (2) the number of weighted pupil units identified in the prior fiscal year as in need of academic assistance.
28 At least eighty-five percent of the funds must be spent on instruction and instructional support for students at academic risk.
29 Instructional support may include family literacy and parenting programs to students at-risk for school failure and their families.
30 Students at academic risk are defined as students who are not meeting grade level standards in English language arts/reading and
31 mathematics as evidenced by summative state assessments in grades three through eight or students who are not on track to meeting
32 or exceeding English language arts/reading or mathematics standards by the end of third grade. Public charter schools, the Palmetto
33 Unified School District, and the Department of Juvenile Justice must also receive a proportionate per pupil allocation based on the
34 number of students at academic risk of school failure served.

35 **1A.25.** (SDE-EIA: Professional Development) Of the funds appropriated for professional development, up to \$500,000 may be
36 expended for gifted and talented teacher endorsement and certification activities. The Department of Education must provide

1 professional development on assessing student mastery of the content standards through classroom, formative and end-of-year
 2 assessments. The Department of Education also must post on the agency's website the South Carolina Professional Development
 3 Standards and provide training through telecommunication methods to school leadership on the professional development standards.
 4 The department is authorized to carry forward and expend professional development funds for the same purpose.

5 **1A.26.** (SDE-EIA: Assessments-Gifted & Talented, Advanced Placement, & International Baccalaureate Exams) Funds
 6 appropriated and/or authorized for assessment shall be used for assessments to determine eligibility of students for gifted and talented
 7 programs and for the cost of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge International exams.

8 **1A.27.** (SDE-EIA: Adult Education) A minimum of thirty percent of the funds appropriated for adult education must be allocated
 9 to school districts to serve adult education students between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one who are enrolled in programs
 10 leading to a state high school diploma, state high school equivalency diploma (GED), or career readiness certificate. The remaining
 11 funds will be allocated to districts based on a formula which includes factors such as target populations without a high school
 12 credential, program enrollment the previous school year, number of students making an educational gain the previous school year,
 13 and performance factors such as number of high school credentials and career readiness certificates awarded the previous school
 14 year. Overall levels of state funding must meet the federal requirement of state maintenance of effort. Each school district must
 15 collect information from both the student and the school including why the student has enrolled in Adult Education and whether or
 16 not the student is pursuing a GED or Diploma. The school district must then provide a quarterly report to the Department of Education
 17 and must include the unique student identifier. The department, in turn, will provide summary information to the House Ways and
 18 Means Committee, the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Education
 19 Committee on the information. Up to a maximum of \$300,000, of funds may be used to establish an initiative by which qualifying
 20 adult education students may qualify for a free high school equivalency test. The Department of Education shall establish guidelines
 21 for the free high school equivalency testing initiative.

22 **1A.28.** (SDE-EIA: Clemson Agriculture Education Teachers) The funds appropriated in Part IA, Section VIII.F. for Clemson
 23 Agriculture Education Teachers must be transferred to Clemson University PSA to fund summer employment of agriculture teachers
 24 and to cover state-mandated salary increases on that portion of the agriculture teachers' salaries attributable to summer employment.
 25 If sufficient funds remain, Clemson University PSA may utilize such funds for a Regional Coordinator.

26 **1A.29.** (SDE-EIA: Full-Day 4K) ~~Eligible students residing in a school district that met the poverty level for participation in the~~
 27 ~~prior school year are eligible to participate in the South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program in the current~~
 28 ~~school year.~~ *Beginning with the current fiscal year, eligible students residing in any school district may participate in the South*
 29 *Carolina Early Reading Development and Education program (CERDEP) pending the availability of space and funding. Student*
 30 *eligibility as defined by Section 59-156-130 is an annual family income of one hundred eighty-five percent or less of the federal*
 31 *poverty guidelines as promulgated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or a statement of*
 32 *Medicaid eligibility.*

33 *A parent or guardian may choose to enroll their child in a public school participating in the program and approved by the*
 34 *Department of Education pursuant to Section 59-156-210 or in a private provider participating in the program and approved by*
 35 *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*
 36 *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.

Beginning with the current fiscal year, 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.

Public and private providers shall be funded for instructional costs at a rate of ~~\$4,600~~ \$4,800 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 a reimbursement of ~~\$574~~ \$587 per eligible child transported. 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 up to \$1,000 per child in materials and equipment funding, with providers enrolling seven or more such children eligible for funding not to exceed \$10,000. 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.

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.

Of the funds appropriated, \$300,000 shall be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee to conduct an annual evaluation of the South Carolina Child Development Education Pilot Program and to issue findings in a report to the General Assembly by January fifteenth of each year. To aid in this evaluation, the Education Oversight Committee shall determine 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. 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 private provider. The Department of

1 Education shall be responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on the public state funded full day and half-day
 2 four-year-old kindergarten programs. The Office of First Steps to School Readiness shall be responsible for the collection and
 3 maintenance of data on the state funded programs provided through private providers. The Education Oversight Committee shall
 4 use this data and all other collected and maintained data necessary to conduct a research based review of the program's
 5 implementation and assessment of student success in the early elementary grades along with information, recommendations, and a
 6 timeline for how the state can increase the number of students served in high-quality programs.

7 For each school district that chooses not to participate in CERDEP, the district shall receive the same amount of EIA funds as
 8 allocated in the prior fiscal year for the provision of a half-day 4K program from the funds appropriated to the Department of
 9 Education for CERDEP or from any funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year to CERDEP. For eligible children residing in
 10 school districts that do not participate in CERDEP, the Department of Education is required to develop and implement inter-district
 11 transfer policies that give parents or guardians the option of their eligible child attending an out-of-district school that participates
 12 in CERDEP.

13 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
 14 reimbursement rates to high-quality child care centers. The reimbursement rate for students enrolled by child care providers rated
 15 B or higher in the ABC Quality System operated by the Department of Social Services may be increased by up to 10% of the
 16 per-student base following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps; and (2) up to \$100,000 to provide one-time
 17 supplemental, needs-based incentive grants in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for newly created and/or newly approved private
 18 providers proposing to expand service to ten or more CERDEP eligible children in communities unable to enroll all eligible students
 19 in a public, private, or Head Start setting during the prior fiscal year. These grants are designed to address building renovations,
 20 documented as necessary to bring proposed classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations, materials and staffing costs,
 21 and/or other obstacles currently preventing their participation in the program. The First Steps Board of Trustees shall develop and
 22 approve an application process that incorporates formal review and fiscal safeguards designed to ensure grant funds are used solely
 23 to address documented barriers to program participation. Providers receiving this one-time supplement shall be expected to
 24 participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three years. Failure
 25 to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level determined by
 26 the Office of First Steps to School Readiness. First Steps shall submit a report detailing its process, expenditures and expanded
 27 enrollment to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by March
 28 15; and (3) up to \$1,000,000 may be used to provide grants to public-private partnerships to address building renovations and
 29 designs necessary to get the building and classrooms into compliance with licensing regulations and other obstacles that prevent
 30 participation in CERDEP following guidelines developed by the Office of First Steps. Providers participating in this pilot shall be
 31 expected to participate in the program and provide high-quality, center-based programs as defined herein for a minimum of three
 32 years. Failure to participate for three years shall require the provider to return a portion of the supplemental allocation at a level
 33 determined by the Office of First Steps.

34 If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines that appropriations will exceed expenditures,
 35 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
 36 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 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.

On or before September 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.

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.

1A.30. (SDE-EIA: Aid to Districts) Funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.A.1. Aid to Districts shall be dispersed monthly to school districts. For the current fiscal year, the remaining funds shall be allocated to districts based on the number of weighted pupil units.

1A.31. (SDE-EIA: Centers of Excellence) Of the funds appropriated for Centers of Excellence, \$350,000 must be allocated to the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty to expand statewide training for individuals who teach children of poverty through weekend college, nontraditional or alternative learning opportunities.

1A.32. (SDE-EIA: IDEA Maintenance of Effort) Prior to the dispersal of funds appropriated in Section VIII.A.1. Aid to Districts according to Proviso 1A.30 for the current fiscal year, in the event that there is a reduction in state funds or there are changes in the Education Finance Act/Base Student Cost formula that would reduce support for children with disabilities, the Department of Education is authorized to utilize funds appropriated in Section VIII.A.1. Aid to Districts to ensure maintenance of state financial support for the IDEA. The department shall distribute these funds using the current fiscal year one hundred thirty-five day Average Daily Membership or as directed by the United States Department of Education. Funds provided for these purposes may not be transferred to any other purpose and therefore are not subject to flexibility. For continued compliance with the federal maintenance of state financial support requirements of the IDEA, funding for children with disabilities must, to the extent practicable, be held harmless to budget cuts or reductions to the extent those funds are required to meet federal maintenance of state financial support requirements under the IDEA. In the event cuts to funds that are needed to maintain fiscal effort are necessary, when administering such cuts, the department must not reduce funding to support children with disabilities who qualify for services under the IDEA in a

1 manner that is disproportionate to the level of overall reduction to state programs in general. By December first, the department
 2 must submit an estimate of the IDEA maintenance of state financial support requirement to the General Assembly and the Governor.
 3 For the current fiscal year, the department may carry forward IDEA Maintenance of Effort funds from the prior fiscal year and
 4 expend them in the same manner.

5 **1A.33.** (SDE-EIA: Career Cluster Industry Partnerships) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, \$800,000
 6 must be provided as direct grants to the private sector statewide trade association or educational foundation providing nationally
 7 certified programs in career and technology education representing the automotive, construction, engineering, healthcare, mechanical
 8 contracting/construction, and hospitality tourism career clusters. Organizations applying for a grant must do so by July thirty-first
 9 and the Department of Education must award a minimum of one grant of at least \$150,000 in at least four of these specified career
 10 clusters to be used exclusively for career and technology education. The recipient industry organization must conduct end-of-course
 11 exams graded by a national industry organization and must include in their grant request how the money will be spent in direct
 12 support of students to further industry-specific career technology education; a description and history of their program nationally and
 13 within South Carolina; estimates of future employment growth in their industry; and the national scope of their program. By August
 14 first of the following year, the organization must submit to the department a report detailing how the grant increased
 15 industry/employer awareness; the number of increased schools using the industry-based curriculum and partnered with the industry
 16 organization; the increased number of students in the program; and an overview and analysis of the organization's statewide student
 17 competition. The grant must be used for career awareness programs for that industry cluster; statewide student competitions leading
 18 to national competitions; teacher development and training; post-secondary scholarships in industry-specific degree programs;
 19 student recruitment into that career cluster programs; programs to educate middle and high school Career or Guidance Counselors
 20 about the industry; service to disadvantaged youth; and administering business/employer awareness and partnerships which help lead
 21 to experience-based, career-oriented experiences including internships, apprenticeships, mentoring, co-op education and service
 22 learning. The Office of Career and Technology Education of the department will develop goals with each career cluster on the
 23 number of new schools using the industry-based curriculum and partnered with that career cluster organization. These funds may
 24 not be used to supplant or replace, in whole or in part, other existing resources/assets sourced outside the present grant being used to
 25 provide the same services or programs. Organizations may carry-over grants for up to three years when a large project is identified
 26 in the grant application to be used at a future date; otherwise excess funds must be returned to the state. Organizations awarded must
 27 submit a semi-annual programmatic and financial report on the last day of December in addition to the final report due August first
 28 that has been audited by a third party accounting firm.

29 **1A.34.** (SDE-EIA: Partnerships/Other Agencies & Entities) For the current fiscal year, agencies and other entities receiving funds
 30 appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII. F. will continue to report annually to the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). Any entity
 31 receiving funds that must flow through a state agency will receive those funds through the EOC, unless requested in writing by the
 32 entity to match federal or other funds. The EOC will make funding recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly as part
 33 of the agency's annual budget request.

34 **1A.35.** (SDE-EIA: ETV Teacher Training/Support) Of the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F. South Carolina
 35 Educational Television must provide training and technical support on the educational resources available to teachers and school
 36 districts.

1 **1A.36.** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Salaries/SE Average) The projected Southeastern average teacher salary shall be the average of the
2 average teachers' salaries of the southeastern states as projected by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. For the current school
3 year the Southeastern average teacher salary is projected to be ~~\$52,830~~ \$53,426. The General Assembly remains desirous of raising
4 the average teacher salary in South Carolina through incremental increases over the next few years so as to make such equivalent to
5 the national average teacher salary.

6 Additionally, for the current fiscal year, a local school district board of trustees must increase the salary compensation for all
7 eligible certified teachers employed by the district by no less than one year of experience credit using the district salary schedule
8 utilized the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the step. Application of this provision must be applied uniformly for all eligible
9 certified teachers. For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the requirement that school districts maintain local salary supplements per
10 teacher no less than their prior fiscal year level is suspended if additional State funds fill the gap.

11 Funds allocated by Proviso 1.3 for implementing a revised state minimum salary schedule. for Teacher Salaries must be used to
12 increase salaries of those teachers eligible pursuant to Section 59-20-50(4)(b), to include classroom teachers, librarians, guidance
13 counselors, psychologists, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, school nurses, orientation/mobility instructors, and
14 audiologists in the school districts of the state by not less than four percent. Districts must use the district salary schedule utilized
15 the prior fiscal year as the basis for providing the increase.

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

18 **1A.37.** (SDE-EIA: PowerSchool Dropout Recovery Data) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for
19 PowerSchool and data collection, the department will begin in the current fiscal year to collect data from schools and school districts
20 on the number of students who had previously dropped out of school and who reenrolled in a public school or adult education to
21 pursue a high school diploma. The Education Oversight Committee working with the Department of Education will determine how
22 to calculate a dropout recovery rate that will be reflected on the annual school and district report cards. The department may carry
23 forward and expend the funds for the same purpose.

24 **1A.38.** (SDE-EIA: Assisting, Developing and Evaluating Professional Teaching -ADEPT) With funds appropriated in the current
25 fiscal year, the Department of Education, school districts, the Department of Juvenile Justice and special schools of the state may
26 continue implementation of the ADEPT program. Governing boards of public institutions of higher education may provide by policy
27 or regulation for a tuition waiver for the tuition for one three-hour course at that institution for those public school teachers who serve
28 as supervisors for full-time students completing education degree requirements. Unexpended funds appropriated for this purpose
29 may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expended for the same purposes.

30 **1A.39.** (SDE-EIA: Educational Partnerships) The funds provided to the Center for Educational Partnerships at the College of
31 Education at the University of South Carolina will be used to create a consortium of educational initiatives and services to schools
32 and communities. These initiatives will include, but are not limited to, professional development in writing, geography and other
33 content areas; training; research; advocacy; and practical consultancy. The Center will establish collaborative educational enterprises
34 with schools, school districts, parents, communities, and businesses while fulfilling the responsibilities of the School Improvement
35 Council Assistance. The Center will focus on connecting the educational needs and goals of communities to improve efficiency and
36 effectiveness.

1 **1A.40.** (SDE-EIA: STEM Centers SC) All EIA-funded entities that provide professional development and science programming
 2 to teachers and students should be included in the state's science, technology, engineering and mathematics education strategic plan.

3 **1A.41.** (SDE-EIA: EOC Partnerships for Innovation) Of the funds appropriated or carried forward from the prior fiscal year, the
 4 Education Oversight Committee is directed to participate in public-private partnerships to promote innovative ways to transform the
 5 assessment of public education in South Carolina that support increased student achievement in reading and college and career
 6 readiness. The Education Oversight Committee may provide financial support to districts and to public-private partnerships for
 7 planning and support to implement, sustain and evaluate the innovation and to develop a matrix and measurements of student
 8 academic success based on evidence-based models. These funds may also be used to support the innovative delivery of science,
 9 technology, and genetic education and exposure to career opportunities in science, including mobile science laboratory programs, to
 10 students enrolled in the Abbeville equity school districts and students in high poverty schools. These funds may also focus on
 11 creating public-private literacy partnerships utilizing a 2:1 matching funds provision when the initiative employs research-based
 12 methods, has demonstrated success in increasing reading proficiency of struggling readers, and works directly with high poverty
 13 schools and districts. The committee will work to expand the engagement of stakeholders including state agencies and boards like
 14 the Educational Television Commission, businesses, and higher education institutions. The committee shall annually report to the
 15 General Assembly on the measurement results.

16 **1A.42.** (SDE-EIA: Aid to Districts Draw Down) For the current fiscal year, in order to draw down funds appropriated in Part IA,
 17 Section 1, VIII.A.1, Aid to Districts, school districts, Palmetto Unified District and the Department of Juvenile Justice must work
 18 with local law enforcement agencies *and fire marshals*, and when necessary, state law enforcement agencies *and the Office of the*
 19 *State Fire Marshal* in order to ensure that the district has an updated school safety ~~plan~~ *and fire plans* in place. The safety ~~plan~~ *and*
 20 *fire plans* must include safety directives in the classroom, a safe student and staff exit strategy and necessary safety staff. Notice of
 21 completion of the updated ~~plan~~ *plans* must be submitted to the Department of Education no later than September first, of the current
 22 fiscal year. In the current fiscal year, school districts may continue to negotiate with local law enforcement for the provision of
 23 School Resource Officers. The department must report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of
 24 the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Senate
 25 Education Committee by September thirtieth, of the current fiscal year, on any districts that failed to submit an updated plan.

26 **1A.43.** (SDE-EIA: Education and Economic Development Act Carry Forward) Funds provided for the Education and Economic
 27 Development Act may be carried forward into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department, school
 28 districts, and special schools.

29 **1A.44.** (SDE-EIA: EEDA Regional Education Centers) Funds appropriated from the EEDA for Regional Education Centers must
 30 not be less than \$108,500.

31 **1A.45.** (SDE-EIA: Teach for America SC) Because Teach For America SC receives EIA funds in the current fiscal year, school
 32 districts that partner with Teach For America SC are required to provide to Teach For America SC by September first annually,
 33 information on the prior year's academic achievement of students who were directly taught by Teach For America corps members.
 34 The information must be in a format that protects the identity of individual students and must include state assessment data as
 35 appropriate.

1 **1A.46.** (SDE-EIA: EOC-South Carolina Autism Society) Of the funds appropriated in Section 1A, VIII.F. Partnerships, Education
 2 Oversight Committee (A85), \$500,000 must be transferred in quarterly installments from the Education Oversight Committee to the
 3 South Carolina Autism Society for the Autism Parent-School Partnership Program. Beginning October 10, 2015, the South Carolina
 4 Autism Society shall provide a quarterly accounting report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the
 5 House Ways and Means Committee and the Education Oversight Committee.

6 **1A.47.** (SDE-EIA: CHE/CERRA) The Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA) must complete
 7 periodic evaluations of the institutions currently hosting a Teaching Fellows (TF) program and ensure that the TF programs at the
 8 current host institutions continue to meet the requirements for a TF program as set forth by the CERRA Board of Directors. Further,
 9 CERRA will continue implementing a long-range plan for approving additional TF programs at other public, four-year institutions
 10 who wish to be considered to host a TF program, provided the proposed programs meet the requirements set forth by the CERRA
 11 Board of Directors. CERRA will publish TF program criteria and requirements prominently on its website. Any institution who
 12 applies but is not selected to host a TF program will be informed in writing of the basis for the selection decision and be offered
 13 technical support if the institution elects to reapply. Any institution that applies but is not selected to host a TF program may appeal
 14 to the Commission on Higher Education.

15 **1A.48.** (SDE-EIA: Public Charter Pupil Counts) With funds appropriated to charter schools sponsored by either the South Carolina
 16 Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education, the sponsor must require each charter school to submit
 17 a student attendance report for the 5th, 45th, 90th and 135th days. Reporting requirements shall include both Average Daily
 18 Membership and Weighted Pupil Unit membership. The South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of
 19 Higher Education shall then provide the data for each charter school to the Department of Education. ~~Quarterly, the department will~~
 20 ~~submit the information, quarterly,~~ to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education and Public Works Committee,
 21 the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Education Committee.

22 The South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education must also require each virtual
 23 charter school to collect the following information: (1) the reason or reasons why each student enrolled in the virtual charter school
 24 district from both the parent(s) and the referring school district; and (2) the reason or reasons why a student withdrew from the virtual
 25 charter school district. This data must be provided to the Department of Education quarterly and must include the unique student
 26 identifier. ~~The department, in turn,~~ South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education
 27 will provide summary information to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education and Public Works Committee,
 28 the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Education Committee on the enrollment and withdrawal information on June 30th of
 29 the current fiscal year.

30 **1A.49.** (SDE-EIA: South Carolina Public Charter School Funding) The funds appropriated in Part IA, Section VIII.H.- South
 31 Carolina Public Charter School Statewide Sponsor must be allocated in the following manner to students at charter schools within
 32 the South Carolina Public Charter School District or within a registered Institution of Higher Education: Pupils enrolled in virtual
 33 charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education shall
 34 receive \$1,900 per weighted pupil and pupils enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public
 35 Charter School District or a registered Institution of Higher Education shall receive \$3,600 per weighted pupil. Three and four year
 36 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 receive \$3,600 per student for brick and mortar charter schools. Three and four year old students with a disability, who are eligible for serves under IDEA and enrolled in charter schools sponsored by the South Carolina Public Charter School District or a registered IHE, shall be included in student counts for the South Carolina Public Charter School District and registered IHE's solely for purposes of funding under this proviso. Any unexpended funds, not to exceed ten percent of the prior year appropriation, must be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended for the same purpose. Any unexpended funds exceeding ten percent of the prior year appropriation must be transferred to the Charter School Facility Revolving Loan Program established in Section 59-40-175. For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the timelines set forth for ruling on charter school applications are extended for sixty calendar days for all applications submitted to the South Carolina Public Charter School District if the district determines that an applicant should be permitted to amend its application to meet the requirements of Section 59-40-60 and Section 59-40-70, of the 1976 Code, based on an applicant's proposal to address an existing achievement gap utilizing an evidence-based educational program in an underserved geographical area of the state including, but not limited to, charter schools proposed to be located in any school district that is a plaintiff in the Abbeville law suit. The South Carolina Public Charter School District shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the outcomes of this extended time for a hearing at the end of the application cycle.

~~In addition, from the EIA funds appropriated in and carried forward from Act 97 of 2017, the Department of Education shall distribute to the South Carolina Public Charter School District, an amount equal to \$3,600 per pupil for three and four year old students with a disability, who were eligible for services under IDEA and who were enrolled in brick and mortar charter schools sponsored by the district or registered institution of higher education during the 2017-2018 School Year and for whom EIA funding previously was not provided. The district shall distribute the funds on a per pupil basis to the charter schools which provided the IDEA services and shall not retain any portion thereof. The schools shall submit documentation of the student count to both the district and the department before the funds are dispersed.~~

~~The Education Oversight Committee shall issue a report to the General Assembly recommending one or more funding systems for charter schools using such indicators as graduation rate and academic achievement data. At a minimum the report will break out graduation and achievement data by school. Any charter school receiving funding pursuant to this proviso must send the required information to the Education Oversight Committee by October 1 and the Education Oversight Committee shall issue its report to the General Assembly by June 1. Any school failing to report this information to the Education Oversight Committee shall have one percent of the funds received pursuant to this proviso withheld until they become compliant with the data submission requirements.~~

1A.50. (SDE-EIA: CDEPP 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 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 report no later than November thirtieth.

1A.51. (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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 At a minimum, the incentives shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

35 (E) CERRA shall report by July thirty-first of the current fiscal year to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the
36 House on the incentives developed pursuant to item (C) of this section and make recommendations for attracting and retaining high

quality teachers in rural and underserved districts. The report shall contain at a minimum eligibility requirements and application processes for districts and individuals, descriptions of and proposed budgets for each incentive program and an analysis of the number and demographics of individuals potentially eligible for each.

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

1A.52. (SDE-EIA: Project Read) Of the funds appropriated in Section 1A. VIII.A.3. for Reading, \$500,000 must be used for teacher in-service training and professional development related to Project Read. The department may set accountability guidelines to ensure that funds are spent in accordance with the proviso.

1A.53. (SDE-EIA: Reading/Literacy Coaches) (A) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Reading/Literacy Coaches, the Department of Education shall retain up to \$14,000,000 to be expended for the Palmetto Literacy Project. The Department shall identify schools in the Palmetto Literacy Project that have one-third or more of its third-grade students scoring at the lowest achievement level on the statewide summative English language arts assessment. For each school identified and participating in the Palmetto Literacy Project in the prior school year, the Department of Education will provide, at a minimum, the following support: provision of reading specialists, professional learning, and curriculum resources based on the science of reading. The reading specialist/coaches provided to the Palmetto Literacy Project schools will be hired and evaluated annually by the Department of Education.

(B) The balance of funds appropriated to the Department for Reading/Literacy Coaches shall be allocated to school districts for schools not included in the Palmetto Literacy Project to support reading instruction and interventions which may include, but not be limited to, hiring reading/literacy coaches, interventionists, or professional development based on the science of reading. Expenditure of funding must be included in the district reading plan approved by the Department of Education.

~~(C) Funds appropriated for Reading/Literacy Coaches~~ These funds must be allocated to school districts by the Department of Education as follows: for each primary and elementary school, the school district shall be eligible to receive up to \$62,730 or the actual cost of salary and benefits for a full-time reading/literacy coach.

~~(B)(D)~~ By accepting these funds, a school district warrants that they will not be used to supplant existing school district expenditures, except for districts that either are currently, or in the prior fiscal year, were paying for reading/literacy coaches with local funds. A district may only utilize these funds to employ reading/literacy coaches that may serve in a primary, elementary, or middle school or a combination of these schools depending on the area of highest need in the district except in the event that the district can request and receive a waiver from the Department of Education to expend the funds on interventionists who spend more than fifty percent of their time providing direct support to struggling readers in grades kindergarten through grade five. The school district must align the placement of coaches to the district reading plan that is approved by the department.

~~(C)(E)~~ Funds appropriated for reading/literacy Coaches are intended to be used to provide primary, elementary, and/or middle schools with reading/literacy coaches who shall serve according to the provisions in Chapter 155 of Title 59.

~~(D)(F)~~ Schools and districts accepting funding to support a coaching position agree that the reading/literacy coach must not serve as an administrator. If the department finds that school districts are using these funds for administrative costs as defined in statute they must withhold that districts remaining balance of funds allocated pursuant to this proviso.

1 ~~(E)~~(G) The Department of Education must publish guidelines that define the minimum qualifications for a reading/literacy coach.
 2 These guidelines must deem any licensed/certified teacher qualified if, at a minimum, he or she:

- 3 (1) holds a bachelor's degree or higher and an add-on endorsement for literacy coach or literacy specialist; or
- 4 (2) holds a bachelor's degree or higher and is actively pursuing the literacy coach or literacy specialist endorsement; or
- 5 (3) holds a master's degree or higher in reading or a closely-related field.

6 Within these guidelines, the Department of Education must assist districts in identifying a reading/literacy coach in the event that
 7 the school is not successful in identifying and directly employing a qualified candidate. ~~The provisions of subsection (A), including~~
 8 ~~the local support requirements, shall also apply to any allocations made pursuant to this paragraph.~~

9 ~~(F) The Department of Education must develop procedures for monitoring the use of funds appropriated for reading/literacy~~
 10 ~~coaches to ensure they are applied to their intended uses and are not redirected for other purposes. The Department of Education~~
 11 ~~may receive up to \$100,000 of the funds appropriated for reading/literacy coaches in order to implement this program, provided that~~
 12 ~~this allocation does not exceed the department's actual costs.~~

13 ~~(G) Prior to the close of the current fiscal year, any unspent or unallocated funds for reading/literacy coaches shall be used to fund~~
 14 ~~Summer Reading Camps.~~

15 ~~(H) For the current school year, the Department of Education shall screen and approve the hiring of any reading/literacy coach~~
 16 ~~serving in a school in which one third or more of its third grade students scoring at the lowest achievement level on the statewide~~
 17 ~~summative English/language arts assessment. No funds shall be disbursed to the district to fund the reading/literacy coach until the~~
 18 ~~department has screened and approved the coach. Schools in which at least sixty percent of students scored at meets or exceeds~~
 19 ~~expectations on the state summative assessment in English/language arts may submit, as part of their reading plan, a request to the~~
 20 ~~department for flexibility to utilize their allocation to provide literacy support to students, which may include, but is not limited to:~~
 21 ~~a reading coach, a literacy interventionist, or other supplemental services directed to students in need of interventions. This plan~~
 22 ~~must be approved by the department annually as part of the district reading plan.~~

23 ~~(I)~~(H) The Department of Education shall require:

- 24 (1) any school district receiving funding ~~under subsection (A)~~ to identify the name and qualifications of the supported
 25 reading/literacy coach; as well as the school in which the coach is assigned; and
- 26 (2) any school district receiving funding ~~under subsection (G)~~ to account for the specific amounts and uses of such funds.

27 ~~(J)~~(I) With the data reported by the school districts, the department shall report by January fifteenth of the current fiscal year on
 28 the hiring of and assignment of reading/literacy coaches by school. The department shall also report the amount of funds that will
 29 be used for Summer Reading Camps.

30 ~~(K)~~(J) ~~Funds appropriated for reading/literacy coaches shall be retained and~~ Any unexpended or unallocated funds may be carried
 31 ~~forward to be used for the same purpose but may not be flexed~~ and expended for Summer Reading Camps.

32 **1A.54.** (SDE-EIA: Digital Instructional Materials) The Department of Education shall continue to create an instructional materials
 33 list composed of those items (print and/or digital) that have received State Board of Education approval through the normal adoption
 34 process. The department shall continue to work with the publishers of instructional materials to ensure that districts have options for
 35 print/digital student materials to include class sets of print student editions, if needed. Funds appropriated for the purchase of
 36 instructional materials (print/digital) may be used for reimbursing school districts to offset the costs of refurbishing science kits on

the state-adopted instructional materials inventory, purchasing new kits or those adopted as supplemental from the central textbook depository, or a combination of refurbishment and purchase. The refurbishing cost of kits may not exceed the cost of the state-adopted refurbishing kits plus a reasonable amount for shipping and handling. Costs for staff development, personnel costs, equipment, or other costs associated with refurbishing kits on state inventory are not allowable costs. Funds provided for Instructional Materials may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes by the department, school districts, and special schools. These funds are not subject to flexibility.

1A.55. (SDE-EIA: 4K Early Literacy Competencies Assessments) Of the funds appropriated or carried forward ~~from the full-day 4K program from the previous fiscal year~~ for assessment/testing, the Department of Education is authorized to expend up to \$800,000 on assessments and professional development to analyze the early literacy competencies of children in publicly funded prekindergarten. ~~If these funds are not available, funds appropriated and/or authorized for assessment shall be used to administer the prekindergarten assessments.~~ The department shall manage the administration of assessments that analyze the early literacy and language development of children in publicly funded prekindergarten as done in the prior fiscal year. Each school district and private provider participating in a publicly funded prekindergarten program will administer one of the formative assessments selected by the department to each child eligible for and enrolled in a publicly funded prekindergarten program during the first forty-five days of the school year and during the last forty-five days of the school year. Accommodations that do not invalidate the results of these assessments must be provided in the manner set forth by the student's Individualized Education Program or 504 Accommodations Plan and for students who are Limited English Proficient according to their LEP Plan. The department will provide the assessment data to the Education Oversight Committee. The results of the assessment and the developmental intervention strategies recommended or services needed to address the child's identified needs must also be provided, in writing, to the parent or guardian. The assessment may not be used to deny a student to admission to prekindergarten.

Furthermore, up to \$2,000,000 of the funds ~~appropriated for half-day programs for four-year-olds~~ assessment/testing and funds carried forward from assessment must be expended by the Department of Education to administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) to each child entering kindergarten in the public schools. The assessment of kindergarten students must be administered at a minimum of once during the first forty-five days of the school year with the results collected by the department. The results of the assessments and the developmental intervention strategies recommended or services needed to address each child's identified needs must also be provided, in writing, to the parent or guardian. The assessment may not be used to deny a student admission to kindergarten. Accommodations that do not invalidate the results of these assessments must be provided in the manner set forth by the student's Individualized Education Program, 504 Accommodations Plan, or LEP Plan. Districts are given the option of designating up to two days of the one hundred eighty day school calendar to administer the assessment to kindergarten students. The department will also provide the results of the assessment of kindergarten students to the Education Oversight Committee. With available funds, the department will also provide or secure training for appropriate educators in how to administer the assessment. A board of trustees of a school district or of a charter school authorizer may submit a request to the State Board of Education to waive up to five days of the minimum one hundred eighty-day school attendance requirement for kindergarten students for the purpose of scheduling a readiness assessment. Upon approval of the waiver request, the approved school may stagger administering the readiness assessment to kindergarten students during the first five days of the academic year.

For all students assessed with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA), the Department of Education is required to collect data from schools and school districts on the prior early learning experience of each student. The data would include whether the kindergartener had attended in the prior school year a Head Start program, a South Carolina Early Reading Development and Education Program in a public school or a private center, a half-day 4K program in a public school, a full-day 4K program in a public school, a child care center (registered faith-based, registered family home, group home, or exempt provider) or informal child care.

~~1A.56. (SDE EIA: CDEPP Unexpended Funds) For Fiscal Year 2018-19, the Office of First Steps to School Readiness is permitted to retain the first \$1,000,000 of any unexpended CDEPP funds of the prior fiscal year and expend these funds to enhance the quality of the full day 4K program in private centers and provide professional development opportunities.~~

~~By August first, the Office of First Steps is directed to allocate any additional unexpended CDEPP funds from the prior fiscal year and any CDEPP funds carried forward from prior fiscal years that were transferred to the restricted account for the following purpose: Education Oversight Committee—\$1,000,000 for the South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program.~~

~~If carry forward funds are less than the amounts appropriated, funding for the items listed herein shall be reduced on a pro rata basis.~~

~~If by August first, the Department of Education or the Office of First Steps determines there will be funds available, funds shall be allocated on a per pupil basis for districts eligible for participation first, who have a documented waiting list, and funded an extended program per this proviso in the prior school year, then to districts 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. By August 1, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps must collect the documented waiting lists and determine a process to notify parents of eligible students of available slots in all approved providers. If a district chooses to fund summer enrollment the program funding shall conform to the funding in this act for full year programs, however 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 professional development and quality evaluations of programs.~~

~~No later than April first, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps must 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.~~

1A.57. (SDE-EIA: Industry Certifications/Credentials) Of the funds appropriated for Industry Certifications/Credentials, \$3,000,000 must be allocated to school districts based upon the number of national industry exams administered in the prior school year with each district receiving a base amount of \$10,000. The department will identify the national industry exams that will be funded based upon the job availability in the state. School districts may carry forward funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expend the funds for the cost of national industry exams. The department shall work with the Department of Commerce, the Department of Employment and Workforce, state and local chambers of commerce and economic development

1 offices and the Tech Board to ensure that students are aware of the industry required credentials for current job availability in the
 2 state organized by region. Any additional funds appropriated must be allocated to school districts based upon the number of national
 3 industry exams/credentials earned in the prior school year, and districts must expend these funds to pay for the cost of industry exams
 4 or to support students in preparing for the exams in the current fiscal year.

5 **1A.58.** (SDE-EIA: Career and Technology Education) Funds appropriated for Career and Technology Education will be
 6 distributed to school districts and multi-district career centers based on the prior year actual student enrollment for career and
 7 technology education courses, with no district or multi-district career center receiving less than \$50,000. Funds may be expended
 8 for the purchase of career and technical equipment, the up fitting of facilities and the purchase of consumables, regional career
 9 specialists, and such evidence-based initiatives like High Schools that Work and Project Lead the Way. Each district must include
 10 in the district plan submitted to the Office of Career and Technology Education information on other career and technical equipment
 11 available. The district must include, at a minimum, equipment located at the career center and at the technical college, information
 12 on the alignment of equipment to current industry jobs and needs in the state as recommended by career and technical program
 13 advisory committees. District plans must include charter schools within the school district offering at least one career and technical
 14 education completer program. School districts and career centers may carry forward unexpended funds to be used for the same
 15 intended purposes to up fit career and technical facilities and replace career and technical program consumables. In addition,
 16 \$125,000 of the funds appropriated shall be allocated to the Palmetto Partners for Science and Technology for robotics competition,
 17 curriculum, and support.

18 **1A.59.** (SDE-EIA: Family Connection South Carolina) Funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.F, Partnerships, for Family
 19 Connection South Carolina (H63), shall be transferred in quarterly installments from the Department of Education to Family
 20 Connection South Carolina. Funds shall be used to provide support to families of children with disabilities. Support shall include,
 21 home visits, transition assistance, education assistance, parent support and parent training. The department shall establish guidelines
 22 through which Family Connection South Carolina shall provide planning documents to the department not later than July fifteenth
 23 of the current fiscal year, and quarterly reporting of expenditures thereafter; and a performance report submitted annually.

24 ~~**1A.60.** (SDE-EIA: Low Achieving Schools) Of the funds appropriated to the Education Oversight Committee for Partnerships~~
 25 ~~for Innovation, \$500,000 shall be allocated to parent support initiatives and afterschool programs in historically underachieving~~
 26 ~~communities.~~

27 **1A.61.** (SDE-EIA: Assistance Funding) For the current fiscal year, any funds appropriated to the Department of Education to
 28 assist districts that are or were Plaintiffs in the Abbeville law suit and funding appropriated to the department to provide technical
 29 assistance to underperforming districts may not be transferred to any other program, are not subject to flexibility, and may be carried
 30 forward and expended for the same purposes.

31 **1A.62.** (SDE-EIA: National Board Certification Incentive) Public school classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the
 32 special schools or classroom teachers who work with classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the special schools who
 33 are certified by the State Board of Education and who have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
 34 or completed the application process prior to July 1, 2010 shall be paid a \$7,500 salary supplement beginning July first in the year
 35 following the year of achieving certification, beginning with 2009 applicants. The special schools include the Governors School for
 36 Science and Math, Governors School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, John de la Howe School,

School for the Deaf and the Blind, Department of Juvenile Justice and Palmetto Unified School District 1. The \$7,500 salary supplement shall be added to the annual pay of the teacher for the length of the national certificate. However, the \$7,500 supplement shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis for the teachers FTE and paid to the teacher in accordance with the districts payroll procedure. In addition, teachers who have applied prior to July 1, 2010 and are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall enter a recertification cycle for their South Carolina certificate consistent with the recertification cycle for national board certification. National board certified teachers who have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or completed the application process prior to July 1, 2010 moving to this State who hold a valid standard certificate from their sending state are exempted from initial certification requirements and are eligible for a professional teaching certificate and continuing contract status. Their recertification cycle will be consistent with national board certification.

For the current fiscal year the salary supplement will be \$5,000 for public school classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the special schools or classroom teachers who work with classroom teachers, to include teachers employed at the special schools who are certified by the State Board of Education and who complete the application process on or after July 1, 2010, beginning in the year of achieving certification and applies uniformly to all teachers covered under Section 59-26-85(A)(2) of the 1976 Code. The special schools include the Governors School for Science and Math, Governors School for the Arts and Humanities, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, John de la Howe School, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Department of Juvenile Justice and Palmetto Unified School District 1. The \$5,000 salary supplement shall be added to the annual pay of the teacher, not to exceed the lesser of, the length of one national certificate cycle. However, the \$5,000 supplement shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis for the teachers FTE and paid to the teacher in accordance with the districts payroll procedure.

Teachers eligible to receive the state supplement upon achieving certification must have submitted the initial application and fee for NBPTS in Fiscal Year 2017-18. The department is authorized to carry forward funds and only expend them for the same purpose. Appropriations in excess of applicable expenditures shall be distributed to school districts based on the EFA formula.

~~**1A.63.** (SDE-EIA: Value Added Accountability) With the funds appropriated for School Value Added Instrument in the current fiscal year the Department of Education shall use the education value added assessment system that was procured and administered in the prior fiscal year to calculate the magnitude of student progress or growth at the school level for purposes of state and federal accountability. At the discretion of the local school district, a district may use the education value added assessment system to evaluate classroom teachers using student progress or growth. The estimates of specific teacher effects on the educational progress of students will not be a public record and shall be made available only to the specific teacher, principal and superintendent. In the current fiscal year, the Department of Education is directed to procure a value added assessment system, which calculates student growth and includes the measurement of magnitude of growth, to be used in future school years that meets the requirements of the state and federal accountability system as defined in Chapter 18 of Title 59 of the 1976 Code.~~

1A.64. (SDE-EIA: Educator Preparation Provider) Of the funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year, the department is authorized to use up to \$300,000 to develop a data system to house post-certification data and employment for Education Preparation Provider (EPP) completers in accordance with S.C. Code Reg. 43-90. The system must provide the department with the ability to collect, store, and disseminate data elements needed for national accreditation of providers. Such data shall be exempted from disclosure under Section 30-4-40 of the 1976 Code, the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

1 **1A.65.** (SDE-EIA: Alternative Commitment to Truancy) As part of its plan for an alternative school, a school district receiving
 2 funds from the Department of Education for an alternative school shall identify available alternatives to commitment for children
 3 whose truancy is approaching the level of being referred to family court. When proceeding under Section 59-65-50 of the 1976 Code
 4 to bring an individual case before the family court, the school district must present this plan as well as the district's efforts with
 5 respect to the individual child to the court. Each school district's plan under this proviso shall include possible assignment to
 6 alternative school for a non-attending child before petitioning the court.

7 ~~**1A.66.** (SDE-EIA: McCormick County Schools) The Department of Revenue must directly allocate the funds appropriated under~~
 8 ~~VIII. F. Partnerships for John de la Howe for teacher salaries to McCormick County School District to create a school within a school~~
 9 ~~program to educate at risk students, including students at John de la Howe who attend McCormick County schools. The program~~
 10 ~~must use an accelerated curriculum which utilizes multimedia/ multimodal learning activities to ensure academic success and~~
 11 ~~development of leadership and communication skills.~~

12 **1A.67.** (SDE-EIA: Grants Committee) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Innovation Grants, the grants
 13 committee, in Fiscal Year 2019-20, shall give priority to funding projects funded by the Education Oversight Committee Partnerships
 14 of Innovation in the prior fiscal year while keeping with its established criteria. Additionally, the committee shall accept applications
 15 per the established process for new grantees not to exceed the amount appropriated by the General Assembly.

16 The Superintendent of Education is directed to appoint an independent grants committee to develop the process for awarding the
 17 grants or directly purchasing services. The committee members shall serve four year terms. The process shall include the application
 18 procedure, selection process, and matching grant formula if applicable. The grants committee must be comprised of seven members,
 19 three members selected from the education community and four members selected from the business community. The chairman of
 20 the committee shall be selected by the committee members at the first meeting of the committee. The suggested criteria for awarding
 21 the grants to schools or school districts or directly purchasing services must include, but are not limited to:

- 22 (1) a demonstrated ability to meet the match throughout the granting period;
- 23 (2) a demonstrated ability to implement the initiative or model as set forth in the application;
- 24 (3) identification of key measurable benchmarks in the education continuum that must be improved to raise student
 25 achievement and ensure all students graduate college, career and civic ready;
- 26 (4) a demonstrated ability to be both replicable and scalable with priority given to those projects that focus on applied learning
 27 opportunities and experiences, especially in the STEM or STEAM fields;
- 28 (5) blended and personalized learning focused on content mastery and experiential learning; and
- 29 (6) innovative strategies to close student achievement gaps, with a focus on below average and unsatisfactory schools.

30 No matching amount will exceed more than seventy percent of the grant request or be less than ten percent of the request. The
 31 required match may be met by funds or by in-kind donations, such as technology, to be further defined by the grants committee.
 32 Public school districts and schools that have high poverty and low achievement will receive priority for grants when their applications
 33 are judged to meet the criteria established for the grant program. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the
 34 Chairman of House Ways and Means and the Chairman of Senate Finance by June 30, 2020.

35 Grantees and service providers will be required to participate in an independent, external evaluation as prescribed by the committee
 36 and agreed upon in the application and award process.

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Grantees and service providers will be required to participate in an external, *independent* evaluation as prescribed by the committee and agreed upon in the application and award process. *The evaluation must identify the impact and effectiveness of the initiative to include where applicable the impact on student performance or student outcomes. The evaluation must be provided to the General Assembly, to the Governor, and to the Education Oversight Committee by June 30 annually.*

1A.68. (SDE-EIA: Teacher Loan Program) With the funds appropriated for the Teacher Loan Program and with funds in the revolving fund, in the current fiscal year the annual maximum award for eligible juniors, seniors and graduate students is \$7,500 per year and the aggregate maximum loan amount is \$27,500.

1A.69. (SDE-EIA: Digital Learning Plan) ~~The Education Oversight Committee is responsible for implementing the second year of a pilot program for alternative methods of instruction for make-up days. The five school districts that participated in the initial pilot program in the prior fiscal year shall have the option of continuing to participate during the current fiscal year. As a condition of their continued participation, these five school districts shall assist the committee in reviewing and approving additional school districts to participate in the second year of the pilot program and shall provide technical assistance and support to new districts~~

1 participating in the pilot. From funds available to the committee, the committee is authorized to allocate funds to the five districts
 2 for providing technical support to the new districts participating in the pilot program.

3 All districts participating in the pilot in the current fiscal year shall utilize alternative methods of instruction which may include,
 4 but are not limited to, online or virtual instruction for scheduled make up time. All make up time must reflect the number of hours
 5 of the make up days the instruction will cover. All make up time must meet state requirements for elementary and secondary school
 6 days. All districts shall continue to report to the Department of Education all days missed, reasons for the absences, days made up,
 7 and now the alternative method of instruction used. The Education Oversight Committee shall work with the Educational Television
 8 Commission (ETV) and the State Library to utilize and coordinate available ETV and State Library resources and explore alternative
 9 means of delivery to districts that may lack proper access to online instruction. All school districts shall report the following
 10 information to the Education Oversight Committee by April 1, 2021: method(s) of implementation utilized, advantages and
 11 disadvantages of the method(s) used, any feedback received from administrators, teachers, parents or guardians, and
 12 recommendations for how the program can be implemented statewide.

13 By June 1, 2021 the Education Oversight Committee shall report to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of
 14 Education, and the State Board of Education a plan for implementing the eLearning program for make up days statewide.

15 *With funds appropriated, the Education Oversight Committee is responsible for evaluating the impact of alternative methods of*
 16 *instruction on student learning and working with other agencies to expand access to quality remote instruction which can be*
 17 *dispatched if necessary. Alternative methods of instruction may include, but are not limited to, online or virtual instruction, remote*
 18 *learning, and hybrid models. By December 1 of the fiscal year, the Education Oversight Committee shall report to the Governor, the*
 19 *General Assembly, the Department of Education, and the State Board of Education.*

20 **1A.70.** (SDE-EIA: School Safety Program) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers shall
 21 be utilized by the department for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a school resource officer for
 22 school districts that otherwise would lack the adequate resources to hire their own school resource officers. In making determinations
 23 of eligibility the department shall use the most recent index of taxpaying ability as the district's indicator of ability to pay, with
 24 districts of the lowest index of taxpaying ability receiving priority consideration. Districts must apply for funding through the
 25 department and no districts shall receive an award of more than four certified school resource officer positions. In making awards
 26 the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer
 27 that will serve as a full time school resource officer. The department is authorized to carry forward funds and utilize these funds for
 28 the same purpose.

29 **1A.71.** (SDE-EIA: Teacher Recruitment Program) On or before September 30th of Fiscal Year 2020-21 *the current fiscal year,*
 30 following the development of accountability metrics, \$750,000 of the funds appropriated in this Act to the Department of Education
 31 for "Rural Teacher Recruitment" shall be allocated to the University of South Carolina's College of Education (COE) for the
 32 development and implementation of a new teacher recruitment pilot program to be administered by the COE in partnership with the
 33 Center for Teaching Quality (CTQ). The purpose of the pilot program shall be the employment of innovative and cost-effective
 34 teacher recruitment strategies, customized training for new teachers, and dedicated, ongoing mentoring support. The pilot program
 35 shall compliment and/or enhance the state's ongoing rural teacher recruitment initiatives such as those supported pursuant to Part
 36 1A.54 of this Act. At minimum, the pilot program must assist no fewer than ten school districts to include at least four districts along

the I-95 corridor and serve no fewer than 250 teacher candidates. The pilot program shall stipulate reasonable fees for participating candidates and districts and districts shall agree to release time for required on site mentors who shall be experienced, practicing teachers within the district for the purposes of co-teaching with and supporting candidates' development. Within participating districts, the pilot program shall emphasize high-need schools and within selected schools, the emphasis shall be on developing teacher candidates teaching in high-need subject areas to include, but not be limited to, STEM and special education with all candidates receiving training in literacy skills. The pilot program design shall be based on emerging empirical evidence of effective teacher education as well as best practices from recent innovations in university-based and alternative certification and residency programs for the dual purpose of recruiting needed candidates with equal focus on retaining accomplished, experienced teachers utilizing, in part, a model which contains intensive mentoring and support for candidate teachers. Before any funds are disbursed to the COE, the COE and CTQ shall develop accountability metrics for the pilot program that must include, at minimum, employment outcome indicators such as job placement and retention statistics as well as survey instrumentation in order to measure candidate, mentor, and principal satisfaction with the pilot program. No later than June 30th, program data and evidence collected as a result of this accountability requirement must be shared in report form with the Department of Education, the Education Oversight Committee, the South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement, the Commission on Higher Education, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

1A.72. (SDE-EIA: Bridge Program) Of the funds appropriated for "Rural Teacher Recruitment" in Fiscal Year ~~2019-20~~ 2021-22, \$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.73. (SDE-EIA: K-12 Computer Science Plan) With funds appropriated for administration, the Department of Education shall develop, and the State Board of Education will review and approve a state K-12 computer science plan that includes timelines, goals and strategies for achieving the goals by December 30 of the fiscal year. In addition, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department, will establish this fiscal year guidelines or approved programs at institutions of higher education to offer computer science to preservice teachers.

1A.74. (SDE-EIA: School Nurses) Funds appropriated for Student Health and Fitness shall be allocated to school districts to increase the number of physical education teachers to the extent possible and to provide licensed nurses for elementary public schools. Seventeen percent of the funds shall be allocated to the districts based on average daily membership of grades K-5 from the preceding year for physical education teachers. The remaining funds will be made available for school nurses and shall be distributed to the school districts on a per school basis. Schools that provide instruction in grades K-5 are eligible to apply for the school nurse funds.

1A.75. (SDE-EIA: National Student Clearinghouse) With the funds appropriated to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, the state will utilize the services of the National Student Clearinghouse to comply with Section 59-18-1950 of the South Carolina Code

of Laws. The funds will allow the state as well as all high schools to receive timely and accurate information about the college-going rate and success of South Carolina students who attend postsecondary institutions. The Department of Education will collaborate with the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to facilitate the exchange and safeguarding of data.

SECTION 3 - H660 - LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

3.1. (LEA: Audit) Each state agency receiving lottery funds shall develop and implement procedures to monitor the expenditures of lottery funds in order to ensure that lottery funds are expended in accordance with applicable state laws, rules, and regulations.

For institutions of higher learning, adopted procedures to monitor expenditures of lottery funds shall be reported to the Commission on Higher Education and the Executive Budget Office by October 1, ~~2019~~2021, and these expenditures are subject to annual verification and audit by the Commission on Higher Education on a rotational schedule not to exceed three years. The annual verification and audit shall be funded from the funds appropriated to or authorized for the Commission on Higher Education and the commission shall not assess a fee or charge institutions of higher learning for performing this function. In addition, the Commission on Higher Education shall provide a report to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by October first each year summarizing, by institution, how lottery funds were expended in the prior fiscal year, issues and concerns as well as institution responses to those issues and concerns discovered as a result of the commission's verification and/or audit activity during the prior fiscal year, if any.

For the Department of Education, adopted procedures to monitor expenditures of lottery funds that are allocated to the South Carolina school districts and other recipient institutions according to law and Department of Education guidelines shall be reported to the Executive Budget Office by October 1, ~~2019~~2021. In addition, the Department of Education shall provide a report to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the amount of lottery funds the department distributed to each entity in the prior fiscal year.

All other state agencies must submit their adopted procedures to monitor expenditures of lottery funds to the Executive Budget Office by October 1, ~~2019~~2021.

The Executive Budget Office shall ensure that state agencies receiving lottery funds have procedures in place to monitor expenditures of lottery funds and that the monitoring procedures are operating effectively.

3.2. (LEA: Election Day Sales) For the current fiscal year, Section 59-150-210(E) is suspended.

3.3. (LEA: Student Unique Identifiers) For the current fiscal year, in order to provide longitudinal data, institutions of higher education and technical colleges accepting lottery funds must retain the student unique identifier or SUNS number assigned to students who attended public high schools in South Carolina. This shall not prohibit institutions of higher education or technical colleges from using additional student identifiers.

~~**3.4.** (LEA: FY 2020-21 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~~

1 include full reimbursement from the Education Lottery Account to the general deposit accounts of the state prior to the close of the
 2 fiscal year.

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

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

7 ~~For Fiscal Year 2020-21, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2019-20~~
 8 ~~certified surplus, and Fiscal Year 2018-19 surplus are appropriated as follows:~~

9	(1) Commission on Higher Education LIFE Scholarships as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59	\$240,102,429;
10	(2) Commission on Higher Education HOPE Scholarships as provided in Section 59-150-370.....	\$ 14,557,008;
11	(3) Commission on Higher Education Palmetto Fellows Scholarships as provided	
12	in Section 59-104-20	\$ 61,809,959;
13	(4) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive	
14	Education Tuition Assistance	\$ 51,100,000;
15	(5) Commission on Higher Education Need Based Grants	\$ 20,000,000;
16	(6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission Tuition Grants	\$ 10,000,000;
17	(7) Commission on Higher Education National Guard Tuition Repayment Program as	
18	provided in Section 59-111-75	\$ 2,631,129;
19	(8) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education South Carolina Workforce	
20	Industry Needs Scholarship	\$ 17,000,000;
21	(9) South Carolina State University	\$ 2,500,000;
22	(10) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education ReadySC Direct Training	\$ 10,000,000;
23	(11) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education High Demand Job Skill	
24	Training Equipment	\$ 12,500,000;
25	(12) Commission on Higher Education Technology Public Four Year Institutions, Two Year	
26	Institutions, and State Technical Colleges as provided in Section 59-150-356	\$ 8,000,000;
27	(13) Commission on Higher Education SREB Program and Assessments	\$ 236,195;
28	(14) Department of Education Instructional Materials	\$ 20,000,000;
29	(15) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services Gambling Addiction Services	\$ 50,000;
30	(16) Department of Education School Bus Lease/Purchase	\$ 19,363,280; and
31	(17) Department of Education Reading Partners	\$ 250,000.

32 ~~For Fiscal Year 2020-21, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:~~

33	(1) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education Workforce Scholarships and Grants	\$ 11,000,000;
34	(2) Commission on Higher Education Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program	\$ 6,072,473;
35	(3) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services Gambling Addiction Services	\$ 50,000;
36	(4) Commission on Higher Education SREB Program and Assessments	\$ 377,526;

~~1 (5) Commission on Higher Education PASCAL\$ 1,500,000;~~
~~2 (6) Commission on Higher Education Need Based Grants\$ 1; and~~
~~3 (7) Department of Education School Bus Lease/Purchase.....\$ All Remaining.~~
~~4 If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2020-21 is less than the amounts appropriated, the~~
~~5 projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.~~
~~6 Fiscal Year 2020-21 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and~~
~~7 Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided~~
~~8 in Section 59-150-360. Annually the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher~~
~~9 Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.~~
~~10 The provisions of Section 2-75-30 of the 1976 Code regarding the aggregate amount of funding provided for the Centers of~~
~~11 Excellence Matching Endowment are suspended for the current fiscal year.~~
~~12 The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to temporarily transfer funds between appropriated line items in order to~~
~~13 ensure the~~
~~14 timely receipt of scholarships and tuition assistance. It is the goal of the General Assembly to fund the Tuition Assistance program~~
~~15 at such a level to support at least \$996 per student per term for full-time students.~~
~~16 Fiscal Year 2020-21 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment~~
~~17 earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for~~
~~18 Fiscal Year 2020-21 are fully funded.~~
~~19 If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2020-21 certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal~~
~~20 year, Fiscal Year 2019-20 certified surplus, and Fiscal Year 2018-19 surplus are less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and~~
~~21 programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis, except that a reduction~~
~~22 must not be applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.~~
~~23 The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to use up to \$345,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision for LIFE,~~
~~24 HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows scholarships to provide the necessary level of program support for the scholarship award process and~~
~~25 to provide for a Scholarship Compliance Auditor.~~
~~26 The Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission is authorized to use up to \$70,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision~~
~~27 for Tuition Grants to provide the necessary level of program support for the grants award process.~~
~~28 The funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) for Workforce Scholarships and~~
~~29 Grants shall be used to provide grants for tuition, fees, transportation, or textbook expenses to South Carolina residents enrolled in a~~
~~30 career education program that meets all eligibility guidelines promulgated by the SBTCE in consultation with the Department of~~
~~31 Education. Funds shall not be used for continuing education courses that do not lead to a degree, professional certificate, or~~
~~32 industry-recognized credential (IRC).~~
~~33 (A) Prior to disbursement of funds and no later than July 30, SBTCE must provide the colleges with a Board-approved list,~~
~~34 compiled based on regional and statewide industry needs of the programs and credentials for which the colleges are allowed to award~~
~~35 grants for the current fiscal year.~~

~~(B) Grants shall be awarded from the fund in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars or the total cost of attendance, whichever is less, for students to attend the program of their choice, including a professional certification program, at a South Carolina public technical college. Priority for grant awards shall be given to students seeking a degree, professional certificate, or industry recognized credential (IRC) in an industry sector with critical workforce needs as identified and recommended by the SBTCE and ratified by the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development.~~

~~(C) By April fifteenth, the SBTCE shall provide a report to the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee detailing use of funds received in the prior fiscal year. The report must include at minimum for each technical college: a list of programs that received funding, amount spent per program, number of students that received grants, grant amount per student, names of credentials completed by students receiving grants, amount of each type of credential completed, and job placement rates for students who completed programs and/or credentials.~~

~~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.....	\$ 267,228;
(2) University of Charleston.....	\$ 607,631;
(3) Coastal Carolina University.....	\$ 591,366;
(4) Francis Marion University.....	\$ 260,984;
(5) Lander University.....	\$ 224,174;
(6) South Carolina State University.....	\$ 224,476;
(7) USC Aiken Campus.....	\$ 243,662;
(8) USC Upstate.....	\$ 330,928;
(9) USC Beaufort Campus.....	\$ 183,437;
(10) USC Lancaster Campus.....	\$ 145,010;
(11) USC Salkehatchie Campus.....	\$ 145,010;
(12) USC Sumter Campus.....	\$ 145,010;
(13) USC Union Campus.....	\$ 145,010;
(14) Winthrop University.....	\$ 362,400; and
(15) State Technical Colleges and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.....	\$4,123,674.

~~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.~~

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

3 —Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the South Carolina Workforce
4 Industry Needs Scholarship, the board shall administer the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship as outlined below:

5 —(A) (1) In the current fiscal year, a student attending a two year public technical college and majoring in a critical workforce
6 area program, as defined and recommended by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) and ratified
7 by the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development, and who is receiving a Lottery Tuition Assistance Program
8 Scholarship (LTAP) for the current fiscal year, shall receive an additional South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship
9 (SC WINS). A student who is attending a two year public technical college, who meets the income eligibility guidelines for free and
10 reduced priced meals as established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and who is receiving a LTAP
11 scholarship for the current fiscal year, shall receive a SC WINS scholarship regardless of the student's major. The SC WINS
12 scholarship is equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory fees after applying all other scholarships or grants, not to exceed two thousand
13 five hundred dollars.

14 —(2) If the student is a freshman, the student must be enrolled in at least six credit hours of instruction each semester,
15 including at least three credit hours of instruction in one of the critical workforce areas defined by the SBTCE. A student who meets
16 the income guidelines for free and reduced priced meals as established by the USDA, must be enrolled in at least six credit hours of
17 instruction each semester for the purpose of meeting the required minimum level of instruction in the student's major courses. To
18 receive the additional SC WINS scholarship, the student must receive the underlying LTAP scholarship for that fiscal year and must
19 be making acceptable progress towards receiving a degree in one of the majors pursuant to this proviso. For purposes of meeting this
20 required minimum level of instruction in the freshman's major courses, dual enrollment courses taken in high school in these critical
21 workforce area programs count toward the fulfillment of the minimum requirement.

22 —(B) The SBTCE shall adopt rules to define what constitutes a critical workforce program area. Nothing herein prevents a student
23 from changing majors within the acceptable disciplines. Additionally, the SBTCE shall communicate with high school guidance
24 counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors. Critical workforce program additions or deletions must be ratified by the South
25 Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development.

26 —(C) If the additional SC WINS scholarship is lost, it may be regained in the same manner the underlying LTAP scholarship is
27 regained.

28 —(D) In order for a student to be eligible after attempting twenty four academic credit hours, the student must have earned a
29 grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale.

30 —(E) A student may not be eligible to receive the SC WINS scholarship for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree unless
31 the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.

32 —(F) A dual enrollment student in high school who is majoring in one of the critical workforce areas at a technical college
33 qualifies for the SC WINS scholarship. A dual enrollment student in high school who receives a LTAP scholarship at a technical
34 college and qualifies for free and reduced priced meals, also qualifies for the SC WINS scholarship regardless of the student's major.

35 —(G) Additionally, an up to three hundred dollar book allowance is applied to a SC WINS recipient's account, who is majoring
36 in one of the critical workforce areas, for expenses towards the cost of textbooks.

1 — (H) If a critical workforce area program is placed on suspension during the SBTCE's program evaluation process, that program
 2 no longer qualifies for SC WINS funds at that specific college. Students must be advised on how to complete their program by
 3 transferring to another technical college or serving as a transient student at another technical college to complete specified courses.

4 — Funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Reading Partners shall be allocated to Reading Partners and must be used
 5 to increase the number of reading interventions for students in low performing schools in grades K-5. The Office of Early Learning
 6 and Literacy shall specify planning criteria to be submitted by Reading Partners no later than July 15 of the current fiscal year.
 7 Planning criteria shall include, but is not limited to, pre and post assessment data, parental and family literacy engagement, summer
 8 learning support and building school level capacity for intervention. The department shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of
 9 the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
 10 Committee and the Chairman of the House Education Committee by June 15, 2020 on the impact of the program.

11 3.5. (LEA: FY 2021-2022 Lottery Funding) There is appropriated from the Education Lottery Account for the following education
 12 purposes and programs and funds for these programs and purposes shall be transferred by the Executive Budget Office as directed
 13 below. These appropriations must be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for education. For cash flow purposes, the
 14 Executive Budget Office may facilitate limited transfers from the general deposits of the state for the exclusive purpose of ensuring
 15 the timely distribution of scholarships and tuition assistance payments as provided below. Any use of this transfer allowance must
 16 include full reimbursement from the Education Lottery Account to the general deposit accounts of the state prior to the close of the
 17 fiscal year.

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

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

22 For Fiscal Year 2021-22, certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current fiscal year are appropriated as
 23 follows:

24	(1) Commission on Higher Education and State Board for Technical and Comprehensive	
25	Education--Tuition Assistance	\$ 51,100,000;
26	(2) Commission on Higher Education--LIFE Scholarships as provided in Chapter 149, Title 59	\$236,771,166;
27	(3) Commission on Higher Education--HOPE Scholarships as provided in Section 59-150-370	\$ 10,371,104;
28	(4) Commission on Higher Education--Palmetto Fellows Scholarships as provided	
29	in Section 59-104-20	\$ 71,173,280;
30	(5) Commission on Higher Education--Need-Based Grants	\$ 60,000,000;
31	(6) Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission--Tuition Grants	\$ 20,000,000;
32	(7) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--Workforce Scholarships and Grants	\$ 9,167,126;
33	(8) Commission on Higher Education--National Guard Tuition Repayment Program as	
34	provided in Section 59-111-75	\$ 2,631,129;
35	(9) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--South Carolina Workforce	
36	Industry Needs Scholarship.....	\$ 17,000,000;

1	<u>(10) South Carolina State University</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000;</u>
2	<u>(11) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--ReadySC Direct Training.....</u>	<u>\$ 10,000,000;</u>
3	<u>(12) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--High Demand Job Skill</u>	
4	<u>Training Equipment</u>	<u>\$ 12,500,000;</u>
5	<u>(13) Commission on Higher Education--SREB Program and Assessments</u>	<u>\$ 236,195;</u>
6	<u>(14) Commission on Higher Education--College Transition Program Scholarships</u>	<u>\$ 750,000; and</u>
7	<u>(15) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services--Gambling Addiction Services</u>	<u>\$ 50,000;</u>
8	<u>For Fiscal Year 2020-21, funds certified from unclaimed prizes are appropriated as follows:</u>	
9	<u>(1) Commission on Higher Education--Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program</u>	<u>\$ 6,072,474;</u>
10	<u>(2) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education--Workforce Scholarships and Grants</u>	<u>\$ 11,000,000;</u>
11	<u>(3) Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services--Gambling Addiction Services</u>	<u>\$ 50,000;</u>
12	<u>(4) Commission on Higher Education--SREB Program and Assessments</u>	<u>\$ 377,526; and</u>
13	<u>(5) Commission on Higher Education--PASCAL</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000;</u>
14	<u>If the lottery revenue received from certified unclaimed prizes for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is less than the amounts appropriated,</u>	
15	<u>the projects and programs receiving appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis.</u>	
16	<u>Fiscal Year 2021-2022 funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and</u>	
17	<u>Comprehensive Education for Tuition Assistance must be distributed to the technical colleges and two-year institutions as provided</u>	
18	<u>in Section 59-150-360. Annually the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the Commission on Higher</u>	
19	<u>Education shall develop the Tuition Assistance distribution of funds.</u>	
20	<u>The provisions of Section 2-75-30 of the 1976 Code regarding the aggregate amount of funding provided for the Centers of</u>	
21	<u>Excellence Matching Endowment are suspended for the current fiscal year.</u>	
22	<u>The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to temporarily transfer funds between appropriated line items in order to</u>	
23	<u>ensure the timely receipt of scholarships and tuition assistance. It is the goal of the General Assembly to fund the Tuition Assistance</u>	
24	<u>program at such a level to support at least \$996 per student per term for full time students.</u>	
25	<u>Fiscal Year 2021-2022 net lottery proceeds and investment earnings in excess of the certified net lottery proceeds and investment</u>	
26	<u>earnings for this period are appropriated and must be used to ensure that all LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for</u>	
27	<u>Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are fully funded.</u>	
28	<u>If the lottery revenue received for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 certified net lottery proceeds and investment earnings for the current</u>	
29	<u>fiscal year and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 certified surplus are less than the amounts appropriated, the projects and programs receiving</u>	
30	<u>appropriations for any such year shall have their appropriations reduced on a pro rata basis, except that a reduction must not be</u>	
31	<u>applied to the funding of LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.</u>	
32	<u>The Commission on Higher Education is authorized to use up to \$345,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision for LIFE,</u>	
33	<u>HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows scholarships to provide the necessary level of program support for the scholarship award process and</u>	
34	<u>to provide for a Scholarship Compliance Auditor.</u>	
35	<u>The Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission is authorized to use up to \$70,000 of the funds appropriated in this provision</u>	
36	<u>for Tuition Grants to provide the necessary level of program support for the grants award process.</u>	

The funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) for Workforce Scholarships and Grants shall be used to provide grants for tuition, fees, transportation, or textbook expenses to South Carolina residents enrolled in a career education program that meets all eligibility guidelines promulgated by the SBTCE in consultation with the Department of Education. Funds shall not be used for continuing education courses that do not lead to a degree, professional certificate, or industry-recognized credential (IRC).

(A) Prior to disbursement of funds and no later than July 30, SBTCE must provide the colleges with a Board approved list, compiled based on regional and statewide industry needs of the programs and credentials for which the colleges are allowed to award grants for the current fiscal year.

(B) Grants shall be awarded from the fund in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars or the total cost of attendance, whichever is less, for students to attend the program of their choice, including a professional certification program, at a South Carolina public technical college. Priority for grant awards shall be given to students seeking a degree, professional certificate, or industry-recognized credential (IRC) in an industry sector with critical workforce needs as identified and recommended by the SBTCE and ratified by the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development.

(C) By April fifteenth, the SBTCE shall provide a report to the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee detailing use of funds received in the prior fiscal year. The report must include at minimum for each technical college: a list of programs that received funding, amount spent per program, number of students that received grants, grant amount per student, names of credentials completed by students receiving grants, amount of each type of credential completed, and job placement rates for students who completed programs and/or credentials.

Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship, the board shall administer the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship as outlined below:

(A) (1) In the current fiscal year, a student attending a two year public technical college and majoring in a critical workforce area program, as defined and recommended by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) and ratified by the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development, and who is receiving a Lottery Tuition Assistance Program Scholarship (LTAP) for the current fiscal year, shall receive an additional South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC WINS). A student who is attending a two-year public technical college, who meets the income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-priced meals as established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and who is receiving a LTAP scholarship for the current fiscal year, shall receive a SC WINS scholarship regardless of the student's major. The SC WINS scholarship is equal to the cost of tuition and mandatory fees after applying all other scholarships or grants, not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars.

(2) If the student is a freshman, the student must be enrolled in at least six credit hours of instruction each semester, including at least three credit hours of instruction in one of the critical workforce areas defined by the SBTCE. A student who meets the income guidelines for free and reduced-priced meals as established by the USDA, must be enrolled in at least six credit hours of instruction each semester for the purpose of meeting the required minimum level of instruction in the student's major courses. To receive the additional SC WINS scholarship, the student must receive the underlying LTAP scholarship for that fiscal year and must be making acceptable progress towards receiving a degree in one of the majors pursuant to this proviso. For purposes of meeting

1 this required minimum level of instruction in the freshman's major courses, dual enrollment courses taken in high school in these
2 critical workforce area programs count toward the fulfillment of the minimum requirement.

3 (B) The SBTCE shall adopt rules to define what constitutes a critical workforce program area. Nothing herein prevents a
4 student from changing majors within the acceptable disciplines. Additionally, the SBTCE shall communicate with high school
5 guidance counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors. Critical workforce program additions or deletions must be ratified by
6 the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development.

7 (C) If the additional SC WINS scholarship is lost, it may be regained in the same manner the underlying LTAP scholarship is
8 regained.

9 (D) In order for a student to be eligible after attempting twenty-four academic credit hours, the student must have earned a
10 grade point average of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale.

11 (E) A student may not be eligible to receive the SC WINS scholarship for more than one certificate, diploma, or degree unless
12 the additional certificate, diploma, or degree constitutes progress in the same field of study.

13 (F) A dual-enrollment student in high school who is majoring in one of the critical workforce areas at a technical college
14 qualifies for the SC WINS scholarship. A dual enrollment student in high school who receives a LTAP scholarship at a technical
15 college and qualifies for free and reduced-priced meals, also qualifies for the SC WINS scholarship regardless of the student's major.

16 (G) Additionally, an up to three-hundred-dollar book allowance is applied to a SC WINS recipient's account, who is majoring
17 in one of the critical workforce areas, for expenses towards the cost of textbooks.

18 (H) If a critical workforce area program is placed on suspension during the SBTCE's program evaluation process, that
19 program no longer qualifies for SC WINS funds at that specific college. Students must be advised on how to complete their program
20 by transferring to another technical college or serving as a transient student at another technical college to complete specified
21 courses.

22 (I) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for College Transition Scholarships, the Commission
23 shall provide scholarships to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher education in an established
24 College Transition Program (CTP) that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The Commission, in consultation with the CTPs,
25 shall develop guidelines establishing scholarship eligibility, retention and/or renewal requirements in accordance with this
26 paragraph. Scholarships shall be awarded to each South Carolina resident student enrolled in an established public CTP in an
27 amount of \$2,500 per semester, not to exceed \$5,000 per academic year (including Summer semester) and no student may receive a
28 scholarship for more than eight semesters in total. The Commission, in cooperation with the CTPs, shall collect and report the
29 number of scholarship recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of these scholarships in
30 assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs. The Commission shall provide this report to the
31 Governor, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee,
32 the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee no later than September
33 30.

34 (J) Certified surplus lottery revenues of \$13,900,000 should be set aside and used to create education scholarship accounts to
35 expand education opportunities for low-income students. Before the expenditure of these funds, the administration, eligibility, and
36 program requirements must first be established by the General Assembly.

SECTION 5 - H710 - WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

5.1. (WLG: Truants) The Opportunity School will incorporate into its program services for students, ages fifteen and over, who are deemed truant; and will cooperate with the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Family Courts, and School districts to encourage the removal of truant students to the Opportunity School when such students can be served appropriately by the Opportunity School's program.

5.2. (WLG: GED Test) Students attending school at the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School that are sixteen years of age and are unable to remain enrolled due to the necessity of immediate employment or enrollment in post-secondary education may be eligible to take the General Education Development (GED) Test.

5.3. (WLG: Deferred Salaries Carry Forward) Wil Lou Gray is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year the amount of the deferred salaries and employer contributions earned in the prior fiscal year for non-twelve month employees. These deferred funds are not to be included or part of any other authorized carry forward amount.

5.4. (WLG: Educational Program Initiatives) Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is authorized to utilize funds received from the Department of Education for vocational equipment on educational program initiatives.

5.5. (WLG: Lease Revenue) Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is authorized to retain revenues derived from the lease of school properties titled to or utilized by the school and may use revenues retained for general school operations, including, but not limited to, maintenance of such properties. Unexpended funds may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and used for the same purposes.

5.6. (WLG: USDA Federal Grants) All revenues generated from USDA federal grants may be retained and expended by the school in accordance with Federal regulations for the purpose of covering actual expenses in the cafeteria/food service operations of the school.

5.7. (WLG: By-Products Revenue Carry Forward) The Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School is authorized to sell goods that are by-products of the school's programs and operations, charge user fees and fees for services to the general public, individuals, organizations, agencies and school districts, and such revenue may be retained and carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the purpose of covering expenses of the school's programs and operations.

SECTION 6 - H750 - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

6.1. (SDB: Weighted Student Cost) The School for the Deaf and the Blind shall receive through the Education Finance Act the average State share of the required weighted cost for each student enrolled in the School.

6.2. (SDB: Cafeteria Revenues) All revenues generated from cafeteria operations may be retained and expended by the institution for the purpose of covering actual expenses in cafeteria operations.

6.3. (SDB: School Buses) The school buses of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind are authorized to travel at the posted speed limit.

1 **6.4.** (SDB: By-Products Revenue Carry Forward) The School for the Deaf and the Blind is authorized to sell goods that are
 2 by-products of the school's programs and operations, charge user fees and fees for services to the general public: individuals,
 3 organizations, agencies and school districts, and such revenue may be retained and carried forward into the current fiscal year and
 4 expended for the purpose of covering expenses of the school's programs and operations.

5 **6.5.** (SDB: Deferred Salaries Carry Forward) South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind is authorized to carry forward in
 6 the current fiscal year the amount of the deferred salaries and employer contributions earned in the prior fiscal year for non-twelve
 7 month employees. These deferred funds are not to be included or part of any other authorized carry forward amount.

8 **6.6.** (SDB: Sale of Property) After receiving approval from the Department of Administration or State Fiscal Accountability
 9 Authority for the sale of property, the school may retain revenues associated with the sale of property titled to or utilized by the
 10 school. These funds shall be expended on capital improvements approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal
 11 Accountability Authority. For the current fiscal year, the school is authorized to use the retained revenue from the sale of donated
 12 property for educational and other operating purposes.

13 **6.7.** (SDB: USC-Upstate Visual Impairment Master of Education Program) Of the funds appropriated to the South Carolina
 14 School for the Deaf and the Blind, \$50,000 shall be used to fund the Master of Education Program In Visual Impairment at the
 15 University of South Carolina - Upstate.

16 **6.8.** (SDB: Educational Program Initiatives) The School for the Deaf and Blind is authorized to utilize funds received from the
 17 Department of Education for vocational equipment on educational program initiatives.

18 **6.9.** (SDB: School Leave Policy) The School for the Deaf and Blind is authorized to promulgate administrative policy governing
 19 annual and sick leave relative to faculty and staff with the approval of the School's board of directors. This policy shall address the
 20 school calendar in order to comply with the instructional needs of students attending the school.

21 **6.10.** (SDB: Early Childhood Center) The School for the Deaf and the Blind shall be authorized to redirect and transfer the
 22 \$500,000 appropriated for the Thackston Hall Roof Replacement in Act 91 of 2015 by Proviso 118.14(B)(5)(a) to the Early
 23 Childhood Center Construction project.
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25 **SECTION 7 - L120 – GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE**

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 27 ~~**7.1.** (JDLHS: Status Offender Carry Forward) Unexpended status offender funds distributed to John de la Howe School from the~~
 28 ~~Department of Education may be carried forward and used for the same purpose.~~

29 **7.2.** (JDLHS: Campus Private Residence Leases) The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe School is authorized
 30 to lease, to its employees, private residences on the agency's campus. Funds generated may be retained and used for general operating
 31 purposes including, but not limited to, maintenance of the residences.

32 **7.3.** (JDLHS: Deferred Salaries Carried Forward) The Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe School is authorized
 33 to carry forward into the current fiscal year the amount of deferred salaries and employer contributions earned in the prior fiscal year
 34 for non-twelve month employees. These deferred funds are not to be included or part of any other authorized carry forward amount.

~~7.4. (JDLHS: Reduction in Force Carry Forward) John de la Howe School is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year unexpended personal service funds resulting from the reduction in force implemented in August 2018. These funds shall be used for deferred maintenance and renovation of agency assets.~~

SECTION 8 - H670 - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

8.1. (ETV: Grants/Contributions Carry Forward) The Educational Television Commission shall be permitted to carry forward any funds derived from grant awards or designated contributions and any state funds necessary to match such funds, provided that these funds be expended for the programs which they were originally designated.

8.2. (ETV: Spectrum Auction) The Educational Television Commission shall be authorized to receive and retain up to \$35,000,000 of the proceeds from the Federal Communication Commission TV Auction and place them in a segregated, restricted account. These proceeds shall be used to fund capital needs, including broadcast industry standards changes, existing equipment repair, maintenance and replacement needs, and operational costs. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. No later than June thirtieth of the current fiscal year, ETV must report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee the amount of money expended from the fund and the balance of the fund.

8.3. (ETV: Antenna and Tower Placement) All leases for antenna and tower operations within institutions of higher learning campuses must conform to master plans for such property, as determined solely by the institution of higher learning.

8.4. (ETV: Wireless Communications Tower) The Educational Television Commission is directed to coordinate tower and antenna operations within South Carolina state government. The commission shall (1) approve all leases regarding antenna placement on state-owned towers and buildings, (2) coordinate all new tower construction on state-owned property, (3) promote and market excess capacity on the State's wireless communications infrastructure, (4) generate revenue by leasing, licensing, or selling excess capacity on the State's wireless communications infrastructure, and (5) construct new communications assets on appropriate state-owned property for the purpose of generating revenue pursuant to this proviso. The commission shall retain and expend such funds for agency operations. The commission shall be authorized to carry forward unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year. The commission shall annually report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by October first of each year all revenue collected and disbursed.

SECTION 9 – H640 – GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

9.1. (GSAH: Leave Policy) The South Carolina Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities is authorized to promulgate administrative policy governing annual and sick leave relative to faculty and staff with the approval of their board of directors. This policy shall address their school calendar in order to comply with the instructional needs of students.

9.2. (GSAH: Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of funds appropriated to or generated by the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year pursuant to the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the School.

9.3. (GSAH: Fees) The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities is authorized to charge, collect, expend, and carry forward student fees as approved by their Board of Directors. The purpose and amount of any such fees will be to maintain program quality in both academics and residential support. No student will be denied admittance or participation due to financial inability to pay. The Board of Directors shall promulgate administrative policy governing the collection of all student fees. The school shall conspicuously publish a fee schedule on their website.

9.4. (GSAH: Certified Teacher Designation) Because of the unique nature of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, the Charleston School of the Arts, and the Greenville County Fine Arts Center, the schools are authorized to employ at its discretion noncertified classroom teachers teaching in the literary, visual and performing arts subject areas who are otherwise considered to be appropriately qualified in a ratio of up to one hundred percent of the entire teacher staff.

9.5. (GSAH: Residency Requirement) Of the funds appropriated, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities is to ensure that a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student attending the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities must prove that they are a legal resident of the state of South Carolina at the time of application and must remain so throughout time of attendance. The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities may not admit students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are not legal residents of South Carolina.

9.6. (GSAH: Informational Access to Students) For the current fiscal year, school districts must permit the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities to collaborate with individual schools and their staff to share information with students and families about the educational opportunities offered at the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, through avenues including school visits, informational presentations, and posters. By June thirtieth, of the current fiscal year, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities must report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee the results of these Informational Access efforts. Further, the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities will work with districts, the Department of Education and School Report Card administrators, to ensure that SAT scores of current Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities students are included in the School Report Card of those students' resident schools and districts.

SECTION 10 – H650 – GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

10.1. (GSSM: Carryforward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of funds appropriated to or generated by the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year pursuant to the direction of the board of trustees of the school.

10.2 (GSSM: Leave Policy) The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics is authorized to promulgate administrative policy governing annual and sick leave relative to faculty and staff with the approval of their board of directors. This policy shall address their school calendar in order to comply with the instructional needs of students.

10.3. (GSSM: Fees) The South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics is authorized to charge, collect, expend, and carry forward student fees as approved by their Board of Directors. The purpose and amount of any such fees will be to maintain program quality in both academics and residential support. No student will be denied admittance or participation due to financial inability to pay. The Board of Directors shall promulgate administrative policy governing the collection of all student fees. The school shall conspicuously publish a fee schedule on their website.

10.4. (GSSM: Residency Requirement) Of the funds appropriated, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics are to ensure that a parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student attending the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics must prove that they are a legal resident of the state of South Carolina at the time of application and must remain so throughout time of attendance. The Governor's School for Science and Mathematics may not admit students whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are not legal residents of South Carolina.

10.5. (GSSM: Informational Access to Students) For the current fiscal year, school districts must permit the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics to collaborate with individual schools and their staff to share information with students and families about the educational opportunities offered at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, through avenues including school visits, informational presentations, and posters. By June thirtieth, of the current fiscal year, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics must report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee the results of these Informational Access efforts. Further, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics will work with districts, the Department of Education and School Report Card administrators, to ensure that SAT scores of current Governor's School for Science and Mathematics students are included in the School Report Card of those students' resident schools and districts.

SECTION 11 - H030 - COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

11.1. (CHE: Contract for Services Program Fees) The amounts appropriated in this section for "Southern Regional Education Board Contract Programs" and "Southern Regional Education Board Dues" are to be used by the commission to pay to the Southern Regional Education Board the required contract fees for South Carolina students enrolled under the Contract for Services program of the Southern Regional Education Board, in specific degree programs in specified institutions and the Southern Regional Education Board membership dues. The funds appropriated may not be reduced to cover any budget reductions or be transferred for other purposes.

11.2. (CHE: African-American Loan Program) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education for the African-American Loan Program, 73.7 percent shall be distributed to South Carolina State University and 26.3 percent shall be distributed to Benedict College, and must be used for a loan program with the major focus of attracting African-American males to the teaching profession. The Commission of Higher Education shall act as the monitoring and reporting agency for the African-American Loan Program. Of the funds allocated according to this proviso, no more than ten percent shall be used for administrative purposes.

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

11.4. (CHE: EPSCoR Committee Representation) With the intent that the four-year teaching institutions receive a portion of EPSCoR funding, the State EPSCoR Committee shall have an executive committee consisting of one representative from each of the research institutions and one representative from the four-year teaching university sector.

1 **11.5.** (CHE: SREB Funds Exempt From Budget Cut) In the calculation of any across the board cut mandated by the Executive
2 Budget Office or General Assembly, the amount which the Commission on Higher Education is appropriated for Southern Regional
3 Education Board (SREB) Professional Scholarship Programs and Fees, Dues and Assessments shall be excluded from the
4 Commission on Higher Education's base budget. Funds appropriated for SREB programs may be carried forward into the current
5 fiscal year and expended for the same purpose by the Commission on Higher Education.

6 **11.6.** (CHE: Performance Improvement Pool Allocation) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education
7 under Section II. Other Agencies & Entities: Special Items: Performance Funding, eighty percent will be allocated to the EPSCoR
8 program under the Commission on Higher Education to improve South Carolina's research capabilities and twenty percent will be
9 allocated to support the management education programs of the School of Business at South Carolina State University.

10 **11.7.** (CHE: Troop-to-Teachers) Members of the Armed Forces either active-duty, retired, or separated who are admitted to and
11 enrolled in the South Carolina Troop-to-Teachers Alternative Route to Certification program are entitled to pay in-state rates at
12 participating state institutions for requisite program work.

13 **11.8.** (CHE: Need-Based Grants for Foster Youth) For the current academic year, youth in the custody of the Department of
14 Social Services and attending a higher education institution in South Carolina are eligible for additional need-based grants funding
15 of up to \$2,000 above the \$2,500 maximum. Foster youth must apply for these funds no later than May first, of the preceding year.
16 All other grants, both state and federal, for which these foster youth are eligible must be applied first to the cost of attendance prior
17 to using the additional need-based grant funding. If the cost of attendance for a foster youth is met with other grants and scholarships,
18 then no additional need-based grant may be used. The Department of Social Services, in cooperation with the Commission on Higher
19 Education will track the numbers of recipients of this additional need-based grant to determine its effectiveness in encouraging more
20 foster youth to pursue a secondary education. No more than \$100,000 may be expended from currently appropriated need-based
21 grants funding for this additional assistance.

22 **11.9.** (CHE: Tuition Age) For the current fiscal year, the age limitation for those children of certain war veterans who may be
23 admitted to any state-supported college, university, or post high school technical education institution free of tuition is suspended for
24 eligible children that successfully appeal the Department of Veterans' Affairs on the grounds of a serious extenuating health
25 condition.

26 **11.10.** (CHE: LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Enhancement Stipends) In the current fiscal year before fall awards are made, to
27 continue eligibility for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Enhancement Stipends, students shall certify and the institutions shall verify that
28 the student is meeting all requirements as stipulated by the policies established by the institution and the academic department to be
29 enrolled as a declared major in an eligible program and is making academic progress toward completion of the student's declared
30 eligible major. These determinations are subject to the verification and audit of the Commission on Higher Education. Institutions
31 shall return funds determined to have been awarded to ineligible students.

32 **11.11.** (CHE: SmartState) The Commission on Higher Education is prohibited from expending any source of funds on the
33 marketing of the SmartState Program.

34 **11.12.** (CHE: College Transition Need-Based Grants) Of the currently appropriated need-based grants funding, no more than
35 \$350,000 shall be used to provide need-based grants to South Carolina resident students enrolled at a public institution of higher
36 education in an established college transition program that serves students with intellectual disabilities. The Commission on Higher

1 Education shall allocate the available funds to eligible institutions on the basis of student need and enrollment in the established
2 college transition programs. All other grants and gift aid for which these students are eligible must be applied first to the cost of
3 attendance prior to using the need-based grant funding. If the cost of attendance for an eligible student is met with all other grants
4 and gift aid, the need-based grant shall not be used. The participating institutions, in cooperation with the Commission on Higher
5 Education, shall track the number of grant recipients and other information determined necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of
6 these grants in assisting students with intellectual disabilities in college transition programs.

7 **11.13.** (CHE: Scholarship Awards) A student may receive a Palmetto Fellows or LIFE scholarship award during the summer, in
8 addition to fall and spring semesters of an academic year, provided continued eligibility requirements are met as of the end of the
9 spring semester. Students must enroll full-time, which for purposes of the summer award will require enrollment in at least twelve
10 hours over the course of the summer. The summer is defined as the period between the end of the spring term and prior to the
11 opening of the fall term. The total summer award per student may not exceed half of the allowable academic year award up to the
12 cost of attendance and must be reimbursed if less than twelve hours for academic credit are not attempted by the student during
13 summer sessions. If awarded in the summer, a student's total award during his or her enrollment may not exceed the amount that
14 would otherwise be provided under current semester limits applied for the scholarship awards. The Commission on Higher Education
15 may provide additional guidelines necessary to ensure uniform implementation.

16 **11.14.** (CHE: Other Funded FTE Revenue) When institutions of higher learning request additional other funded full-time
17 equivalent positions, the Executive Budget Office shall inform the Commission on Higher Education of its decision regarding the
18 request and whether or not sufficient revenues exist to fund the salary and fringe benefits for the positions.

19 **11.15.** (CHE: Abatements) By November first of each year, state supported institutions of higher learning must submit to the
20 Commission on Higher Education the total number of out-of-state undergraduate students during the prior fiscal year that received
21 abatement of rates pursuant to Section 59-112-70 of the 1976 Code as well as the total dollar amount of the abatements received.
22 The report must include the geo-origin of the student, class of the student, comprehensive listing of all financial awards received by
23 the student, number of semesters the student has received the abated rate, as well as the athletic status of the student. The report
24 must also include the calculation method used to determine the abatement amount awarded to students as well as the number of
25 students that received educational fee waivers pursuant to Section 59-101-620. The Commission on Higher Education is directed to
26 compile the information received from the state-supported institutions of higher learning into a comprehensive report and submit
27 such report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by
28 January fifth each year.

29 **11.16.** (CHE: Outstanding Institutional Debt) By November first, institutions of higher learning must submit to the Chairman of
30 the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Commission on Higher Education,
31 or its successor entity, data on all outstanding institutional debt for their respective institution. Data shall include, but not be limited
32 to, the amount of the initial debt, year in which the debt was incurred, the year in which the debt will be satisfied, the repayment
33 schedule, and the purpose for which the debt was incurred.

34 **11.17.** (CHE: Longitudinal Data Reports) By December first each year, the Commission on Higher Education is directed to
35 provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on
36 tuition and required fee trends submitted to the commission by the state's public colleges and universities. The baseline of the report

1 must be the most recent fall semester compared to the previous five fall semesters. The commission shall also provide comparable
 2 data and trends for and among SREB states for the same period of time. For the same time periods noted above, the commission
 3 shall also calculate in the report the level of recurring base state operating funding received by each college and university as
 4 measured on an in-state student basis as well as the average of such funding provided in each SREB state. In addition, for the same
 5 time periods noted above, the commission shall also provide in the report a calculation of the level of recurring and/or non-recurring
 6 funding provided by the state to each college and university for capital related needs, including facilities and/or equipment related
 7 capital funding, as measured on an in-state student basis as well as the average of such funding provided in each SREB state.

8 **11.18.** (CHE: Suspend Governor's Professor of the Year Award) The requirements of Section 59-104-220 of the 1976 Code
 9 pertaining to the Governor's Professor of the Year Award shall be suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~2021-22.

10 **11.19.** (CHE: Prohibition of Discriminatory Practices) (A) In the current fiscal year and from the funds appropriated to the
 11 Commission on Higher Education, the commission shall print and distribute to all South Carolina public colleges and universities
 12 the definition of anti-Semitism.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (9) blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions;

28 (10) applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation;

29 (11) multilateral organizations focusing on Israel only for peace or human rights investigations; and

30 (12) denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist, provided, however, that
 31 criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.

32 (C) South Carolina public colleges and universities shall take into consideration the definition of anti-Semitism for purposes of
 33 determining whether the alleged practice was motivated by anti-Semitic intent when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether
 34 there has been a violation of a college or university policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion.

35 (D) Nothing in this proviso may be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the
 36 Constitution of the United States or Section 2, Article I of the South Carolina Constitution, 1895.

11.20. (CHE: Grant Authorization Adjustment) The Commission shall be authorized to receive and expend any new grant award received after the start of the current fiscal year. The commission shall provide appropriate documentation to the Executive Budget Office regarding the amount, duration, and purpose of the grant before any expenditures are authorized. The Executive Budget Office shall report any expenditure authorization granted by this provision to the House Ways and Means Committee and to the Senate Finance Committee.

SECTION 19 - H240 - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

19.1. (SCSU: Enrollment Loan Forgiveness) Any reference to full-time student enrollment at South Carolina State University that is related to a loan forgiveness to the state, shall mean total headcount enrollment, as determined by the Commission on Higher Education.

SECTION 20 - H450 - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

20.1. (USC: Palmetto Poison Center) Of the funds appropriated or authorized herein, the University of South Carolina shall expend at least \$150,000 on the Palmetto Poison Center.

20.2. (USC: School Improvement Council) Of the funds appropriated to the University of South Carolina Columbia Campus, \$100,000 shall be used for the School Improvement Council.

20.3. (USC: South Carolina Children's Advocacy Medical Response System) 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. In addition, when 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 greater than such stipulated percentage.

SECTION 23 - H510 - MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

23.1. (MUSC: Rural Dentist Program) The Rural Dentist Program, in coordination with the Department of Health and Environmental Control's Public Health Dentistry Program, is established at the Medical University of South Carolina. The funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina for the Rural Dentist Program shall be administered by the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium physician recruitment office. The costs associated with administering this program are to be paid from the funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist Program and shall not exceed four percent of the appropriation. The Medical University of South Carolina is responsible for the fiscal management of funds to ensure that state policies and guidelines are adhered to. MUSC shall be permitted to carry forward unspent general funds appropriated to the Rural Dentist program provided that these funds be expended for the program for which they were originally designated. A board is created to manage and allocate these funds to insure the location of licensed dentists in rural areas of South Carolina and on the faculty of the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC. The board will be composed of the following: the Dean, or his designee, of the MUSC College of Dental Medicine; three

1 members from the South Carolina Dental Education Foundation Board who represent rural areas; and the President, or his designee,
2 of the South Carolina Dental Association. The Director of DHEC's Office of Primary Care; the Director or his designee of the
3 Department of Health and Human Services; and the Executive Director of the South Carolina Dental Association shall serve as ex
4 officio members without vote. This board shall serve without compensation.

5 **23.2.** (MUSC: Rural Access Plan) The MUSC Hospital Authority, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Human
6 Services, shall study how to partner with existing rural hospitals and other entities to ensure that these regions maintain access to
7 medical care. The MUSC Hospital Authority shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the
8 Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee detailing efforts to maintain medical care at rural hospitals no later than the end
9 of the fiscal year.

10 11 **SECTION 25 - H590 - STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION**

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13 **25.1.** (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry) (A) Notwithstanding the amounts appropriated in this section for readySC
14 it is the intent of the General Assembly that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education expend the funds necessary
15 to provide direct training for new and expanding business or industry.

16 (B) In the event projected expenditures are above the appropriation, the appropriation in this section for readySC may be
17 appropriately adjusted, if and only if, the Executive Budget Office determines that the projected expenditures are directly related to:

18 (1) an existing technology training program where the demand for the program exceeds the program's capacity and the
19 additional funds are to be utilized to meet the demand; or

20 (2) a new program is necessary to provide direct training for new or expanding business or industry.

21 (C) The adjustment may occur only upon approval by the Executive Budget Office. Upon the Executive Budget Office's approval
22 of the adjustment, the Director of the Executive Budget Office must certify, in writing, that the adjustment is directly related to either
23 subsection (B)(1) or (B)(2). The Director must immediately provide a copy of the written certification, including the amount of the
24 adjustment, to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance
25 Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

26 (D) Upon the Director's written certification approving an adjustment, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive
27 Education must submit a statement to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the
28 Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee containing a detailed itemization of the
29 manner in which funds initially appropriated for technology training were utilized, the specific purpose for the adjustment, and the
30 ultimate recipient of the adjusted amount.

31 (E) The aggregate amount of all adjustments made pursuant to this section may not exceed ten million dollars.

32 (F) In the event that projected expenditures for readySC exceed the amounts appropriated and the amount of any adjustments
33 authorized, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education may request a supplemental appropriation from the General
34 Assembly.

1 **25.2.** (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry Carry Forward) In addition to the funds appropriated in this section, any of
 2 the funds appropriated under this section for the prior fiscal year which are not expended during that fiscal year may be carried
 3 forward and expended for direct training of new and expanding industry in the current fiscal year.

4 **25.3.** (TEC: Training of New & Expanding Industry - Payments of Prior Year Expenditures) The State Board for Technical and
 5 Comprehensive Education may reimburse business and industry for prior year training costs billed to the agency after fiscal year
 6 closing with the concurrence of the Comptroller General.

7 **25.4.** (TEC: Critical Statewide Workforce Needs) Of the funds appropriated in this act to the State Board for Technical and
 8 Comprehensive Education for E&G STEM Programs: Critical Needs Workforce Development Initiative, the State Board must
 9 allocate the funds between the colleges based on a methodology designed to best meet the state's workforce needs and demands.
 10 This methodology should be created by the State Board in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department
 11 of Employment and Workforce and should identify the areas with the most critical need. For this purpose, critical need shall be
 12 defined as unmet employment demand in areas or fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Manufacturing.
 13 Funds must be used by the college for STEM programs.

14 ~~**25.5.** (TEC: Aeronautics Training Center) Funds appropriated for the S.C. Aeronautics Training Center may be carried forward~~
 15 ~~from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purpose.~~

16 ~~**25.6.** (TEC: Florence Darlington Fund Repurpose) Funds remaining of the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 91 of 2015, by~~
 17 ~~proviso 118.14, Item (B)(19)(f) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Florence Darlington Technical~~
 18 ~~College Academic and Workforce Development Building, the \$3,500,000 appropriated in Act No. 284 of 2016, by proviso 118.16,~~
 19 ~~Item (B)(23)(j) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Florence Darlington Technical College~~
 20 ~~Academic Building, and the \$2,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 285 of 2016, Section 1, Item (24) to the State Board for Technical~~
 21 ~~and Comprehensive Education for the Florence Darlington Technical College Academic Building shall be redirected to be used for~~
 22 ~~campus renovations and improvements. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.~~

23 ~~**25.7.** (TEC: Health Science Capital Project) Funds remaining of the \$3,500,000 appropriated in Act No. 285 of 2016, Section~~
 24 ~~1, Item (31) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Technical College of the Lowcountry New~~
 25 ~~River Workforce Development Center shall be redirected to be used for the Health Science capital project at the Technical College~~
 26 ~~of the Lowcountry Beaufort campus. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the Health Science capital~~
 27 ~~project.~~

28 ~~**25.8.** (TEC: Tech Awareness and Education) Of the funds appropriated to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive~~
 29 ~~Education, \$500,000 shall be used to enhance the perception of technical education and the opportunities it can afford South~~
 30 ~~Carolinians across the state. Prior to utilizing these funds for this purpose, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive~~
 31 ~~Education shall be required to obtain a 2:1 private entity match. The funds shall be used to develop and implement a comprehensive~~
 32 ~~awareness and education campaign. The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall submit a report by June 30th~~
 33 ~~of the current fiscal year to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. This report shall include~~
 34 ~~information on the proposed expenditure of funds and outcome measures.~~

35 ~~**25.9.** (TEC: Northeastern Tech Repurpose) The \$3,500,000 appropriated in Act No. 284 of 2016, by Proviso 118.16, Item~~
 36 ~~(B)(23)(n) to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for the Northeastern Technical College Instructional~~

Building shall be redirected to be used to construct and renovate space for critical industry training. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

SECTION 26 - H790 - DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

~~26.1. (AH: Use of Proceeds) The proceeds of facilities rentals, gift shop operations, training sessions, sales of publications, reproductions of documents, repair of documents, research fees, handling charges, and the proceeds of sales of National Register of Historic Places certificates and plaques by the Archives Department shall be deposited in a special account in the State Treasury, and may be used by this department to cover the cost of facility operations and maintenance, gift shop inventory, additional training sessions, publication, reproduction expenses, repair expenses, and National Register of Historic Places certificates and plaques, and selected Historic Preservation Grants.~~

~~26.2. (AH: Disposal of Materials) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Archives and History, upon prior approval of the commission, may sell from its collections certain record and non-record materials, which are not eligible for public auction, in a manner most advantageous to the department.~~

26.3. (AH: Historic Preservation and Community Development Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Archives and History for Historic Preservation and Community Development Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of department employees which shall develop a process for awarding grants to entities for historic preservation and community development projects throughout the state. The process shall include the application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant program shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be posted on the department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.

The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:

- 1. Alignment with the department's mission and goals;*
- 2. Project summary and budget;*
- 3. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;*
- 4. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;*
- 5. Demonstrated community support and need;*
- 6. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;*

The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2021.

Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976

Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds back to the department.

SECTION 27 - H870 - STATE LIBRARY

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 2010, as aid to the County Library. No county shall be allocated less than \$100,000 under this provision. 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.

27.2. (LIB: Information Service Fees) The State Library may charge a fee for costs associated with information delivery and retain such funds to offset the costs of maintaining, promoting and improving information delivery services.

27.3. (LIB: Continuing Education Fees) The State Library may charge a fee for costs associated with continuing education and retain such funds to offset the costs of providing continuing education opportunities.

27.4. (LIB: Books and Materials Disposal) The State Library may sell or otherwise dispose of books and other library materials that are deemed by the State Library as no longer of value to the State of South Carolina and the State Library’s collection. Funds received from the sale of books and materials shall be retained and expended to purchase new materials for the collection. Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be used for the same purpose.

27.5. (LIB: SCLENDS) The State Library may accept money for the South Carolina Library Evergreen Network Delivery System (SCLENDS), a consortium providing patrons access to more library materials. 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. 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. Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be used for the same purpose.

27.6. (LIB: Donations) The State Library may accept donation funds to be used for administration, operation, and programs from any donor source. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

27.7. (LIB: Sale of Promotional Items) The State Library shall be allowed to sell promotional items with the South Carolina State Library brand and logo for the purpose of generating funds for the State Library. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

27.8. (LIB: Consortium Purchasing) The State Library shall be authorized to accept funds to be used for consortium purchasing between libraries (public, academic, special) that serve South Carolina residents. Funds received by the State Library for consortium purchasing agreements shall be placed in a designated account and shall only be used to pay for items related to specific consortium purchasing agreements. These funds may be retained, expended, and carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

SECTION 28 - H910 - ARTS COMMISSION

28.1. (ARTS: Professional Artists Contract) Where practicable, all professional artists employed by the Arts Commission in the fields of music, theater, dance, literature, musical arts, craft, media arts and environmental arts shall be hired on a contractual basis as independent contractors. Where such a contractual arrangement is not feasible employees in these fields may be unclassified, however, the approval of their salaries shall be in accord with the provisions of Section 8-11-35 of the 1976 Code.

28.2. (ARTS: Special Revolving Account) Any income derived from Arts Commission sponsored arts events or by gift, contributions, or bequest now in possession of the Arts Commission including any federal or other funds balance remaining at the end of the prior fiscal year, shall be retained by the commission and placed in a special revolving account for the commission to use solely for the purpose of supporting the programs provided herein. Any such funds shall be subject to the review procedures as set forth in Act 651 of 1978.

28.3. (ARTS: Partial Indirect Cost Waiver) The commission is allowed to apply a fifteen percent indirect cost rate for continuing federal grants for which they must compete. The commission shall apply the full approved negotiated rate to the Basic State Grant and any new grants received by the commission.

28.4. (ARTS: Grants) The Arts Commission must expend seventy percent of appropriated state funds on grants to support the statewide improvement of learning and enrichment opportunities for children and communities through educational and cultural programs with proven research based strategies.

28.5. (ARTS: Distribution to Subdivisions) No later than December first of the current fiscal year, the Arts Commission must report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee the amount of aid/allocation distributed to subdivisions during the most recently completed fiscal year, detailed by specific subdivisions.

28.6 (ARTS: Cultural Arts and Theater Center Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Arts Commission for Cultural Arts and Theater Center Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which shall develop a process for awarding grants to entities for cultural arts and theater center projects throughout the state. The process shall include the application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant program shall be posted on the commission's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be posted on the commission's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.

The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:

1. Alignment with the commission's mission and goals;
2. Project summary and budget;
3. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;
4. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;
5. Demonstrated community support and need;
6. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;

The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all grant awards. The commission shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the commission's website by June 30, 2021.

Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the commission and agreed upon in the application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976 Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds back to the commission.

SECTION 29 - H950 - STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION

29.1. (MUSM: Removal From Collections) The commission may remove accessioned objects from its museum collections by gift to another public or nonprofit institution, by trade with another public or nonprofit institution, by public sale, by transfer to the commission's education, exhibit, or study collections or to its operating property inventory; or as a last resort, by intentional destruction on the condition that the objects so removed meet with one or more of the following criteria: (1) they fall outside the scope of the South Carolina Museum Commission's collections as defined in the Collection Policy; (2) they are unsuitable for exhibition or research; (3) they are inferior duplicates of other objects in the collection; or (4) they are forgeries or were acquired on the basis of false information; funds from the sale of such objects will be placed in a special revolving account for the commission to use solely for the purpose of purchasing objects for the collections of the State Museum.

29.2. (MUSM: Museum Store) The Museum Commission shall establish and administer a museum store in the State Museum. This store may produce, acquire, and sell merchandise relating to historical, scientific, and cultural sources. All profits received from the sale of such merchandise shall be retained by the Museum Commission in a restricted fund to be carried forward into the following fiscal year. These funds may be used for store operations, publications, acquisitions, educational programs, exhibit production and general operating expenses provided that the expenditures for such expenses are approved by the General Assembly in the annual Appropriation Act.

29.3. (MUSM: Retention of Revenue) The Museum Commission may retain revenue received from admissions, program fees, facility rentals, professional services, donations, food service, exhibits and exhibit components, and other miscellaneous operating income generated by or for the museum and may expend such revenue for general operating expenses provided that such expenditures are approved by the General Assembly in the annual Appropriation Act. Any unexpended revenue from these sources may be carried forward into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes.

29.4. (MUSM: School Tour Fee Prohibition) The commission may not charge admission fees to groups of children from South Carolina who have made reservations that are touring the museum as part of a school function.

29.5. (MUSM: Dining Area Rent) Of the space currently vacant in the Columbia Mills Building, space large enough for the museum to have dining space for school-aged children shall be provided to the State Museum at no cost.

29.6. (MUSM: Remittance to General Services) The State Museum is directed to remit not less than \$1,800,000 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 30 - H960 - CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM AND MILITARY MUSEUM COMMISSION

30.1. (CRR: Southern Maritime Collection) The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission, on behalf of the Hunley Commission is authorized to expend funds appropriated for such purpose to pay the outstanding note entered into to finance the purchase of the Southern Maritime Collection and the Hunley Commission will assume custody and management of the Collection for the State. The commission is authorized to use up to \$500,000 of the funds transferred for implementation of this proviso. The balance of the funds transferred may be used by the commission for costs associated with other Museum operations. The General Assembly will provide for funds in future fiscal years to cover the costs of the financing of the Southern Maritime Collection.

SECTION 32 - H730 - DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

32.1. (VR: Production Contracts Revenue) All revenues derived from production contracts earned by people with disabilities receiving job readiness training at the agency's Work Training Centers may be retained by the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation and used in the facilities for Client Wages and any other production costs; and further, any excess funds derived from these production contracts may be used for other operating expenses and/or permanent improvements of these facilities.

32.2. (VR: Reallotment Funds) To maximize utilization of federal funding and prevent the loss of such funding to other states in the Basic Service Program, the State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation be allowed to budget reallotment and other funds received in excess of original projections in following State fiscal years.

32.3. (VR: User/Service Fees) Any revenues generated from user fees or service fees charged to the general public or other parties ineligible for the department's services may be retained to offset costs associated with the related activities so as to not affect the level of service for regular agency clients.

32.4. (VR: Meal Ticket Revenue) All revenues generated from sale of meal tickets may be retained by the agency and expended for supplies to operate the agency's food service programs or cafeteria.

32.5. (VR: Deferred Maintenance, Capital Projects, Ordinary Repair and Maintenance) The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation is authorized to establish an interest bearing fund with the State Treasurer to deposit funds appropriated for deferred maintenance and other one-time funds from any source. After receiving any required approvals, the department is authorized to expend these funds for the purpose of deferred maintenance, capital projects, and ordinary repair and maintenance. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

SECTION 33 - J020 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

33.1. (DHHS: Recoupment/Restricted Fund) The Department of Health and Human Services shall recoup all refunds and identified program overpayments and all such overpayments shall be recouped in accordance with established collection policy. Further, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to maintain a restricted fund, on deposit with the State Treasurer, to be used to pay for liabilities and improvements related to enhancing accountability for future audits. The restricted fund will derive from prior year program refunds. The restricted fund shall not exceed one percent of the total appropriation authorization for the current year. Amounts in excess of one percent will be remitted to the general fund.

33.2. (DHHS: Long Term Care Facility Reimbursement Rate) The department, in calculating a reimbursement rate for long term care facility providers, shall obtain for each contract period an inflation factor, developed by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Data obtained from Medicaid cost reporting records applicable to long term care providers will be supplied to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. A composite index, developed by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office will be used to reflect the respective costs of the components of the Medicaid program expenditures in computing the maximum inflation factor to be used in long term care contractual arrangements involving reimbursement of providers. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall update the composite index so as to have the index available for each contract renewal.

The department may apply the inflation factor in calculating the reimbursement rate for the new contract period from zero percent up to the inflation factor developed by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

33.3. (DHHS: Medical Assistance Audit Program Remittance) The Department of Health and Human Services shall remit to the State Auditor's Office an amount representing fifty percent (allowable Federal Financial Participation) of the cost of the Medical Assistance Audit Program as established in the State Auditor's Office of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Section 105. Such amount shall also include appropriated salary adjustments and employer contributions allocable to the Medical Assistance Audit Program. Such remittance to the State Auditor's Office shall be made monthly and based on invoices as provided by the State Auditor's Office of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

33.4. (DHHS: Third Party Liability Collection) The Department of Health and Human Services is allowed to fund the net costs of any Third Party Liability and Drug Rebate collection efforts from the monies collected in that effort.

33.5. (DHHS: Medicaid State Plan) Where the Medicaid State Plan has been altered to cover services that previously were provided by one hundred percent state funds, or that have been requested to be added by other state agencies, the department can bill other agencies for the state share of services provided through Medicaid. In order to comply with Federal regulations regarding allowable sources of matching funds, state agencies are authorized to make appropriation transfers to the Department of Health and Human Services to be used as the state share when certified public expenditures are not allowed for those state agency Medicaid services. The department will keep a record of all services affected and submit periodic reports to the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees.

33.6. (DHHS: Medically Indigent Assistance Fund) The department is authorized to expend disproportionate share funds to all eligible hospitals with the condition that all audit exceptions through the receipt and expenditures of these funds are the liability of the hospital receiving the funds.

1 **33.7.** (DHHS: Registration Fees) The department is authorized to receive and expend registration fees for educational, training,
2 and certification programs.

3 **33.8.** (DHHS: Fraud and Abuse Collections) The Department of Health and Human Services may offset the administrative costs
4 associated with controlling fraud and abuse.

5 **33.9.** (DHHS: Medicaid Eligibility Transfer) The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby
6 authorized to determine the eligibility of applicants for the South Carolina Medicaid Program in accordance with the State Plan
7 Under Title XIX of The Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program. The governing authority of each county shall provide
8 office space and facility service for this function as they do for DSS functions under Section 43-3-65.

9 With funds available to the department and by November first, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall
10 provide the governing authority and the legislative delegation of each county with information on the condition of space furnished
11 for this purpose and shall specifically identify any known deficiencies with respect to the accessibility requirements of the Americans
12 with Disabilities Act (ADA). By May first, the governing authority of any county with an identified ADA-related deficiency shall
13 report to its legislative delegation and the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services on its progress in correcting
14 such deficiency.

15 **33.10.** (DHHS: Franchise Fees Suspension) Franchise fees imposed on nursing home beds and enacted by the General Assembly
16 during the 2002 session are suspended.

17 **33.11.** (DHHS: Program Integrity Efforts) The Department of Health and Human Services is instructed to expand its program
18 integrity efforts by utilizing resources both within and external to the agency including, but not limited to, the ability to contract with
19 other entities for the purpose of maximizing the department's ability to detect and eliminate provider fraud.

20 **33.12.** (DHHS: Post Payment Review) The department is directed to perform post payment reviews as permitted under Medicaid
21 regulations to ensure compliance with the Hyde Amendment provisions as it relates to the performance of medically necessary
22 services under the Medicaid program. The results of such reviews shall be available to the General Assembly upon request in a
23 format that meets the requirements of the Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act (HIPAA) and Medicaid confidentiality
24 regulations.

25 **33.13.** (DHHS: Long Term Care Facility Reimbursement Rates) The department shall direct staff to complete and submit its
26 Medicaid State Plan Amendment for long term care facility reimbursement rates to the Director of the Department of Health and
27 Human Services by August first of each year. The director shall review the plan and submit to the Federal Government on or before
28 August fifteenth of each year provided the State Appropriations Act has been enacted by that date. All additional requests for
29 information from CMS concerning the plan shall be promptly submitted to CMS by the Department of Health and Human Services.

30 **33.14.** (DHHS: Nursing Services to High Risk/High Tech Children) The Department of Health and Human Services shall continue
31 a separate classification and compensation plan for Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who provide
32 services to Medically Fragile Children, who are Ventilator dependent, Respirator dependent, Intubated, and Parenteral feeding or
33 any combination of the above. The classification plan shall recognize the skill level that these nurses caring for these Medically
34 Fragile Children must have over and above normal home-care or school-based nurses.

35 **33.15.** (DHHS: CHIP Enrollment and Recertification) The Department of Health and Human Services shall enroll and recertify
36 eligible children and households to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and/or Medicaid and must use available state

1 agency program data including, but not limited to, that housed in the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, the Department of Social
2 Services' Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and poverty-related information from the Department of Education.
3 Use of this data and cooperative efforts between state agencies reduces the cost of outreach and eligibility activities. In the current
4 fiscal year and with funds available to it, the department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services such waivers
5 and/or plan amendments necessary to ensure that the CHIP upper income limit is at least that of the average of the states within CMS
6 Region IV and shall enroll children into the program accordingly.

7 **33.16.** (DHHS: Carry Forward) The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to carry forward and expend any
8 General Fund balance and any cash balances from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year for any earmarked or restricted
9 trust and agency, or special revenue account or subfund. The department shall submit a comprehensive reporting of all cash balances
10 brought forward from the prior fiscal year. The report shall, at a minimum, for each account or subfund include the following: the
11 statutory authority that allows the funds to be carried forward, the maximum authorized amount that can be carried forward, the
12 general purpose or need for the carry forward, the specific source(s) of funding or revenue that generated the carry forward, and a
13 detailed description of any pending obligations against the carry forward. The report must be submitted to the President of the
14 Senate, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Chairman of the House Ways and
15 Means Committee, within fifteen days after the Comptroller General closes the fiscal year.

16 **33.17.** (DHHS: Medicaid Provider Fraud) The department shall expand and increase its effort to identify, report, and combat
17 Medicaid provider fraud. The department shall publish on its' agency homepage by April first, of the current fiscal year, the results
18 of these efforts, the funds recovered, and information pertaining to prosecutions of such cases, including pleas agreements entered
19 into.

20 **33.18.** (DHHS: GAPS) The requirements of Article 5, Chapter 6, Title 44 shall be suspended for the current state fiscal year.

21 **33.19.** (DHHS: Contract Authority) The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to contract with
22 community-based not-for-profit organizations for local projects that further the objectives of department programs. The department
23 shall develop policies and procedures and may promulgate regulations to assure compliance with state and federal requirements
24 associated with the funds used for the contracts and to assure fairness and accountability in the award and administration of these
25 contracts. The department may require a match from contract recipients. The department shall report to the Chairman of the Senate
26 Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committees on the contracts administered.

27 **33.20.** (DHHS: Medicaid Accountability and Quality Improvement Initiative) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the
28 Department of Health and Human Services, the department is authorized to implement the following accountability and quality
29 improvement initiatives:

30 (A) Healthy Outcomes Initiative - The Department of Health and Human Services may tie Disproportionate Share Hospital
31 (DSH) payments to participation in the Healthy Outcomes Initiative and may expand the program as DSH funding is available.

32 (B) To improve community health, the department may explore various health outreach, education, patient wellness and
33 incentive programs. The department may pilot health interventions targeting diabetes, smoking cessation, weight management, heart
34 disease, and other health conditions. These programs may be expanded as their potential to improve health and lower costs are
35 identified by the department.

1 (C) Rural Hospital DSH Payment - Medicaid-designated rural hospitals in South Carolina may be eligible to receive up to one
2 hundred percent of costs associated with uncompensated care as part of the DSH program. Funds shall be allocated from the existing
3 DSH program. To be eligible, rural hospitals must participate in reporting and quality guidelines published by the department and
4 outlined in the Healthy Outcomes Initiative. In addition to the requirements placed upon them by the department, rural hospitals
5 must actively participate with the department and any other stakeholder identified by the department, in efforts to design an alternative
6 health care delivery system in these regions.

7 (D) Primary Care Safety Net - The department shall implement a methodology to reimburse safety net providers participating
8 in a hospital Healthy Outcomes Initiative program to provide primary care, behavioral health services, and pharmacy services for
9 chronically ill individuals that do not have access to affordable insurance. Qualifying safety net providers are approved, licensed,
10 and duly organized Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs and other entities receiving funding under Section 330 of the Public
11 Health Services Act), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), local alcohol and drug abuse authorities established by Act 301 of 1973, Free
12 Clinics, other clinics serving the uninsured, and Welvista. The department shall formulate a methodology and allocate \$3,600,000
13 for innovative care strategies for qualifying safety net providers. The department shall formulate a separate methodology and allocate
14 \$5,000,000 of funding to FQHCs, at least \$1,500,000 of funding for Free Clinics, and \$1,500,000 of funding for local alcohol and
15 drug abuse authorities created under Act 301 of 1973 and up to \$4,000,000 for capital improvements to the Act 301 facilities through
16 consultation with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, to ensure funds are provided on a needs based approach.
17 The department may continue to develop and implement a process for obtaining encounter-level data that may be used to assess the
18 cost and impact of services provided through this proviso. Any newly established Community Health Center/FQHC shall receive an
19 amount equivalent to the average disbursement made to all centers/FQHCs.

20 (E) The department shall allocate funds to be used for obesity education for patients, reimbursement payments for providers,
21 and continuing education for all providers through partnerships with the Department.

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

27 (G) The department may pilot a behavioral health intervention program for wrap-around care to vulnerable mental health
28 patients who frequent the emergency room in hotspots and underserved areas within the state. The pilot program must provide
29 reports detailing progress on the target population and health outcomes achieved. These programs may be expanded as their potential
30 to improve health and lower costs are identified by the department.

31 (H) The department shall publish quarterly reports on the agency's website regarding the department's progress in meeting the
32 goals established by this provision.

33 **33.21.** (DHHS: Medicaid Healthcare Initiatives Outcomes) Prior to February fifteenth of the current fiscal year, the Director of
34 the Department of Health and Human Services shall make a presentation to the House Ways and Means Healthcare Budget
35 Subcommittee on the outcomes of Medicaid healthcare initiatives enacted during the current fiscal year to improve the well-being of
36 persons enrolled in the Medicaid program and receiving services from Medicaid providers.

1 **33.22.** (DHHS: Rural Health Initiative) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for the
2 Rural Health Initiative in the current fiscal year, the department shall partner with the following state agencies, institutions, and other
3 key stakeholders to implement these components of a Rural Health Initiative to better meet the needs of medically underserved
4 communities throughout the state. The department may leverage any and all available federal funds to implement this initiative.
5 Recurring and non-recurring funding for the Rural Health Initiative may be carried forward by the department and expended for the
6 same purpose.

7 (A) The Department of Health and Human Services shall incentivize the development of primary care access in rural and
8 underserved areas, leverage Medicaid spending on Graduate Medical Education (GME) by implementing methodologies that support
9 recommendations contained in the January 2014 report of the South Carolina GME Advisory Group, and continue to leverage the
10 use of teaching hospitals to ensure rural physician coverage in counties with a demonstrated lack of adequate access and coverage
11 through the following provisions:

12 (1) Rural and Underserved Area Provider Capacity - the department shall partner with the University of South Carolina
13 School of Medicine to develop a statewide Rural Health Initiative to identify strategies for significantly improving health care access,
14 supporting physicians, and reducing health inequities in rural communities. In addition, the department shall also contract with the
15 MUSC Hospital Authority in the amount of \$1,000,000, and the USC School of Medicine in the amount of \$2,000,000 to further
16 develop statewide teaching partnerships. The department shall also expend \$5,000,000 in accordance with a graduate medical
17 education plan developed cooperatively by the Presidents or their designees of the following institutions: the Medical University of
18 South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, and Francis Marion University.

19 (2) Rural Healthcare Coverage and Education - The USC School of Medicine, in consultation with the South Carolina
20 Office of Rural Health, shall continue to operate a Center of Excellence to support and develop rural medical education and delivery
21 infrastructure with a statewide focus, through clinical practice, training, and research, as well as collaboration with other state
22 agencies and institutions. The center's activities must be centered on efforts to improve access to care and expand healthcare provider
23 capacity in rural communities. The department shall authorize at least \$1,000,000 to support center staffing as well as the programs
24 and collaborations delivering rural health research, the ICARED program, workforce development scholarships and recruitment,
25 rural fellowships, health education development, and/or rural practice support and education. Funding released by the department
26 pursuant to this section must not be used by the recipient(s) to supplant existing resources already used for the same or comparable
27 purposes. No later than February first of the current fiscal year, the USC School of Medicine shall report to the Chairman of the
28 House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Director of the Department of Health
29 and Human Services on the specific uses of funds budgeted and/or expended pursuant to this provision.

30 (3) Rural Medicine Workforce Development - The department, in consultation with the Medical Education Advisory
31 Committee (MEAC), shall support the development of additional residency and/or fellowship slots or programs in rural medicine,
32 family medicine, and any other appropriate primary care specialties that have been identified by the department as not being
33 adequately served by existing Graduate Medical Education programs. The department shall ensure that each in-state member of the
34 Association of American Medical Colleges is afforded the opportunity to participate in MEAC. New training sites and/or residency
35 positions are subject to approval as specified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The
36 department may also accept proposals and award grants for programs designed to expose resident physicians to rural practice and

1 enhance the opportunity to recruit these residents for long-term practice in these rural and/or underserved communities. Up to
 2 \$500,000 of the recurring funds appropriated to the department for the Rural Health Initiative may be used for this purpose.
 3 Additionally, the department shall use up to \$200,000 of the recurring funds appropriated for the Department of Aging's Geriatric
 4 Physicians Loan Forgiveness program.

5 (4) Statewide Health Innovations - At least \$2,000,000 must be expended by the department to contract with the USC
 6 School of Medicine to develop and continue innovative healthcare delivery and training opportunities through collaborative
 7 community engagement via ICARED and other innovative programs that provide clinical services, mental and behavioral health
 8 services, children's health, OB/GYN services, and/or chronic disease coverage gaps. In consultation with the Office of Rural Health,
 9 the department must ensure collaborative efforts with the greatest potential for impact are prioritized.

10 (B) The department shall continue to investigate the potential use of DSH and/or any other allowable and appropriate source
 11 of funds in order to improve access to emergency medical services in one or more communities identified by the department in which
 12 such access has been degraded due to a hospital's closure during the past five years.

13 (1) In the current fiscal year, the department is authorized to establish a DSH pool, or carry forward DSH capacity from
 14 a previous period as federally permissible, for this purpose and/or if deemed necessary to implement transformation plans for which
 15 conforming applications were filed with the department pursuant to this or a previous hospital transformation or rural health initiative
 16 proviso, but for which additional negotiations or development were required. An emergency department that is established within
 17 35 miles of its sponsoring hospital pursuant to this or a previous hospital transformation or rural health initiative proviso and which
 18 receives dedicated funding pursuant to this proviso shall be exempt from any Department of Health and Environmental Control
 19 Certificate of Need requirements or regulations. Any such facility shall participate in the South Carolina Telemedicine Network.

20 (2) The department may solicit proposals from and provide financial support for capital expenditures associated with the
 21 replacement of two or more rural hospitals, not to exceed one-quarter of the total project capital budget. Such a plan must be
 22 submitted by a hospital system approved to advise a rural transformation project, and the project must be subject to ongoing
 23 advisement by the submitting facility, or subject to acquisition by the advising facility. The advised facility must be designated as a
 24 critical access hospital in a county experiencing not less than four percent decrease in population between the most recent decennial
 25 censuses and have been deemed eligible to participate in the rural transformation pool in a prior fiscal year. The department shall
 26 require such written agreements which may require project milestone, last-dollar funding, and other stipulations deemed necessary
 27 and prudent by the department to ensure proper use of the funds.

28 (C) The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and the Area Health Education Consortium's Office of Healthcare Workforce
 29 Analysis and Planning shall provide the department with any information required by the department in order to implement this
 30 proviso in accordance with state law and regulations. Not later than January 1, 2019, the department shall submit to the President of
 31 the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives an evaluation of the state's safety-net providers that includes, at a minimum,
 32 Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and to the extent applicable to funding received by the state, free clinics.

33 **33.23.** (DHHS: BabyNet Compliance) With the funds available to the department, the Department of Health and Human Services
 34 shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
 35 Committee no later than December 31, ~~2019~~ 2021 on the status of the department's efforts to bring the BabyNet program into
 36 compliance with federal requirements. This report must specifically address areas in which the BabyNet program has received low

performance scores and include any relevant correspondence from the U.S. Department of Education. The report must explain the department's plan for bringing BabyNet into compliance, including specific steps and the associated timeline.

~~33.24. (DHHS: Personal Emergency Response System) With funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2020-21, the department shall develop one or more Requests for Proposals, to provide for Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) to be issued to Medicaid recipients pursuant to the department's Medicaid Home and Community-based waiver. The PERS devices must include in addition to emergency response services, unlimited twenty-four hour, seven-day a week live phone contact with experienced registered nurses for triage services. A PERS nurse triage call center must be accredited and must be separate from the PERS emergency response call center. The PERS device must have a wireless radio transmitter and a console that is cellular and does not require a traditional land line. A PERS device that includes nurse triage services also must comply with the requirements of Federal Communications Commission rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 68; and be approved by the Underwriters Laboratory or Equipment Testing Laboratories as a health care signaling product. The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for any waiver necessary under the department's Medicaid Home and Community-based waiver to implement these provisions.~~

33.25. (DHHS: Family Planning Funds) The State has enacted Section 43-5-1185 of the 1976 Code that prohibits state funds, directly or indirectly, from being utilized by Planned Parenthood for abortions, abortion services or procedures, or administrative functions related to abortions. Having prevented Planned Parenthood from performing abortions with state funds, once the federal injunction is lifted, the Department of Health and Human Services may not direct any federal funds to Planned Parenthood. An otherwise qualified organization may not be disqualified from receipt of these funds because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides abortion services is independent of the qualified organization. An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds. An organization that provides abortion services in compliance with Part 1.B., Proviso 33.12 of this act is excepted from the above restriction on state family planning funds and may receive state family planning funds.

33.26. (Medical Contract Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for Medical Contract Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which shall develop a process for awarding grants to entities for public health projects throughout the state. The process shall include the application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant program shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be posted on the department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.

The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:

7. Alignment with the department's mission and goals;
8. Project summary and budget;
9. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;
10. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;
11. Demonstrated community support and need;
12. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;

The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2022.

Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976 Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds back to the department.

33.27. (Defunding Planned Parenthood) The Department of Health and Human Services may not accept federal funds for family planning. None of the state funds appropriated for family planning may be expended to directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services or procedures or administrative functions and none of the funds appropriated herein may be paid or granted to an organization that provides abortion services. An otherwise qualified organization may not be disqualified from receipt of these funds because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides abortion services is independent of the qualified organization. An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds. An organization that provides abortion services where the life of the mother is at risk and the termination of the pregnancy is incidental to the lifesaving intervention is excepted from the above restriction on state family planning funds and may receive state family planning funds, provided that the physician shall act in accordance with the standard of care to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of the pre-born child.

SECTION 34 - J040 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

34.1. (DHEC: County Health Departments Funding) Out of the appropriation provided in this section for "Access to Care," the sum of \$25,000 shall be distributed to the county health departments by the commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Department of Health and Environmental Control, for the following purposes:

- (1) To insure the provision of a reasonably adequate public health program in each county.
- (2) To provide funds to combat special health problems that may exist in certain counties.
- (3) To establish and maintain demonstration projects in improved public health methods in one or more counties in the promotion of better public health service throughout the State.
- (4) To encourage and promote local participation in financial support of the county health departments.
- (5) To meet emergency situations which may arise in local areas.
- (6) To fit funds available to amounts budgeted when small differences occur.

The provisions of this proviso shall not supersede or suspend the provisions of Section 13-7-30 of the 1976 Code.

34.2. (DHEC: County Health Units) General funds made available to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the allocation to the counties of the State for operation of county health units be allotted on a basis approved by the Board of the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The amount of general funds appropriated herein for Access to Care shall be allocated on a basis such that no county budget shall receive less than the amount received in the prior fiscal year, except when

1 instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds within the department by a certain percentage,
2 the department may unilaterally reduce the county health units up to the stipulated percentage.

3 **34.3.** (DHEC: Camp Burnt Gin) Private donations or contributions for the operation of Camp Burnt Gin shall be deposited in a
4 restricted account. These funds may be carried forward and shall be made available as needed to fund the operation of the camp.
5 Withdrawals from this restricted account must be in accordance with approved procedures.

6 **34.4.** (DHEC: Children's Rehabilitative Services) The Children's Rehabilitative Services shall be required to utilize any
7 available financial resources including insurance benefits and/or governmental assistance programs, to which the child may otherwise
8 be entitled in providing and/or arranging for medical care and related services to physically handicapped children eligible for such
9 services, as a prerequisite to the child receiving such services.

10 **34.5.** (DHEC: Cancer/Hemophilia) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the funds appropriated herein for
11 prevention, detection and surveillance of cancer as well as providing for cancer treatment services, \$545,449 and the hemophilia
12 assistance program, \$1,186,928 shall not be transferred to other programs within the agency and when instructed by the Executive
13 Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds within the department by a certain percentage, the department may not act
14 unilaterally to reduce the funds for any cancer treatment program and hemophilia assistance program provided for herein greater than
15 such stipulated percentage.

16 **34.6.** (DHEC: Local Health Departments) Counties of the state will be relieved of contribution requirements for salary, fringe
17 benefits and travel reimbursement to local health departments. The amount of \$5,430,697 is appropriated for county health
18 department salaries, fringe benefits and travel. These funds and other state funds appropriated for county health units may, based
19 upon need, be utilized in either salary or travel categories. Each county shall provide all other operating expenses of the local health
20 department in an amount at least equal to that appropriated for operations for each county in Fiscal Year 1981. In the event any
21 county makes uniform reductions in appropriations to all agencies or departments for maintenance and operations, exclusive of
22 salaries and fringe benefits, a like reduction shall be made in funds appropriated for the operating expenses of the local health
23 department.

24 **34.7.** (DHEC: Insurance Refunds) The Department of Health and Environmental Control is authorized to budget and expend
25 monies resulting from insurance refunds for prior year operations for case services in family health.

26 **34.8.** (DHEC: Emergency Medical Services) Funds appropriated herein for Emergency Medical Services, shall be allocated for
27 the purpose of improving and upgrading the EMS system throughout the state. The monies allocated to the Counties are for the
28 purpose of improving or upgrading the local EMS system through the licensed ambulance services, the monies allocated to the EMS
29 Regional Councils are for the administration of training programs and technical assistance to local EMS organizations and county
30 systems. All additional funds are to be allocated as follows: to the counties at the ratio of eighty-one percent of the additional funds
31 appropriated herein, to the EMS Regions at a ratio of twelve percent of the additional funds appropriated herein and to the state EMS
32 Office at the ratio of seven percent of the additional funds appropriated herein. The Department of Health and Environmental Control
33 shall develop criteria and guidelines and administer the system to make allocations to each region and county within the state, based
34 on demonstrated need and local match. Funds appropriated to Emergency Medical Services shall not be transferred to other programs
35 within the department's budget. Unexpended funds appropriated to the program may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years,
36 and fifty percent may be expended for administrative and operational support and for temporary and contract employees to assist

1 with duties related to improving and upgrading the EMS system throughout the state, including training of EMS personnel and
2 administration of grants to local EMS providers. After January 1st of the current fiscal year, the remaining fifty percent of unexpended
3 funds carried forward shall be transferred to the South Carolina EMS Association to promote and encourage education of emergency
4 medical technicians and directors of emergency medical services; to collect, analyze, and distribute information about emergency
5 medical services; to promote the improvement of patient care; to cooperate with other organizations; and to effect more efficient
6 administration of emergency medical services in the State of South Carolina. In addition, when instructed by the Executive Budget
7 Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds by a certain percentage, the department may not reduce the funds appropriated for
8 EMS Regional Councils or Aid to Counties greater than such stipulated percentage.

9 **34.9.** (DHEC: Rape Violence Prevention Contract) Of the amounts appropriated in Rape Violence Prevention, \$1,103,956 shall
10 be used to support programmatic efforts of the state's rape crisis centers with distribution of these funds based on the Standards and
11 Outcomes for Rape Crisis Centers and each center's accomplishment of a preapproved annual action plan. For the current fiscal
12 year, the department shall not reduce these contracts below the current funding level.

13 **34.10.** (DHEC: Sickie Cell Blood Sample Analysis) \$16,000 is appropriated in Independent Living for the Sickie Cell Program
14 for Blood Sample Analysis and shall be used by the department to analyze blood samples submitted by the four existing regional
15 programs - Region I, Barksdale Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation in Spartanburg; Region II, Clark Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation in
16 Columbia; Region III, Committee on Better Racial Assurance Hemoglobinopathy Program in Charleston; and the Orangeburg Area
17 Sickie Cell Anemia Foundation.

18 **34.11.** (DHEC: Sickie Cell Programs) \$761,233 is appropriated for Sickie Cell program services and shall be apportioned as
19 follows:

20 (1) sixty-seven percent is to be divided equitably between the existing Community Based Sickie Cell Programs located in
21 Spartanburg, Columbia, Orangeburg, and Charleston; and

22 (2) thirty-three percent is for the Community Based Sickie Cell Program at DHEC.

23 The funds shall be used for providing prevention programs, educational programs, testing, counseling and newborn screening.
24 The existing Community Based Sickie Cell Programs will provide counseling for families of newborns who test positive for sickie
25 cell trait or other similar blood traits upon referral from DHEC. The balance of the total appropriation must be used for Sickie Cell
26 Services operated by the Independent Living program of DHEC. The funds appropriated to the community based sickie cell centers
27 shall be reduced to reflect any percent reduction assigned to the Department of Health and Environmental Control by the Executive
28 Budget Office; provided, however, that the department may not act unilaterally to reduce the funds for the Sickie Cell program
29 greater than such stipulated percentage. The department shall not be required to undertake any treatment, medical management or
30 health care follow-up for any person with sickie cell disease identified through any neonatal testing program, beyond the level of
31 services supported by funds now or subsequently appropriated for such services. No funds appropriated for ongoing or newly
32 established sickie cell services may be diverted to other budget categories within the DHEC budget. For the current fiscal year, the
33 department shall not reduce these funds below the current funding level.

34 **34.12.** (DHEC: Genetic Services) The sum of \$104,086 appearing under the Independent Living program of this act shall be
35 appropriated to and administered by the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the purpose of providing appropriate
36 genetic services to medically needy and underserved persons. Such funds shall be used by the department to administer the program

1 and to contract with appropriate providers of genetic services. Such services will include genetic screening, laboratory testing,
2 counseling, and other services as may be deemed beneficial by the department, and these funds shall be divided equally among the
3 three Regional Genetic Centers of South Carolina, composed of units from the Medical University of South Carolina, the University
4 of South Carolina School of Medicine, and the Greenwood Genetic Center.

5 **34.13.** (DHEC: Revenue Carry Forward Authorization) The Department of Health and Environmental Control is hereby
6 authorized to collect, expend, and carry forward revenues in the following programs: Sale of Goods (confiscated goods, arm patches,
7 etc.), sale of meals at Camp Burnt Gin, sale of publications, brochures, Spoil Easement Areas revenue, performance bond forfeiture
8 revenue for restoring damaged critical areas, beach renourishment appropriations, photo copies and certificate forms, including but
9 not limited to, pet rabies vaccination certificate books, sale of listings and labels, sale of State Code and Supplements, sale of films
10 and slides, sale of maps, sale of items to be recycled, including, but not limited to, used motor oil and batteries, sale and/or licensing
11 of software products developed and owned by the Department, and collection of registration fees for non-DHEC employees. Any
12 unexpended balance carried forward must be used for the same purpose.

13 **34.14.** (DHEC: Medicaid Nursing Home Bed Days) Pursuant to Section 44-7-84(A) of the 1976 Code, the maximum number of
14 Medicaid patient days for which the Department of Health and Environmental Control is authorized to issue Medicaid nursing home
15 permits is 4,452,015.

16 **34.15.** (DHEC: Health Licensing Fee) Funds resulting from an increase in the Health Licensing Fee Schedule shall be retained
17 by the department to fund increased responsibilities of the health licensing programs. Failure to submit a license renewal application
18 or fee to the department by the license expiration date shall result in a late fee of \$75 or twenty-five percent of the licensing fee
19 amount, whichever is greater, in addition to the licensing fee. Continual failure to submit completed and accurate renewal
20 applications and/or fees by the time period specified by the department shall result in enforcement actions. The department may
21 waive any or all of the assessed late fees in extenuating circumstances, as long as it is with public knowledge.

22 **34.16.** (DHEC: Infectious Waste Contingency Fund) The Department of Health and Environmental Control is authorized to use
23 not more than \$75,000 from the Infectious Waste Contingency Fund per year for personnel and operating expenses to implement the
24 Infectious Waste Act.

25 **34.17.** (DHEC: Nursing Home Medicaid Bed Day Permit) When a Medicaid patient is transferred from a nursing home to a
26 receiving nursing home due to violations of state or federal law or Medicaid certification requirements, the Medicaid patient day
27 permit shall be transferred with the patient to the receiving nursing home, provided that the receiving nursing home is an enrolled
28 Medicaid provider that already holds Medicaid patient day permits, in which case the receiving facility shall apply to permanently
29 retain the Medicaid patient day permit within sixty days of receipt of the patient.

30 **34.18.** (DHEC: Spoil Easement Areas Revenue) The department is authorized to collect, retain and expend funds received from
31 the sale of and/or third party use of spoil easement areas, for the purpose of meeting the State of South Carolina's responsibility for
32 providing adequate spoil easement areas for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in South Carolina.

33 **34.19.** (DHEC: Per Visit Rate) The SC DHEC is authorized to compensate nonpermanent, part-time employees on a fixed rate
34 per visit basis. Compensation on a fixed rate per visit may be paid to employees for whom the department receives per visit
35 reimbursement from other sources. These individuals will provide direct patient care in a home environment. The per visit rate may
36 vary based on the discipline providing the care and the geographical location of services rendered. Management may pay exempt or

1 nonexempt employees as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act only when they are needed to work. Individuals employed in this
2 category may exceed twelve months, but are not eligible for State benefits except for the option of contributing to the State Retirement
3 System.

4 **34.20.** (DHEC: Allocation of Indirect Cost and Recoveries) The department shall continue to deposit in the general fund all
5 indirect cost recoveries derived from state general funds participating in the calculation of the approved indirect cost rate. Further
6 administration cost funded with other funds used in the indirect cost calculation may, based on their percentage, be retained by the
7 agency to support the remaining administrative costs of the agency.

8 **34.21.** (DHEC: Permitted Site Fund) The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control may expend funds as
9 necessary from the permitted site fund established pursuant to Section 44-56-160(B)(1), for legal services related to environmental
10 response, regulatory, and enforcement matters, including administrative proceedings and actions in state and all federal courts.

11 **34.22.** (DHEC: Shift Increased Funds) The director is authorized to shift increased appropriated funds in this act to offset
12 shortfalls in other critical program areas.

13 **34.23.** (DHEC: Health Licensing Monetary Penalties) In the course of regulating health care facilities/services, the Bureau of
14 Health Facilities Licensing (BHFL) assesses civil monetary penalties against nonconforming providers. BHFL shall retain up to the
15 first \$50,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and enforce
16 the provisions of regulations applicable to that division. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department's fiscal
17 records.

18 **34.24.** (DHEC: Health Facilities Licensing Monetary Penalties) In the course of regulating health care facilities and services, the
19 Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing (BHFL) assesses civil monetary penalties against nonconforming providers. BHFL shall retain
20 up to the first \$100,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and
21 enforce the provisions of regulations applicable to that division. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department's
22 fiscal records. Regulations for nursing home staffing for the current fiscal year must (1) provide a minimum of one and sixty-three
23 hundredths (1.63) hours of direct care per resident per day from the non-licensed nursing staff; and (2) maintain at least one licensed
24 nurse per shift for each staff work area. All other staffing standards and non-staffing standards established in Standards for Licensing
25 Nursing Homes: R61-17, Code of State Regulations, must be enforced.

26 **34.25.** (DHEC: Radiological Health Monetary Penalties) In the course of regulating health care facilities/services, the Bureau of
27 Radiological Health (BRH) assesses civil monetary penalties against nonconforming providers. BRH shall retain up to the first
28 \$30,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and enforce the
29 provisions of regulations applicable to that Bureau. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department's fiscal records.

30 **34.26.** (DHEC: Prohibit Use of Funds) The Department of Health and Environmental Control must not use any state appropriated
31 funds to terminate a pregnancy or induce a miscarriage by chemical means.

32 **34.27.** (DHEC: Meals in Emergency Operations) The cost of meals may be provided to state employees who are required to work
33 during actual emergencies and emergency simulation exercises when they are not permitted to leave their stations.

34 **34.28.** (DHEC: Compensatory Payment) In the event the President of the United States has declared a state of emergency or the
35 Governor has declared a state of emergency in a county in the State, Fair Labor Standards Act exempt employees of the department

1 may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the agency Director, and providing
2 funds are available.

3 **34.29.** (DHEC: Beach Renourishment and Monitoring and Coastal Access Improvement) If state funds are made available or
4 carried forward from any general revenue, capital, surplus or bond funding appropriated to the department for beach renourishment
5 and maintenance, the department shall be able to expend not more than \$100,000 of these funds annually to support annual beach
6 profile monitoring. Additional funds made available or carried forward for beach renourishment projects that are certified by the
7 department as excess may be spent for beach renourishment and departmental activities that advance the policy goals contained in
8 the State Beachfront Management Plan, R.30-21.

9 **34.30.** (DHEC: South Carolina State Trauma Care Fund) Of the funds appropriated to the South Carolina State Trauma Care
10 Fund, \$2,268,885 shall be utilized for increasing the reimbursement rates for trauma hospitals, for trauma specialists' professional
11 fees, for increasing the capability of EMS trauma care providers from counties with a high rate of traumatic injury deaths to care for
12 injury patients, and for support of the trauma system, based on a methodology as determined by the department with guidance and
13 input from the Trauma Council as established in Section 44-61-530 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The methodology to be
14 developed will include a breakdown of disbursement of funds by percentage, with a proposed seventy-six and one half percent
15 disbursed to hospitals and trauma physician fees, sixteen percent of the twenty-one percent must be disbursed to EMS providers for
16 training EMTs, Advanced EMTs and paramedics by the four regional councils of this state and the remaining five percent must be
17 disbursed to EMS providers in counties with high trauma mortality rates, and two and one half percent allocated to the department
18 for administration of the fund and support of the trauma system. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall
19 promulgate regulations as required in Section 44-61-540 of the 1976 Code for the administration and oversight of the Trauma Care
20 Fund.

21 **34.31.** (DHEC: Pandemic Influenza) The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall assess South Carolina's ability
22 to cope with a major influenza outbreak or pandemic influenza and maintain an emergency plan and stockpile of medicines and
23 supplies to improve the state's readiness condition. The department shall report on preparedness measures to the Speaker of the
24 House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Governor by November first, each year. The department, in
25 conjunction with the Department of Health and Human Services, is authorized to establish a fund for the purpose of developing an
26 emergency supply, stockpile, and distribution system of appropriate antiviral, antibiotic, and vaccine medicines and medical supplies.
27 In the event the United States Department of Health and Human Services makes available medicines or vaccines for purchase by
28 states via federal contract or federally subsidized contract or other mechanism, the department, with Executive Budget Office
29 approval, may access appropriated or earmarked funds as necessary to purchase an emergency supply of these medicines for the
30 State of South Carolina.

31 **34.32.** (DHEC: Pharmacist Services) For the current fiscal year, provisions requiring that all department facilities distributing or
32 dispensing prescription drugs be permitted by the Board of Pharmacy and that each pharmacy have a pharmacist-in-charge are
33 suspended. Each Department of Health and Environmental Control Public Health Region shall be required to have a permit to
34 distribute or dispense prescription drugs. A department pharmacist may serve as the pharmacist-in-charge without being physically
35 present in the pharmacy. The department is authorized to designate one pharmacist-in-charge to serve more than one department
36 facility. Only pharmacists, nurses, or physicians are allowed to dispense and provide prescription drugs/products/vaccines for

1 conditions or diseases that the department treats, monitors, or investigates. In the event of a public health emergency or upon
2 activation of the strategic national stockpile, other medications may be dispensed as necessary.

3 **34.33.** (DHEC: Rural Hospital Grants) Rural Hospital Grants funds shall be allocated to public hospitals in very rural or rural
4 areas whose largest town is less than 25,000 and whose licensed bed capacity does not exceed two hundred beds. Hospitals qualifying
5 for the grants shall utilize such funds for any of the following purposes: (a) the development of preventive health programs, medical
6 homes, and primary care diversion from emergency departments; (b) expanded health services, including physician recruitment and
7 retention; (c) to improve hospital facilities; (d) activities involving electronic medical records or claims processing systems; (e) to
8 enhance disease prevention activities in diabetes, heart disease, etc; and (f) activities to ensure compliance with State or Federal
9 regulations.

10 **34.34.** (DHEC: Camp Burnt Gin) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the funds appropriated to the department pursuant
11 to Part IA, or funds from any other source, for Camp Burnt Gin must not be reduced in the event the department is required to take
12 a budget reduction.

13 **34.35.** (DHEC: Metabolic Screening) The department may suspend any activity related to blood sample storage as outlined in
14 Section 44-37-30 (D) and (E) of the 1976 Code, if there are insufficient state funds to support the storage requirements. In that event,
15 the samples may be destroyed in a scientifically appropriate manner after testing. The department shall notify providers of the
16 suspension within thirty days of its effective date.

17 **34.36.** (DHEC: Fetal Pain Awareness) (A) The department must utilize at least one hundred dollars to prepare printed materials
18 concerning information that unborn children at twenty weeks gestation and beyond are fully capable of feeling pain and the right of
19 a woman seeking an abortion to ask for and receive anesthesia to alleviate or eliminate pain to the fetus during an abortion procedure.
20 The materials must be provided to each abortion provider in the State and must be placed in a conspicuous place in each examination
21 room at the doctor's office. The materials must contain only the following information:

22 "Fetal Pain Awareness

23 An unborn child who is twenty weeks old or more is fully capable of experiencing pain. Anesthesia provided to a woman for an
24 abortion typically offers little pain prevention for the unborn child. If you choose to end your pregnancy, you have a right to have
25 anesthesia or analgesic administered to alleviate the pain to your unborn child during the abortion."

26 (B) The materials must be easily comprehensible and must be printed in a typeface large and bold enough to be clearly legible.

27 **34.37.** (DHEC: SCHIDS) From funds appropriated for Chronic Disease Prevention, the department shall establish a South
28 Carolina Health Integrated Data Services (SCHIDS) program to disseminate data about prevalence, treatment and cost of disease
29 from the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse and in particular the Medicaid System. The purpose of the
30 program is to educate communities statewide about improving health and wellness through lifestyle changes.

31 The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall provide data needed by the SCHIDS program to fulfill its mission, and all state
32 agencies and public universities involved in educating South Carolinians through public programs for the purpose of improving
33 health and wellness shall communicate with the program in order to improve collaboration and coordination and the possible use of
34 SCHIDS to assist in the evaluation of program outcomes.

35 Medicaid staff shall coordinate with the SCHIDS program staff to target Prevention Partnership Grant awards to those communities
36 demonstrating a prevalence of chronic disease and/or lack of access to care.

1 **34.38.** (DHEC: Abstinence Education Contract) For the current fiscal year, funds made available to the State of South Carolina
2 under the provisions of Title V, Section 510, may only be awarded to other entities through a competitive bidding process.

3 **34.39.** (DHEC: Immunizations) The department is authorized to utilize the funds appropriated for immunizations to hire
4 temporary personnel to address periods of high demand for immunizations at local health departments.

5 **34.40.** (DHEC: Residential Treatment Facilities Swing Beds) For Fiscal Year 2017-18 in coordination with the South Carolina
6 Health Plan and to improve access for acute psychiatric beds as patient populations demand, Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF)
7 may swing up to eighteen beds per qualifying facility to accommodate patients with a diagnosis of an acute psychiatric disorder. In
8 order to qualify to utilize swing beds a facility must meet the following criteria: the facility must currently have both licensed acute
9 psychiatric and residential treatment facility beds, the RTF beds must meet the same licensure requirements as the existing licensed
10 acute psychiatric beds, and any facility utilizing swing beds must keep the acute and RTF patient populations separate and distinct.
11 The utilization of swing beds must also comply with all federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rules and regulations.

12 **34.41.** (DHEC: Tuberculosis Outbreak) (A) Upon discovery of a tuberculosis outbreak, the Department of Health and
13 Environmental Control may expend any funds available to the agency, for the purpose of surveillance, investigation, containment,
14 and treatment activities related thereto.

15 (B) Upon identification of a tuberculosis outbreak, the department will conduct a comprehensive contact investigation and
16 implement control measures consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As part of the
17 investigation and control of the outbreak, the department will alert the appropriate healthcare providers and community members
18 using the most effective means available.

19 (C) Upon being informed of or having reason to suspect a case of tuberculosis that is capable of transmitting tubercle bacilli at a
20 school or child care center involving a student, teacher, employee, volunteer, or an individual working at the school or child care
21 center for an employer providing services to the school or child care center, the department immediately shall notify:

22 (1) if the case is at a school, the principal, and the Superintendent of the school district if the school is a public school; and

23 (2) if the case is at a child care center, the director of the child care center; and

24 (D) When informing the principal of a school or the director of a child care center about a known or suspected case of tuberculosis
25 that is capable of transmitting tubercle bacilli as provided for in subsection (C), the department shall provide:

26 (1) an update addressing the:

27 (a) status of the investigation, including the steps the department is taking to identify the source and extent of the
28 exposure and the risks of additional exposure; and

29 (b) steps the school or child care center must take to assist the department in controlling the spread of the tuberculosis
30 infection; and

31 (2) information and other resources to distribute to parents and guardians that discuss how to assist the department in
32 identifying and managing the tuberculosis infection.

33 **34.42.** (DHEC: Abstinence-Until-Marriage Emerging Programs) (A) From the funds appropriated to DHEC in this act as a
34 Special Item and titled "Abstinence-Until Marriage Emerging Programs" the department shall award a twelve month grant for
35 abstinence-until-marriage emerging programs. This funding shall be awarded by the department only to nonprofit 501(c)(3) agencies
36 meeting all the A-H Title V, Section 510 definitions of Abstinence Education, as defined in the 2017 Social Security Act.

1 (B) Contracts must be awarded utilizing a competitive approach in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code.

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

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

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

7 (F) The programs implemented by the entity awarded a contract pursuant to this proviso may not violate any portion of the South
8 Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act when implemented in a school setting. An entity that violates any portion of the
9 South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act must reimburse the State for all funds disbursed.

10 Organizations or individuals awarded grants must provide quarterly reports on expenditures and participation to the Department
11 of Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Social Services within fifteen days of the end of each quarter.

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

13 **34.43.** (DHEC: Abstinence Until Marriage Evidence-Based Programs Funding) From the monies appropriated for the
14 Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, contracts must be awarded to separate private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) entities to provide
15 Abstinence Until Marriage teen pregnancy prevention programs and services within the State that meet all of the A-H Title V, Section
16 510 definitions of Abstinence Education, as defined in the 2017 Social Security Act. Contracts must be awarded utilizing a
17 competitive approach in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code. Proposed programs/curricula must be certified by
18 the National Abstinence Education Association (NAEA) as meeting and being in compliance with all of the Title V, Section 510
19 A-H requirement for abstinence-until-marriage education programs. Applicants must provide a budget for the proposed project for
20 which the application is being made. Monies will be paid over a twelve month basis for services rendered. Unexpended funds shall
21 be carried forward for the purpose of fulfilling the department's contractual agreement. The programs implemented by the entity
22 awarded a contract pursuant to this proviso may not violate any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act
23 when implemented in a school setting. An entity that violates any portion of the South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education
24 Act must reimburse the State for all funds disbursed.

25 **34.44.** (DHEC: Wave Dissipation Device) From funds appropriated to the department for the Coastal Resource Improvement
26 program, the department shall permit a Wave Dissipation Device pilot program to be initiated.

27 The deployment of a qualified wave dissipation device seaward of the setback line or baseline pursuant to a study conducted by
28 the Citadel or a research university is not construction and meets the permitting exception contained in Section 48-39-130(D)(2).
29 Prior to deploying or expanding a qualified wave dissipation device, a person proposing to deploy or expand the device must pay the
30 department a fee of ten cents per linear foot of the proposed deployment or expansion. The department may order the removal of all
31 or any portion of a qualified wave dissipation device that the department determines causes material harm to the flora, fauna, physical
32 or aesthetic resources of the area under Section 48-39-130(D)(2) of the 1976 Code.

33 A 'qualified wave dissipation device' is a device that:

34 (1) is placed mostly parallel to the shoreline;

35 (2) is designed to dissipate wave energy;

1 (3) is designed to minimize scouring seaward of and adjacent to the device by permitting sand to move landward and seaward
2 through the device;

3 (4) the horizontal panels designed to dissipate wave energy can be deployed within one-hundred twenty hours or less and can
4 be removed within one-hundred twenty hours or less;

5 (5) does not negatively impact or inhibit sea turtle nesting or other fauna;

6 (6) can be adjusted after initial deployment in response to fluctuations in beach elevations; and

7 (7) otherwise prevents down-coast erosion, protects property, and limits negative impacts to public safety and welfare, beach
8 access, and the health of the beach dune system.

9 **34.45.** (DHEC: Birth Center Inspections) With the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and
10 Environmental Control for this fiscal year, the department shall ensure that all licensed birth centers must register an on-call
11 agreement and any transfer policies with the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The on-call agreement shall contain
12 provisions which provide that the on-call physician, or another physician designated by the on-call physician, is readily available to
13 provide medical assistance either in person or by telecommunications or other electronic means, which means the physician must be
14 within a thirty minute drive of the birth center or hospital, must be licensed in the State of South Carolina, and have hospital admitting
15 or consulting privileges, and shall provide consultation and advice to the birth center at all times it is serving the public. Furthermore,
16 a birth center shall document in its practice guidelines and policies the ability to transfer care to an acute care hospital with obstetrical
17 and newborn services and must demonstrate this by: (A) coordinated transfer care plans, protocols, procedures, arrangements, or
18 through collaboration with one or more acute care hospitals with appropriate obstetrical and newborn services; and (B) admitting or
19 consulting privileges at one or more hospitals with appropriate obstetrical and newborn services by a birth center's consulting
20 physician. The department shall require a \$25.00 registration fee upon receipt and review of the agreements containing these
21 provisions. Acute care hospitals licensed by the department must negotiate in good faith and fair dealing effort with any birth center
22 licensed by the department within a 50 mile radius to establish a written transfer agreement pursuant to this proviso. Birth centers
23 registering on-call and transfer policies in accordance with this proviso shall be deemed by the department to be in compliance with
24 Section 44-89-60(3) of the South Carolina Code and any implementing regulations for this fiscal year.

25 **34.46.** (DHEC: Abortion Clinic Certification) Prior to January 31, 2017, a facility other than a hospital that is licensed and
26 certified by the department to perform abortions must file a report with the department that provides the number of physicians that
27 performed an abortion at the facility between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, who did not have admitting privileges at a local
28 certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on-staff physicians at the certified hospital and the percentage of these physician in
29 relation to the overall number of physicians who performed abortions at the facility. The report must include a summation of any
30 abortion that resulted in an outcome which required a level of aftercare that exceeds what is customarily provided by physicians in
31 such cases in accordance with accepted medical practice and indicate whether or not the abortion was performed by a physician with
32 admitting privileges at a local certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on-staff physicians at the certified hospital. Any
33 summation of any abortion must not divulge any information that is privileged or required to be maintained as confidential by any
34 provision of law. An applicable facility must remit a twenty-five dollar filing fee to the department for the report required by this
35 provision.

1 **34.47.** (DHEC: Data Center Migration) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for
2 Data Center Migration, the department must utilize the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations for shared
3 services, including but not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, managed servers, storage, network services
4 and disaster recovery services. Unexpended funds appropriated for the data center migration may be carried forward from the prior
5 fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

6 **34.48.** (DHEC: AIDS Service Provision Program) For the current fiscal year, funds appropriated and authorized to the Department
7 of Health and Environmental Control for clinical services and medical case management shall be used to direct the department to
8 establish through contract a pilot program for the expansion of direct services to clients who are HIV positive. As part of the pilot
9 program, the department shall facilitate 340b pricing for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation by utilizing Ryan White Part B federal
10 funding to support this pilot in order to maximize the state's resources and service provision beyond its current levels. The department
11 shall require that the AIDS Healthcare Foundation provide any reports or information required by the 340b pricing program, and
12 shall provide proof of the contractual relationship between the department and the AIDS Healthcare Foundation to the Office of
13 Pharmacy Affairs at HRSA.

14 **34.49.** (DHEC: EMS Monetary Penalties) In the course of regulating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies and personnel,
15 the Bureau of EMS assesses civil monetary penalties against nonconforming providers. The Bureau of EMS shall retain up to the
16 first \$40,000 of civil monetary penalties collected each fiscal year and these funds shall be utilized solely to carry out and enforce
17 the provisions of regulations applicable to that bureau. These funds shall be separately accounted for in the department's fiscal
18 records. The agency shall provide a report on how these funds are expended to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance
19 Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

20 ~~**34.50.** (DHEC: Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiative) In the current fiscal year, funds appropriated and authorized to the~~
21 ~~Department of Health and Environmental Control in the department's Beach Renourishment Fund shall be made available as state~~
22 ~~matching funds for Horry County Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiatives. The department is authorized to retain and carry forward~~
23 ~~these funds into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose. Any interest generated by the account must be credited and~~
24 ~~deposited into this account, to be used as state matching funds for either local or federal funding, and utilized for Ocean Water~~
25 ~~Quality Outfall Initiatives in Horry County.~~

26 **34.51.** (DHEC: Best Chance Network/Colon Cancer Prevention) Of the funds appropriated to the department for Best Chance
27 Network and Colon Cancer Prevention, the department shall utilize \$1,000,000 for the Best Chance Network and \$1,000,000 as
28 matching funds for the Colon Cancer Prevention Network.

29 ~~**34.52.** (DHEC: Hazardous Waste Fund County Account) Funds in each county's Hazardous Waste Fund County Account must~~
30 ~~be released by the State Treasurer, upon the written request of a majority of the county's legislative delegation representing the~~
31 ~~economically depressed area of the county, and shall be used for infrastructure within the economically depressed area of that county.~~
32 ~~For purposes of this provision the definition of "infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to, improvements for water, sewer, gas,~~
33 ~~steam, electric energy, communication and other ancillary services that may be made to a building or land which are considered~~
34 ~~necessary, suitable, or useful to an eligible project that has a documented impact on economic development.~~

35 **34.53.** (DHEC: HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and
36 Environmental Control in the current fiscal year for HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment, the department shall develop

partnerships with the Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative and CAN Community Health, Inc. to provide comprehensive medical, psychological and educational services to all patients, regardless of their financial situation, insurance status, or ability to pay. In addition, CAN Community Health, Inc. shall develop a plan for the treatment and prevention of Hepatitis C. The department shall ensure the funds are expended solely for testing, treatment, and follow-up services of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. Funds may be used to enhance the services provided through a combination of Ryan White Part B Grant funds and other federal funds or the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program rebate funds.

34.54. (DHEC: State Trauma Registry) From the funds appropriated or authorized in the current fiscal year, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, through the State Trauma Registry, shall direct that all state verified trauma centers are required to submit relevant patient care data. The department shall develop appropriate policies or regulations no later than January 1, ~~2024~~ 2022, to ensure data is collected by all trauma centers.

34.55. (DHEC: Storm Water and Ocean Outfalls) In the current fiscal year, funds appropriated to the department for Ocean Outfalls shall be distributed equally to the City of Myrtle Beach and the City of North Myrtle Beach for the purpose of storm water drainage and ocean outfall construction and repair as state matching funds for Horry County Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiatives. The department shall be authorized to retain and carry forward these funds into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose. Any interest generated by the account must be retained and deposited into this account, to be used as state matching funds for either local or federal funding, and utilized for Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiatives in Horry County.

34.56. *(DHEC: Reimbursement of Expenditures) The Department of Health and Environmental Control is authorized to collect, expend, retain, and carry forward for general operating purposes all funds received in the current fiscal year as reimbursement of expenditures incurred in the current or prior fiscal year for the Able Contracting Site Cleanup.*

34.57. *(DHEC: Organizations Receiving State Appropriations) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the allocation/contribution of specific amounts of state aid to organizations, programs, special items or activities shall be distributed as appropriated except when instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds within the department by a certain percentage, the department may reduce these items up to the stipulated percentage.*

SECTION 35 - J120 - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

35.1. (DMH: Patient Fee Account) The Department of Mental Health is hereby authorized to retain and expend its Patient Fee Account funds. In addition to funds collected for the maintenance and medical care for patients, Medicare funds collected by the department from patients' Medicare benefits and funds collected by the department from its veteran facilities shall be considered as patient fees. The department is authorized to expend these funds for departmental operations, for capital improvements and debt service under the provisions of Act 1276 of 1970, and for the cost of patients' Medicare Part B premiums. The department shall remit \$290,963 to the General Fund, \$400,000 to the Continuum of Care, \$50,000 to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and \$250,000 to S.C. Share Self Help Association Regarding Emotions.

35.2. (DMH: Institution Generated Funds) The Department of Mental Health is authorized to retain and expend institution generated funds which are budgeted.

~~35.3. (DMH: Alzheimer's Funding) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for Community Mental Health Centers, \$900,000 must be used for contractual services to provide respite care and diagnostic services to those who qualify as determined by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. The department must maximize, to the extent feasible, federal matching dollars. On or before September thirtieth of each year, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association must submit to the department, Governor, Senate Finance Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee an annual financial statement and outcomes measures attained for the fiscal year just ended. These funds may not be expended or transferred during the current fiscal year until the required reports have been received by the department, Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. In addition, when instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds by a certain percentage, the department may not reduce the funds transferred to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association greater than such stipulated percentage.~~

35.4. (DMH: Crisis Intervention Training) Of the funds appropriated to the department, \$275,000 shall be utilized for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) SC for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

35.5. (DMH: Uncompensated Patient Medical Care) There is created an Uncompensated Patient Care Fund to be used by the department for medical costs incurred for patients. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

35.6. (DMH: Meals in Emergency Operations) The cost of meals may be provided to state employees who are required to work during actual emergencies and emergency simulation exercises when they are not permitted to leave their stations.

35.7. (DMH: Deferred Maintenance, Capital Projects, Ordinary Repair and Maintenance) The Department of Mental Health is authorized to establish an interest bearing fund with the State Treasurer to deposit funds for deferred maintenance and other one-time funds from any source. The department is also authorized to retain and deposit into the fund proceeds from the sale of excess real property owned by, under the control of, or assigned to the department. After receiving any required approvals, the department is authorized to expend these funds for the purpose of deferred maintenance, capital projects, and ordinary repair and maintenance. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

35.8. (DMH: Lease Payments to SFAA for SVP Program) In the current fiscal year, funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Mental Health for Lease Payments to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority for the Sexually Violent Predator Program are exempt from any across-the-board base reductions.

35.9. (DMH: Commitments to Treatment Facilities) The authorization for continued implementation of Article 7, Chapter 17, Title 44 of the 1976 Code, Chapter 24, Title 44 of the 1976 Code, and Chapter 52, Title 44 of the 1976 Code, relating to commitments, admissions and discharges to mental health facilities, or treatment facility for the purpose of alcohol and drug abuse treatment, shall be expended for the compensation of court appointed private examiners, guardians ad litem, and attorneys for proposed patients, and related costs arising from the filing, service and copying of legal papers and the transcription of hearings or testimony. Court appointed private examiners, guardians ad litem and attorneys shall be paid at such rates or schedules as are jointly determined to be reasonable by the South Carolina Association of Probate Judges, the Office of Court Administration, and the Department of Mental Health with the approval of the Attorney General. The Department of Mental Health shall notify the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee of any fee adjustment or change in schedule before implementation and may enter into an

1 agreement with the Commission on Indigent Defense solely for the purpose of processing vouchers for the payment of above fees
2 and costs.

3 **35.10.** (DMH: Judicial Commitment) Except as otherwise provided in Proviso 117.5, no money authorized to be expended for
4 the purposes set forth in Proviso 35.9 shall be used to compensate any state employees appointed by the court as examiners, guardians
5 ad litem, or attorneys nor shall such funds be used in payment to any state agency for providing such services by their employees.

6 **35.11.** (DMH: Fitness to Stand Trial) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Mental Health be authorized
7 to initiate a pilot project to determine the efficacy and cost effectiveness of providing treatment services in a detention center to adult
8 criminal defendants who have been determined unfit to stand trial but likely to become fit in the foreseeable future. Notwithstanding
9 the provisions of Section 44-23-430, if upon completion of the hearing and consideration of the evidence the court finds that the
10 person is unfit to stand trial but likely to become fit in the foreseeable future, and the court orders the person hospitalized for up to
11 an additional 60 days, the Department of Mental Health shall have discretion to provide the restoration treatment to the person in a
12 hospital or in a detention facility.

13 **35.12.** (DMH: Recruitment Bonuses) The Department of Mental Health is allowed to spend state revenue up to the amount of
14 \$600,000 to provide new school based mental health counselor bonuses, not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per counselor. Payment
15 of this bonus is not a part of the employees base salary and is not earnable compensation for purposes of employee and employer
16 contributions to respective retirement systems. Employees earning \$50,000 or more shall not be eligible to receive bonuses under
17 this provision. The Department must report this information on or before August thirty-first of each year and must include the total
18 amount and source of the bonus received by the employee during the preceding fiscal year (July first through June thirtieth). The
19 Human Resources Division of the Department of Administration shall formulate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with
20 the reporting provisions of this proviso. Copies of the reports shall be made available to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate
21 Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, upon request.

22 23 **SECTION 36 - J160 - DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

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25 **36.1.** (DDSN: Work Activity Programs) All revenues derived from production contracts earned by individuals served by the
26 department in Work Activity Programs be retained by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and carried
27 forward as necessary into the following fiscal year to be used for other operating expenses and/or permanent improvements of these
28 Work Activity Programs.

29 **36.2.** (DDSN: Sale of Excess Real Property) The department is authorized to retain revenues associated with the sale of excess
30 real property owned by, under the control of, or assigned to the department and may expend these funds as grants to purchase or
31 build community residences and day program facilities for the individuals DDSN serves. The department shall follow all the policies
32 and procedures of the Department of Administration or State Fiscal Accountability Authority and the Joint Bond Review Committee.

33 **36.3.** (DDSN: Prenatal Diagnosis) Revenues not to exceed \$126,000 from client fees, credited to the debt service fund and not
34 required to meet the department's debt service requirement, may be expended only in the current fiscal year to promote expanded
35 prenatal diagnosis of intellectual and/or other related disabilities by the Greenwood Genetic Center.

1 **36.4.** (DDSN: Medicaid-Funded Contract Settlements) The department is authorized to carry forward and retain settlements
2 under Medicaid-funded contracts.

3 **36.5.** (DDSN: Departmental Generated Revenue) The department is authorized to continue to expend departmental generated
4 revenues that are authorized in the budget.

5 **36.6.** (DDSN: Transfer of Capital/Property) The department may transfer capital to include property and buildings to local DSN
6 providers with State Fiscal Accountability Authority approval.

7 **36.7.** (DDSN: Unlicensed Medication Providers) The provision of selected prescribed medications may be performed by
8 designated unlicensed persons in community-based programs sponsored, licensed or certified by the South Carolina Department of
9 Disabilities and Special Needs, provided the unlicensed persons have documented successful completion of medication training and
10 competency evaluation. Licensed nurses, licensed pharmacists and licensed medical doctors may train and supervise designated
11 unlicensed persons to provide medications and, after reviewing competency evaluations, may approve designated unlicensed persons
12 for the provision of medications. The provision of medications by designated unlicensed persons is limited to oral, sublingual,
13 buccal, topical, inhalation and transdermal medications; ear drops, eye drops, nasal sprays, injections of regularly scheduled insulin
14 and injections of prescribed anaphylactic treatments. The provision of medications by designated unlicensed persons does not include
15 rectal and vaginal medications, sliding scale insulin or other injectable medications. A written or electronic record regarding each
16 medication provided, including time and amount administered, is required as part of the provision of medication. Provision of
17 medication does not include judgment, evaluation or assessment by the designated unlicensed persons. The designated unlicensed
18 persons and the nurses, pharmacists and medical doctors that train, approve, and supervise these staff shall be protected against tort
19 liability provided their actions are within the scope of their job duties and the established medical protocol.

20 The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall establish curriculum and standards for training and oversight.

21 This provision shall not apply to a facility licensed as an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual and/or related
22 disability.

23 **36.8.** (DDSN: Child Daycare Centers) Of the funds appropriated to the department, the department shall provide reimbursement
24 for services provided to department eligible children at daycare centers previously under contract prior to December 31, 2008. The
25 reimbursement shall not be less than eighty percent of the amount reimbursed in the previous fiscal year. By September fifteenth,
26 the department must transfer \$100,000 to the Anderson County Disabilities Board for the provision of these services.

27 **36.9.** (DDSN: Debt Service Account) The department shall utilize the uncommitted dollars in their debt service account, account
28 E164660, for operations and services that are not funded in the appropriations bill. By August first, the department must report to
29 the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on the
30 remaining balance in this account and on the amounts and purposes for which the account was used in the prior fiscal year.

31 **36.10.** (DDSN: Traumatic Brain Injury) Funds appropriated to the agency for Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury
32 Post-Acute Rehabilitation shall be used for that purpose only. In the event the department receives a general fund reduction in the
33 current fiscal year, any reductions to the post-acute rehabilitation funding shall not exceed reductions in proportion to the agency as
34 a whole.

35 **36.11.** (DDSN: Medicaid Direct Billing) The department shall facilitate Medicaid direct billing for all providers, including local
36 disabilities and special needs boards, who choose to initiate the direct billing process regardless of the receipt of capital grant funds

from the department for the specific facility involved. All entities receiving capital grant funds must use the funds as originally specified in the award. If the purpose or use of a facility constructed or purchased with departmental grant funds is altered without the department's approval, the entity must repay the department the amount of the funds awarded. The use of direct billing shall not be construed as a change in the purpose or use of a facility.

36.12. (DDSN: Carry Forward Authorization) For the current fiscal year, the department is authorized to carry forward any balance of General Funds appropriated for the reduction of the department's waiting lists in the prior fiscal year and must utilize these funds for the same purpose in the current fiscal year. Within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year, the department shall report the balance carried forward to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

36.13. (DDSN: Service Providers Expenditure Requirement) For the current fiscal year, in order to accommodate service provider infrastructure needs resulting from the reductions in the department's waiting lists, service providers including local disabilities and special needs boards are authorized to carry forward from the prior fiscal year unexpended funds based on a ninety percent expenditure requirement for capitated services. Service providers shall not withhold services in order to generate funds to be carried forward. The expenditure requirement shall not affect the department's three month reserve limitation policy. If the department's Medicaid allowable costs, in the aggregate, do not meet the level of certified public expenditures (CPEs) reported to the Department of Health and Human Services, the department is allowed to recoup funds necessary to remain in compliance with federal Medicaid CPE rules.

36.14. (DDSN: Beaufort DSN Facility) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs is authorized to retain the full amount of proceeds from the sale of the local Disabilities and Special Needs Board of Beaufort County property. The funds retained from this sale must be used by the department to purchase a new property for the local Disabilities and Special Needs Board in Beaufort County that more appropriately meets the needs of the individuals served. Unexpended funds may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. The department must provide a status report to the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation by June 30, ~~2019~~ 2022, detailing the retention of any sale proceeds and/or the expenditures of those funds.

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

37.1. (DAODAS: Training & Conference Revenue) The department may charge fees for training events and conferences. The revenues from such events shall be retained by the department to increase education and professional development initiatives.

37.2. (DAODAS: Gambling Addiction Services) In that gambling is a serious problem in South Carolina, the department through its local county commissions may provide, from funds appropriated to the department, information, education, and referral services to persons experiencing gambling addictions.

37.3. (DAODAS: Medicaid Match Transfer) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services will transfer \$1,915,902 to the Department of Health and Human Services to meet federal Medicaid Match participation requirements for the delivery of alcohol and other drug abuse services to the Medicaid beneficiary population.

1 **37.4.** (DAODAS: Carry Forward Unexpended Funds) The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services is authorized
2 to carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year unexpended funds in excess of ten percent of the agency's
3 general fund appropriations to continue to fund prevention, treatment and recovery services for opioid addiction services and
4 addiction programs as prioritized by the department.
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6 **SECTION 38 - L040 - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES** 7

8 **38.1.** (DSS: Fee Retention) The Department of Social Services shall recoup all refunds and identified program overpayments
9 and all such overpayments shall be recouped in accordance with established collection policy. ~~Funds of \$800,000 collected under~~
10 ~~the Child Support Enforcement Program (Title IV-D) which are state funds shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and credited to~~
11 ~~the General Fund of the State.~~ All state funds above \$800,000 shall be retained by the department and may be used to fund
12 Self-Sufficiency and Family Preservation and Support initiatives, to make improvements to the security of FTI and PII data, and for
13 child support operations.

14 **38.2.** (DSS: Recovered State Funds) The department shall withhold a portion of the State Funds recovered, under the Title IV-D
15 Program, for credit to the general fund in order to allow full participation in the federal "set off" program offered through the Internal
16 Revenue Service, the withholding of unemployment insurance benefits through the Department of Employment and Workforce and
17 reimbursement for expenditures related to blood testing. Such funds may not be expended for any other purpose. The Department
18 of Social Services shall be allowed to utilize the State share of Federally required fees, collected from non-TANF clients, in the
19 administration of the Child Support Enforcement Program. Such funds may not be expended for any other purpose. However, this
20 shall not include Child Support Enforcement Program incentives paid to the program from federal funds to encourage and reward
21 cost effective performance. Such incentives are to be reinvested in the program to increase collections of support at the state and
22 county levels in a manner consistent with federal laws and regulations governing such incentive payments. The department shall not
23 use clerk of court incentive funds to replace agency operating funds. Such funds shall be remitted to the appropriate state
24 governmental entity to further child support collection efforts.

25 **38.3.** (DSS: Burial Expenses) The expenditure of funds allocated for burials of foster children and adults in the custody of the
26 Department of Social Services shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per burial.

27 **38.4.** (DSS: Battered Spouse Funds) Appropriations included in Subprogram II.J. entitled Battered Spouse shall be allocated
28 through contractual agreement to providers of this service. These appropriations may also be used for public awareness and
29 contracted services for victims of this social problem including the abused and children accompanying the abused. Such funds
30 may not be expended for any other purpose nor be reduced by any amount greater than that stipulated by the Executive Budget
31 Office or the General Assembly for the agency as a whole.

32 **38.5.** (DSS: Court Examiner Service Exemption) In order to prevent the loss of federal funds to the State, employees of the
33 Department of Social Services whose salaries are paid in full or in part from federal funds will be exempt from serving as court
34 examiners.

35 **38.6.** (DSS: TANF Advance Funds) The Department of Social Services is authorized to advance sufficient funds during each
36 fiscal year from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments general fund appropriations to the Temporary

1 Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments federal account only for the purpose of allowing a sufficient cash flow in the
 2 federal account. The advance must be refunded no later than April of the same fiscal year. Upon the advance of funds as provided
 3 herein, the Comptroller General is authorized to process the July voucher for the funding of benefit checks.

4 **38.7.** (DSS: Fee Schedule) The Department of Social Services shall be allowed to charge fees and accept donations, grants, and
 5 bequests for social services provided under their direct responsibility on the basis of a fee schedule. The fees collected shall be
 6 utilized by the Department of Social Services to further develop and administer these program efforts. The below fee schedule is
 7 established for the current fiscal year.

8 Day Care

9 Family Child Care Homes (up to six children)	\$15
10 Group Child Care Homes (7-12 children)	\$30
11 Registered Church Child Care (13+)	\$50
12 Licensed Child Care Centers (13-49)	\$50
13 Licensed Child Care Centers (50-99)	\$75
14 Licensed Child Care Centers (100-199)	\$100
15 Licensed Child Care Centers (200+)	\$125

16 Central Registry Checks

17 Nonprofit Entities	\$8
18 For-profit Agencies	\$25
19 State Agencies	\$8
20 Schools	\$8
21 Day Care	\$8
22 Other – Volunteer Organizations	\$8

23 Other Children's Services

24 Services Related to Adoption of Children from	
25 Other Countries	\$225
26 Court-ordered Home Studies in non-DSS Custody Cases	\$850
27 Licensing Residential Group Homes Fee for an	
28 Initial License	\$250
29 For Renewal	\$75
30 Licensing Child Caring Institutions Fee for an	
31 Initial License	\$500
32 For Renewal	\$100
33 Licensing Child Placing Agencies Fee for an	
34 Initial License	\$500
35 For Renewal	\$60
36 For Each Private Foster Home Under the Supervision	

1 of a Child Placing Agency \$15

2 Responsible Father Registry

3 Registry Search \$50

4 **38.8.** (DSS: Food Stamp Fraud) The state portion of funds recouped from the collection of recipient claims in the TANF and
5 Food Stamp programs shall be retained by the department. A portion of these funds shall be distributed to local county offices for
6 emergency and program operations.

7 **38.9.** (DSS: TANF - Immunizations Certificates) The department shall require all TANF applicants and/or recipients to provide
8 proof of age appropriate immunizations for children. If such immunizations have not been administered, the department shall assist
9 in referring applicants to appropriate county health departments to obtain the immunizations.

10 **38.10.** (DSS: County Directors' Pay) With respect to the amounts allocated to the Department of Social Services for Employee
11 Pay Increase in this act, the Department of Social Services is authorized to allot funds for pay increases to individual county directors
12 and regional directors in classified positions without uniformity. Pay increases for DSS county directors and regional directors shall
13 be administered in accordance with the guidelines established by the Department of Administration for Executive Compensation
14 System and other nonacademic unclassified employees. Any employees subject to the provisions of this paragraph shall not be
15 eligible for any other compensation increases provided in this act.

16 **38.11.** (DSS: Use of Funds Authorization) Department investigative units shall be authorized to receive and expend funds
17 awarded to these units as a result of a donation, contribution, prize, grant, and/or court order. These funds shall be retained by the
18 department on behalf of the investigative units and deposited in a separate, special account and shall be carried forward from year to
19 year and withdrawn and expended as needed to fulfill the purposes and conditions of the donation, contribution, prize, grant, and/or
20 court order, if specified, and if not specified, as may be directed by the Director of the Department of Social Services. These accounts
21 shall not be used to supplant operating funds in the current or future budgets. The agency shall report to the Senate Finance
22 Committee and Ways and Means Committee by January thirtieth of the current fiscal year on the amount of funds received and how
23 expended.

24 **38.12.** (DSS: Use of Funds Authorization) Unless specifically directed by the General Assembly, when DSS is directed to provide
25 funds to a not-for-profit or 501(c)(3) organization, that organization must use the funds to serve persons who are eligible for services
26 in one or more DSS programs.

27 **38.13.** (DSS: Grant Authority) The Department of Social Services is authorized to make grants to community-based not-for-profit
28 organizations for local projects that further the objectives of DSS programs. The department shall develop policies and procedures
29 and may promulgate regulations to assure compliance with state and federal requirements associated with the funds used for the
30 grants and to assure fairness and accountability in the award and administration of these grants. The department shall require a match
31 from all grant recipients.

32 **38.14.** (DSS: Family Foster Care Payments) The Department of Social Services shall furnish as Family Foster Care payments for
33 individual foster children under their sponsorship and under kinship care:

34 ages 0 - 5 ~~\$500~~ \$605 per month

35 ages 6 - 12 ~~\$523~~ \$708 per month

36 ages 13 + ~~\$589~~ \$747 per month

1 These specified amounts are for the basic needs of the foster children to include kinship care assistance. Basic needs within this
2 proviso are identified as food (at home and away), clothing, housing, transportation, education and other costs as defined in the U.S.
3 Department of Agriculture study of “Annual Cost of Raising a Child to Age Eighteen”. Further, each agency shall identify and
4 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
5 professional agency evaluation of clientele need. Legitimate medical care in excess of Medicaid reimbursement or such care not
6 recognized by Medicaid may be considered as special needs if approved by the sponsoring/responsible agency and shall be
7 reimbursed by the sponsoring agency in the same manner of reimbursing other special needs of foster children.

8 **38.15. (DSS: Penalty Assessment)** The Department of Social Services may impose monetary penalties against a person, facility,
9 or other entity for violation of statutes or regulations pertaining to programs, other than foster home licensing, that the department
10 regulates. Penalties collected must be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit into the State General Fund. The department shall
11 promulgate regulations for each program in which penalties may be imposed. The regulations must include guidance on the decision
12 to assess a penalty, the effect of failure to pay a penalty in a timely manner, and a schedule of penalty ranges that takes into account
13 severity and frequency of violations. These regulations must provide for notice of the penalty and the right to a contested case
14 hearing before a designee of or panel appointed by the director of the department. Judicial review of the final agency decision
15 concerning a penalty must be in accordance with statutes or regulations that apply to judicial review of final revocation and denial
16 decisions in that particular program. The department, in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to this provision, shall
17 have discretion in determining the appropriateness of assessing a monetary penalty against a person or facility and the amount of the
18 penalty. The authority to assess monetary penalties shall be in addition to other statutory provisions authorizing the department to
19 seek injunctive relief or to deny, revoke, suspend, or otherwise restrict or limit a license or other types of operating or practice
20 registrations, approvals, or certificates.

21 **38.16. (DSS: Child Support Enforcement Automated System Carry Forward)** The department shall be authorized to retain and
22 carry forward any unexpended funds appropriated for the Child Support Enforcement automated system and related penalties.

23 ~~**38.17. (DSS: Child Support Enforcement System)** From the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 38 (H.F.), the Department of~~
24 ~~Social Services shall prepare a detailed report on the status of the Child Support Enforcement System. The report shall include, but~~
25 ~~not be limited to, actions currently being undertaken to become compliant with federal government requirements; the cost required~~
26 ~~to meet minimum federal guidelines; total funds spent so far on the system; the amount of fines assessed by the federal government~~
27 ~~associated with noncompliance; how much has been spent to satisfy actions taken by the state judicial system; and how much has~~
28 ~~been spent related to actions taken by any other entity which may have altered the amount required for meeting minimum federal~~
29 ~~guidelines. The report shall be submitted to the General Assembly by August thirty first of the current fiscal year.~~

30 **38.18. (DSS: Child Care Voucher)** State funds allocated to the Department of Social Services and used for child care vouchers
31 must be used to enroll eligible recipients within provider settings exceeding the state’s minimum child care licensing standards. The
32 department may waive this requirement on a case by case basis.

33 **38.19. (DSS: Meals in Emergency Operations)** The cost of meals may be provided to state employees who are not permitted to
34 leave their stations and are required to work during actual emergencies, emergency situation exercises, and when the Governor
35 declares a state of emergency.

1 **38.20.** (DSS: Day Care Facilities Supervision Ratios) For the current fiscal year, staff-child ratios contained in Regulations
2 114-504(B), 114-504(C), 114-524(B), and 114-524(C) shall remain at the June 24, 2008 levels.

3 **38.21.** (DSS: Foster Care Goals) To comply with the requirements of 42 U.S.C. Section 671(a)(14) and 45 C.F.R. Section
4 1356.21(n), it shall be the goal of the state that the maximum number of Title IV-E funded children who will remain in foster care
5 for more than twenty-four months will not exceed a total of 2,617 during the fiscal year. The Department of Social Services shall
6 develop appropriate plans for timely permanency and use appropriate data benchmarks and targets that will achieve this goal.

7 **38.22.** (DSS: Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Funding) (A) From the monies appropriated for the Continuation of
8 Teen Pregnancy Prevention, the department must award the dollars allocated to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity to provide abstinence
9 first, age appropriate comprehensive approach to health and sexuality education with a goal of preventing adolescent pregnancy
10 throughout South Carolina.

11 (B) Contracts must be awarded utilizing a competitive approach in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code.

12 (C) The monies appropriated must be paid over a twelve month basis for services rendered. Unexpended funds shall be carried
13 forward for the purpose of fulfilling the department's contractual agreement.

14 (D) The programs implemented by the entity awarded a contract pursuant to this proviso may not violate any portion of the South
15 Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act when implemented in a school setting. An entity that violates any portion of the
16 South Carolina Comprehensive Health Education Act must reimburse the State for all funds disbursed.

17 **38.23.** (DSS: SNAP Coupons) The Department of Social Services shall continue the "Healthy Bucks" program established to
18 provide coupons that allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to obtain additional fresh fruits and
19 vegetables when purchasing fresh produce at grocery stores or farmers markets with SNAP benefits through their EBT cards. Each
20 coupon shall allow the beneficiary to double the amount of produce purchased, up to ten dollars per month. The agency shall utilize
21 all funds received in the prior and current fiscal years from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a bonus for reducing the error rate
22 in processing SNAP applications to fund the program. The agency shall work to identify and utilize funds as matching dollars for
23 the continued success of the "Healthy Bucks" program and shall report semi-annually to the General Assembly on the status of the
24 program. The report shall include, at a minimum, the number of recipients, counties served, and cumulative expenditure data for the
25 program.

26 **38.24.** (DSS: Internal Child Fatality Review Committees) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the Director of the Department of
27 Social Services shall create and fund Internal Child Fatality Review Committees (internal committees) pursuant to the authority
28 granted in Sections 43-1-60(3), 43-1-80, and 63-7-910(E) of the 1976 Code to allow for the rapid and expeditious review of reported
29 child fatalities that are reported to the Department of Social Services on suspicion of abandonment, child abuse, neglect or harm as
30 defined in Section 63-7-20. This review process will enable the department to respond to the safety needs of any surviving siblings
31 and will lead to improvement in the department's efforts to prevent child fatalities caused by abandonment, child abuse, neglect or
32 harm. Each internal committee shall be composed of a board-certified child abuse pediatrician, an agent from the State Law
33 Enforcement Division, a local law enforcement officer, a representative from the local coroner's office, and representatives from the
34 Department of Social Services. The internal committee may invite other service provider organizations as deemed necessary. The
35 department is authorized to provide reasonable compensation for board-certified child abuse pediatricians serving on an internal
36 committee. Internal committees shall have access to information and records maintained by a provider of medical care regarding a

1 child whose death is being reviewed by the internal committee, including information on prenatal care; all information and records
2 maintained by any state, county, or local government agency, including, but not limited to, birth certificates, law enforcement
3 investigation data, county coroner or medical examiner investigation data, parole and probation information and records, and
4 information and records of health agencies that provided services to the child or family. The meetings, information obtained by,
5 reports prepared by, and statements made before the internal committees are confidential and protected from disclosure pursuant to
6 the Freedom of Information Act, criminal and civil proceedings, and subpoenas as set forth in Sections 63-7-940 and 63-7-1990.

7 **38.25.** (DSS: Tuition Reimbursement/Student Loan Repayment) The Department of Social Services is allowed to spend state,
8 federal, and other sources of revenue to provide tuition reimbursement and/or student loan repayment to aid in retaining caseworkers
9 and critical needs department jobs based on objective guidelines established by the State Director of the Department of Social
10 Services.

11 The department may also provide paid educational leave for any employees in an FTE position to attend class while enrolled in
12 programs that are related to the agency's mission. All such leave is at the agency head's discretion.

13 The department may enter into an agreement with staff employed in critical need departments to repay them for their outstanding
14 student loans and/or reimburse tuition expenses. The employee must be employed in a critical needs area, which would be identified
15 at the agency head's discretion, be in a covered FTE, and not have any disciplinary actions. Participants in this program must agree
16 to remain at the department for a period of five years. The department may pay these employees up to \$7,500 each year over a
17 five-year period in accordance with a program developed by the department. Payments will be made directly to the employee at the
18 end of each year of employment. Payments cannot exceed the balance of the student loan or the cost of tuition.

19 **38.26.** (DSS: Federally Certified Child Support Enforcement System Project) In order to expedite the completion and certification
20 of the Automated Child Support Enforcement System required by the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 654a), the Department
21 of Social Services is authorized to adopt, to the fullest extent possible, the system and operating procedures of the Delaware Transfer
22 System. To the extent the Transfer System operating processes deviate from, or are incompatible with, current South Carolina
23 practice, the department is authorized to determine the most effective and efficient practice to comply with federal requirements.
24 The department shall work with Clerks of Court to identify and prepare for the changes involved in the implementation of the Transfer
25 System which may impact their current operating practices with regards to performance of required child support functions. Pursuant
26 to the Social Security Act and S.C. Code Section 63-17-610, Clerks of Court shall utilize the federally certifiable child support system
27 and the state disbursement unit developed by the department to perform required child support functions.

28 **38.27.** (DSS: Wilderness Therapeutic Camps) The Department of Social Services shall make and promulgate such rules and
29 regulations relating to licensing standards and other matters as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Title 63, Chapter 11,
30 Article 1 of the 1976 Code as applied to Wilderness Therapeutic Camps. For this purpose, a "Wilderness Therapeutic Camp" is a
31 therapeutic camp organization or facility with an outdoor or wilderness focus that is engaged in receiving children for care and
32 maintenance, either part or full time, but shall not include any summer camp, day camp, or after school program, and shall also not
33 include any other outdoor education or youth development program or facility where participants usually attend for less than 15 days,
34 and does not include any licensed residential group care organization, child caring institution or group home or facility that meets
35 the facility requirements of S.C. Code of Regulations Section 114-590.

1 **38.28.** (DSS: Group Home Transition) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Social Services shall provide financial and
2 administrative support and flexibility to Group Homes in order to best enable any necessary transition of services or the development
3 of new service models for children and young adults. Group Homes with young adults between the ages of 18 to 23 years residing
4 in approved and supervised independent living programs shall not be required to provide 24 hours per day face to face supervision
5 for the resident. Regulatory and contractual requirements must not be different for supervision and staff ratios when a young adult
6 aged 18 to 23 is a resident in an approved and supervised independent living program.

7 ~~**38.29.** (DSS: Foster Care Child Placements) With funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Social Services for~~
8 ~~Fiscal Year 2018-19, the department shall ensure that the following provisions are implemented related to child placements. The~~
9 ~~department shall promulgate any necessary rules or regulations to implement these provisions:~~

10 ~~— (A) If a child in foster care has been placed within the same foster home for at least 9 consecutive months and if the foster~~
11 ~~parents are willing to provide permanency through adoption for the child, the department must obtain an attachment assessment, as~~
12 ~~defined through rules or regulations promulgated by the agency, of the child and current foster parents before selecting a different~~
13 ~~adoptive placement or other alternative setting. The attachment assessment must be conducted by a qualified attachment expert.~~
14 ~~Qualified attachment experts may include individuals who can demonstrate training and or education in attachment theory,~~
15 ~~developmental psychology, and other qualifications defined through rules or regulations promulgated by the agency.~~

16 ~~— (B) If a child's permanency plan includes reunification with a parent or caregiver, the department shall develop a transition~~
17 ~~plan for the child, with input from the Guardian ad Litem and a child focused or other appropriate mental health professional. The~~
18 ~~department's proposed transition plan must include sufficient visitation with the permanent guardian to promote a successful and~~
19 ~~emotionally healthy transition for the child, facilitate a positive relationship between caregiver and child, and lessen trauma that may~~
20 ~~result from the move. If the department pursues placement with a natural parent, relative, or other adult with whom the child has~~
21 ~~never lived, as determined to be in the child's best interest, the department's proposed transition plan must be progressive and include~~
22 ~~increased overnight visitation with ongoing assessment of the plan and the child's adjustment by the Guardian ad Litem and child~~
23 ~~focused or other appropriate mental health professional. Modifications to the plan must be driven by the child's adjustment to the~~
24 ~~transition.~~

25 ~~— (C) The department must file a Termination of Parental Rights petition if a child has been in foster care for 15 of the last 22~~
26 ~~months unless there are extenuating circumstances as defined in Section 63-7-1710 as follows:~~

27 ~~— (1) When the child is over the age of 16 and the department has identified another planned permanent living arrangement.~~

28 ~~— (2) The department asserts to the court that the child may be safely returned to the parent because the parent has remedied~~
29 ~~the conditions that caused the removal, with or without supervision by the department for up to 12 months.~~

30 ~~— (3) The department's proposed treatment plan can be extended up to 18 months but only if: (a) the department presents~~
31 ~~compelling and persuasive evidence of how the parent has demonstrated due diligence in completing the plan; (b) the department~~
32 ~~can articulate for the court specific reasons to believe the parent will timely remedy the conditions which led to the removal; (c) the~~
33 ~~department affirms that the return of child to the parent would not cause unreasonable risk of harm; (d) the department has compelling~~
34 ~~reasons to assert that a Termination of Parental Rights is not in the best interests of the child; (e) the department has compelling~~
35 ~~reasons to assert the best interests of the child will be served by the extension.~~

~~(4) If the department assesses the viability of adoption and determines that adoption is not a viable option and has compelling reasons to assert that Termination of Parental Rights is not in the best interests of the child, then the department may pursue a permanent plan of custody or legal guardianship to relative or other person.~~

~~(D) In accordance with Sections 63-7-1640(G) and 1700(E), the department must file the petition for a Termination of Parental Rights within sixty days of the family court order designating the child's permanent plan or concurrent plan as Termination of Parental Rights and adoption.~~

~~**38.30.** (DSS: Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System) A portion of the recurring funds appropriated to the department shall be used to issue a request for proposal, no later than September 30, 2018, for a vendor to implement a comprehensive case management data and analysis system.~~

38.31. (DSS: SNAP Eligibility) The Department of Social Services shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew any waiver of the requirements established pursuant to 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o), relating to the mandatory work requirements of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

38.32. (DSS: Pro Bono Program) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Social Services the director shall be authorized to utilize the funds appropriated to the department to establish a pro bono program for private attorneys to represent the department in hearings. Attorneys that volunteer for the program must meet the same qualifications as the attorney's hired by the department. The department shall provide training for the pro bono attorneys.

38.33. (DSS: Faith-Based Private Child Placing Agencies) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Social Services, the department 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 I of the 1976 Code as applied to faith-based private Child Placing Agencies. For purposes of these regulations, any person or entity who holds legal or physical custody of a child for the purpose of placement for foster care or adoption or a private placement and, which for the purposes of these regulations, retain their own system of foster homes, is a child placing agency as defined in S.C. Code of Regulations 114-550. Such regulation must not discriminate or suggest the taking of any adverse action against a faith-based child-placing agency or an agency seeking to become a child-placing agency on the basis, wholly or partly, that a faith-based child placing agency has declined or will decline to provide any service that conflicts with, or provide any service under circumstances that conflict with, a sincerely-held religious belief or moral conviction of the faith-based child placing agency.

SECTION 39 - L240 - COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

39.1. (BLIND: Matching Federal Funds) For the current fiscal year the amount appropriated in this section under Program II for Rehabilitative Services is conditioned upon matching by federal funds to the maximum amount available under the Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

1 **SECTION 40 - L060 - DEPARTMENT ON AGING**
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3 **40.1.** (AGING: State Matching Funds Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of the
4 required state matching funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 40, ~~Distribution to Subdivisions~~ Aging Assistance, shall be carried
5 forward into the current fiscal year to be used as required state match for federal funds awarded to subdivisions on or before
6 September thirtieth of the current fiscal year.

7 **40.2.** (AGING: State Match Funding Formula) Of the state funds appropriated under “~~Distribution to Subdivisions~~ Aging
8 Assistance,” the first allocation by the Department on Aging shall be for the provision of required State matching funds according to
9 the Department on Aging formula for distributing Older Americans Act funds. The balance of this item shall be distributed to the
10 planning and service areas of the State. In the event state appropriations are reduced, reductions to the planning and service areas
11 shall be based on amounts distributed in accordance with the previous requirements.

12 **40.3.** (AGING: Registration Fees) The Department on Aging is authorized to receive and expend registration fees for
13 educational, training and certification programs.

14 **40.4.** (AGING: Council Meeting Requirements) The duties and responsibilities, including the statutory requirement to hold
15 meetings of the Coordinating Council established pursuant to Section 43-21-120 and of the Long Term Care Council established
16 pursuant to Section 43-21-130, both under the Department on Aging, are suspended for the current fiscal year.

17 **40.5.** (AGING: Home and Community-Based Services) State funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services
18 shall be used to fund those services that most directly meet the goal of allowing seniors to live safely and independently at home.
19 Allowable services as defined in the Department on Aging’s State Plan include: group dining, home delivered meals, transportation
20 to group dining sites, transportation for essential trips, personal care (~~formerly Home Care Level I~~), homemaker (~~formerly Home~~
21 ~~Care Level II~~), Home Chore, Home Modification, Legal Assistance, and Assessments. Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) may expend
22 no more than ten percent for administrative services and one-quarter of one percent shall be retained by the Department on Aging to
23 provide monitoring and oversight of the program. However, up to three percent of the annual state appropriation for Home and
24 Community-Based Services may be retained at the Department on Aging to be allocated by the department to the affected regions in
25 cases of an emergency and/or natural disaster recognized by the Governor. If these funds are not utilized in the fiscal year allocated,
26 they are to be treated as carry forward funds and reallocated to the AAAs. The ~~Interstate~~ Intrastate Funding Formula shall be used
27 as a guideline for the allocation of state funds appropriated for Home and Community-Based Services. The Department on Aging
28 shall develop and implement a structured methodology to allocate the state Home and Community-Based Services funding. The
29 methodology shall include flexibility to reallocate funds amongst the AAAs, and be composed of, at a minimum, the following
30 factors: a minimum base amount, the fiscal year’s federally allocated funds, federal and state carry forwards funds, and an appropriate
31 weighted proportion that will achieve the mission of the Department on Aging to provide as many services as possible to the citizens
32 of South Carolina. Each AAA shall submit a budget for approval by the Department on Aging indicating the services to be provided.
33 Any unexpended Home and Community-Base Services funds in this program shall be carried forward by the Department on Aging
34 and used for the same purposes. Funds may not be transferred from the Home and Community-Based special line item for any other
35 purpose.

40.6. (AGING: Geriatric Loan Forgiveness Program) In lieu of quarterly payments to a recipient of the Geriatric Physician Loan Program, the Department on Aging is authorized to make a single lump sum payment to the lending institution of up to \$35,000 or the loan balance, whichever is less.

Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 40, Geriatric Physician Loan Program, shall be carried forward and used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

40.7. (AGING: Caregivers Carry Forward) Unexpended funds from appropriations to the Department on Aging for caregivers shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

40.8. (AGING: Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Carry Forward) Any unexpended funds from appropriation to the Department on Aging for the Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

40.9. *(AGING: Alzheimer's Funding) Of the funds appropriated to the Department on Aging, \$778,706 must be used for contractual services to provide respite care and diagnostic services to those who qualify as determined by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. The department must maximize, to the extent feasible, federal matching dollars. On or before September thirtieth of each year, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association must submit to the department, Governor, House Ways and Means Committee, and Senate Finance Committee an annual financial statement and outcomes measures attained for the fiscal year just ended. These funds may not be expended or transferred during the current fiscal year until the required reports have been received by the department, Governor, House Ways and Means Committee, and Senate Finance Committee. In addition, when instructed by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly to reduce funds by a certain percentage, the department may not reduce the funds transferred to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association greater than such stipulated percentage.*

SECTION 41 - L080 - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

41.1. (DCA: Foster Care-Private Foster Care Reviews) The Department of Children's Advocacy, Foster Care Program is authorized to restructure its programs, including but not limited to, suspending reviews of children privately placed in private foster care and/or changing the location of reviews of children in public foster care, to maintain continuous operations within existing resources as dictated by recent budget reductions. These decisions must be based upon the availability of existing funds. This provision supersedes any previous statutory or regulatory mandate.

41.2. (DCA: Guardian Ad Litem Program) ~~Both the program and the funds appropriated to the Department of Children's Advocacy, Guardian ad Litem Program must be administered separately from other programs within the Department of Children's Advocacy and must be expended for the exclusive use of the Guardian ad Litem Program.~~

For the current fiscal year, the Department of Revenue is directed to reduce the rate of interest paid on eligible refunds by two percentage points. The revenue resulting from this reduction must be used exclusively for operations of the Guardian ad Litem program and be deposited in the State Treasury in a separate and distinct fund known as the "South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Trust Fund." Unexpended revenues in this fund carry forward to succeeding fiscal years, and earnings in this fund must be credited

to it. The Guardian ad Litem program may carry forward the other funds authorized herein for its operations from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

41.3. (DCA: Continuum of Care Carry Forward) The Department of Children's Advocacy, Continuum of Care Program may carry forward funds appropriated herein to continue services.

SECTION 42 - L320 - HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

42.1. (HFDA: Federal Rental Assistance Administrative Fee Carry Forward) All federal rental assistance administrative fees shall be carried forward to the current fiscal year for use by the authority in the administration of the federal programs under contract with the authority.

42.2. (HFDA: Program Expenses Carry Forward) For the prior fiscal year monies withdrawn from the authority's various bond-financed trust indentures and resolutions, which monies are deposited with the State Treasurer to pay program expenses, may be carried forward by the authority into the current fiscal year.

42.3. (HFDA: Advisory Committee Mileage Reimbursement) Members of the nine member South Carolina Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee are eligible for mileage reimbursement at the rate allowed for state employees as established in Proviso 117.20(J) (Travel-Subsistence Expenses & Mileage) in this act.

42.4. (HFDA: Allocation of Indirect Cost Recoveries) The authority shall deposit in the state general fund indirect cost recoveries for the authority's portion of the Statewide Central Services Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP). The authority shall retain recoveries in excess of the SWCAP amount to be deposited in the state general fund.

42.5. (HFDA: Housing Trust Fund Disaster Initiative) Funds allocated, granted, or awarded under the Housing Trust Fund's Disaster Initiative shall not be included when calculating the percentage of trust fund expenditures per county.

SECTION 43 - P120 - FORESTRY COMMISSION

43.1. (FC: Grant Funds Carry Forward) The Forestry Commission is authorized to use unexpended federal grant funds in the current year to pay for expenditures incurred in the prior year.

43.2. (FC: Retention of Emergency Expenditure Refunds) The Forestry Commission is authorized to retain all funds received as reimbursement of expenditures from other state or federal agencies when personnel and equipment are mobilized due to an emergency.

43.3. (FC: Commissioned Officers' Physicals) The Forestry Commission is authorized to pay the cost of physical examinations for agency personnel who are required to receive such physical examinations prior to receiving a law enforcement commission.

43.4. (FC: Compensatory Payment) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor, exempt employees of the Forestry Commission 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.

43.5. *(FC: Sale of Promotional Items) The Forestry Commission may sell promotional items that advocate for forestry and forest culture, including items featuring the South Carolina Forestry Commission Forest Life brand and logo, for the purpose of*

generating funds for agency operations. Unexpended funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose.

SECTION 44 - P160 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

44.1. (AGRI: Market Bulletin) The Market Bulletin shall be mailed only to those persons who request it in writing and a record of each request shall be maintained by the department. Provided further, that the Department of Agriculture is authorized to charge a yearly subscription fee to each person requesting the bulletin and may charge for classified advertisements printed in the bulletin. The funds collected pursuant to this provision shall be retained by the department to defray the costs of publication and related incidental expenses.

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, in lieu of reimbursements for meals and lodging expense.

44.3. (AGRI: Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund) The Department of Agriculture may retain and expend fifty thousand dollars from the Warehouse Receipts Guaranty Fund established by Section 39-22-150 of the 1976 Code as is necessary for the department to administer the funding of the program.

44.4. (AGRI: Weights & Measures Registration) All servicepersons required to be registered with the Department of Agriculture pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-9-65 of the 1976 Code shall pay to the department a registration fee of \$25.00. Revenues generated by this provision shall be for use by the Department of Agriculture to offset expenses incurred in administering this registration program.

44.5. (AGRI: Sale of Property Revenue) The department may retain revenues associated with the sale of the property titled to or utilized by the department, except for the State Farmers Market property, and must expend these funds on capital improvements approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The department must continue to occupy any property until replacement capital improvements are completed.

44.6. (AGRI: Export Certification) The Department of Agriculture is allowed to charge up to \$250 for each export certification of agricultural products and to retain revenues to offset expenses incurred in performing certifications.

44.7. (AGRI: Feed Label Registration) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to require the annual registration of feed labels by manufacturers and to charge a fee of \$15.00 for such registrations. Revenues generated by these fees shall be retained and used by the department to offset expenses incurred in operating the Feed Inspection Program.

44.8. (AGRI: Commodity Boards) In the current fiscal year, the provisions of the Consolidated Procurement Code related to a commodity board's expenditure of assessments collected from producers, as those terms are defined in Section 46-17-40 of the 1976 Code, are suspended.

44.9. (AGRI: Agribusiness Infrastructure Carry Forward) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to carry forward any revenues, accrued interest, and unexpended Agribusiness Infrastructure funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose.

SECTION 45 - P200 - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PSA

45.1. (CU-PSA: Phytosanitary Certificates) Revenues collected from the issuance of phytosanitary certificates shall be retained by the Division of Regulatory and Public Service for the purpose of carrying out phytosanitary inspections.

45.2. (CU-PSA: Witness Fee) The Public Service Activities of Clemson University are hereby authorized to charge a witness fee of \$100.00 per hour up to \$400.00 per day for each PSA employee testifying as a fact witness regarding matters related to his or her professional expertise, or the exercise of his or her employment duties, in civil matters which do not involve the State as a party in interest. This fee shall be charged in addition to any court prescribed payment due as compensation or reimbursement for judicial appearances and deposited into a designated revenue account.

45.3. (CU-PSA: Nursery/Nursery Dealer Registration Fee) The Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs is authorized to retain up to \$92,000 of revenue collected from the issuance of Nursery/Nursery Dealer Fees for the purpose of carrying out nursery/nursery dealer inspections. Revenue collected from this fee above \$92,000 shall be deposited into the general fund.

45.4. (CU-PSA: Retention of Fees) All revenues collected from the regulatory programs of agrichemical, plant industry and crop protection including: fertilizer, lime, and soil amendments registration fees; pesticide licensing fees; seed certification fees; and fertilizer tax/inspection fees must be retained by Clemson University PSA regulatory programs.

45.5. (CU-PSA: Pesticide Registration) All revenues collected from pesticide registration fees and revenue collected from structural pest control businesses for business licensing must be retained by Clemson University PSA Regulatory and Public Service Programs to support general regulatory, enforcement, and education programs and to carry out provisions of the South Carolina Pesticide Control Act and regulations related to it.

45.6. (CU-PSA: Lime Inspection Fee) The Public Service Activities of Clemson University are hereby authorized to charge an inspection fee of \$0.50 per ton on Agricultural Liming Materials sold or distributed in this state. Clemson University-PSA may retain, expend, and carry forward these funds to maintain its programs.

45.7. (CU-PSA: Livestock-Poultry Health Programs) For the current fiscal year Clemson University Public Service Activities shall maintain operation of the state Meat Inspection Program. All revenues and recoveries from USDA Food Safety Inspection Services and from USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services for Clemson University PSA's Livestock-Poultry Health Programs and its departments shall be retained by Clemson University-PSA's Livestock-Poultry Health Program for purposes of carrying out the operation of its programs.

45.8. (CU-PSA: Boll Weevil Eradication) For the current fiscal year Clemson University Public Services Activities shall maintain operation of the Boll Weevil Eradication Program. In the calculation of any across-the-board budget reduction mandated by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly, the amount appropriated for the Boll Weevil Eradication Program shall be excluded from Clemson PSA's base budget. In the event of such a reduction Clemson PSA may reduce the amount of funds appropriated for this program by an amount not to exceed the percentage associated with the mandated reduction.

45.9. (CU-PSA: Landplaster Inspection Fee) For the purpose of regulating its use as applied to land for crop production, landplaster (gypsum), shall be defined as a product consisting chiefly of calcium sulfate with two combined water ($\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and is incapable of neutralizing soil acidity. It shall contain not less than seventy percent $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. All registrants of landplaster

1 who sell or distribute in this state that previously were required to pay an inspection fee of \$1.50 per ton shall now pay to Clemson
2 University Regulatory Services an inspection fee of fifty cents for each ton sold. Clemson University-PSA may retain, expend, and
3 carry forward these funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to maintain its programs.
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5 **SECTION 47 - P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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7 **47.1.** (DNR: Publications Revenue) For the current fiscal year all revenue generated from the sale of the “South Carolina
8 Wildlife” magazine, its by-products and other publications, shall be retained by the department and used to support the production
9 of same in order for the magazine to be self-sustaining. In addition, the department is authorized to sell advertising in the magazine
10 and to increase the magazine’s subscription rate, if necessary, to be self-sustaining. No general funds may be used for the operation
11 and support of the “South Carolina Wildlife” magazine.

12 **47.2.** (DNR: Casual Sales Tax Collection) The Department of Natural Resources shall continue to collect the casual sales tax as
13 contained in the contractual agreement between the Department of Revenue and the Department of Natural Resources and the State
14 Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the department on a quarterly basis for the actual cost of collecting the casual sales tax and such
15 reimbursement shall be paid from revenues generated by the casual sales tax.

16 **47.3.** (DNR: Proportionate Funding) Each of South Carolina’s forty-six soil and water conservation districts shall receive a
17 proportionate share of funding set aside for Aid to Conservation Districts at \$15,000 per district for general assistance to the district’s
18 program. Available funding above \$15,000 for each district will be apportioned by the Department of Natural Resources based upon
19 local needs and priorities as determined by the board. During the fiscal year, the districts’ funding may only be reduced in an amount
20 not to exceed the percentage of each agency budget reduction. No district shall receive any funds under this provision unless the
21 county or counties wherein the district is located shall have appropriated no less than three hundred dollars to the district from county
22 funds for the same purposes.

23 **47.4.** (DNR: Carry Forward - Contract for Goods & Services) If any funds accumulated by the Department of Natural Resources
24 Geology Program, under contract for the provision of goods and services not covered by the department’s appropriated funds, are
25 not expended during the preceding fiscal years, such funds may be carried forward and expended for the costs associated with the
26 provision of such goods and services.

27 **47.5.** (DNR: Revenue Carry Forward) The department may collect, expend, and carry forward revenues derived from the sale
28 of goods and services in order to support aerial photography, map services, climatology data, and geological services. The department
29 shall annually report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee the amount of revenue generated
30 from the sale of these goods and services.

31 **47.6.** (DNR: Clothing Allowance) The Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to provide Natural Resource
32 Enforcement Officers on special assignment with an annual clothing allowance (on a prorata basis) not to exceed \$600 per officer
33 for required clothing used in the line of duty.

34 **47.7.** (DNR: Commissioned Officers’ Physicals) The department is authorized to pay for the cost of physical examinations for
35 department personnel who are required to receive such physical examinations prior to receiving a law enforcement commission.

1 **47.8.** (DNR: Web Services and Technology Development) The department may carry forward any unexpended general fund
2 balance remaining on the Other Operating Expenses line, identified in the “Web Services and Technology Development” program
3 of the department appropriations from Part IA in this Act. Balances carried forward from the prior fiscal year are only authorized to
4 be expended to support technology operating expenses within the department.

5 **47.9.** (DNR: Predator Control Program) Of the funds authorized and appropriated in this Act, the Department of Natural
6 Resources is directed to develop and implement a coyote tagging and reward program within this state. They must tag and release
7 four coyotes in each of the four game zones and apply a reward of a complimentary lifetime hunting license per tagged coyote to the
8 hunter/trapper, or his designee.

9 **47.10.** (DNR: Triploid Grass Carp) For the current fiscal year, no water recreation funds or any other funding source may be used
10 to fund the stocking of triploid grass carp on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie.

11 **47.11.** (DNR: Compensatory Payment) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor, exempt employees of the
12 Department of Natural Resources may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of
13 the agency director, and providing funds are available.

14 **47.12.** (DNR: Exempted Fishing Permits) The Department of Natural Resources shall explore the feasibility of employing
15 exempted fishing permits (EFPs) within the South Atlantic region as a mechanism to allow limited state-level management of the
16 federally managed snapper-grouper complex. The department shall work cooperatively with natural resources management agencies
17 from the states of North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) and NOAA
18 Fisheries to determine interest in and the possibility of jointly pursuing individual state EFPs as well as an overarching EFP that
19 might allow for a new management approach for the South Atlantic snapper-grouper complex.

20 **47.13.** (DNR: Funds Transfer to Forestry Commission) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Natural Resources shall
21 transfer \$100,000 of the funds appropriated for operating expenses of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (Wildlife Management
22 Areas) to the Forestry Commission.

23 **47.14.** *(DNR: Waterfowl Impoundments Projects) The Department of Natural Resources, when procuring goods and services for*
24 *the planning, development, construction, improvement and/or maintenance of waterfowl impoundments on land owned by the*
25 *department or owned by the state and managed by the department, may enter into agreements with a qualified not for profit entity*
26 *that specializes in waterfowl impoundment development, and that entity is considered a sole source provider.*

27 28 **SECTION 48 - P260 - SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM**

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30 **48.1.** (SGC: Publications Revenue) Funds generated by the sale of pamphlets, books, and other promotional materials, the
31 production of which has been paid for by non-state funding, may be deposited in a special account by the consortium and utilized as
32 other funds for the purchase of additional pamphlets, books, and other promotional materials for distribution to the public.
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SECTION 49 - P280 - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM

49.1. (PRT: Tourism and Promotion) The funds appropriated in this act for Regional Promotions shall be distributed equally to the eleven Regional Tourism groups, except that the Grandstrand Tourism Region's funds shall be divided, with \$50,000 distributed to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, \$115,000 distributed to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, \$30,000 distributed to the City of Georgetown, and \$30,000 distributed to the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce for tourism related activities. In addition, \$50,000 shall be distributed to the Lake Wylie Chamber of Commerce. The Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December first each year describing how these funds were expended in the prior fiscal year.

49.2. (PRT: Destination Specific Tourism Marketing) The minimum grant awarded by the Destination Specific Tourism Program shall be \$250,000. Each state dollar must be matched with two dollars of private funds. An organization receiving a state grant must certify that, as of the date of the application: (i) the private funds are new dollars specifically designated for the purpose of matching state funds; (ii) the private funds have not been previously allocated or designated for tourism-related destination marketing; (iii) the organization has on hand or has an approved line of credit of not less than the amount of private funds needed to provide the required match. Organizations applying for a grant must include in the grant application, information on how the organization proposes to measure the success of the marketing and public relations program, including the estimated return on investment to the state. Promotional programs proposed by an applicant must be based on research-based outcomes. Grants must be made only to organizations that have a proven record of success in creating and sustaining new and repeat visitation to its area and must have sufficient resources to create, plan, implement, and measure the marketing and promotional efforts undertaken as a part of the program. The department must award a grant only to one qualified destination marketing organization within their tourism region where the organization's private funds are raised. An organization receiving a grant must use the public and private funds only for the purpose of destination specific marketing and public relations designed to target international and/or domestic travelers outside the state to destinations within the state. All grants that qualify under the program must be funded if funds are available. Funding of all qualified grants will be on a first come first served basis with such basis retained throughout the term of this proviso. No organization shall receive in the first quarter more than fifty percent of the state dollars allocated to the program. If by the end of the third quarter matching funds are still available with no other organizations meeting the criteria for funding, the funds will be distributed to the organization or organizations that have and can meet all of the requirements of this proviso. Grant recipients shall provide an annual report by November first, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee and the director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism on the expenditure of the grants funds and on the proposed outcome measures.

49.3. (PRT: Advertising Funds Carry Forward) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism may carry forward any unexpended funds appropriated on the Advertising line within Program II. A. Tourism Sales and Marketing from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purposes which include the Tourism Partnership Fund, Destination Specific Marketing Grants and the agency advertising fund.

49.4. (PRT: Film Marketing) From the funds authorized to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism in Section 49, Part IA of this Act for the South Carolina Film Commission, the department may use the film marketing funds for the following purposes:

1 (1) to allow for assistance with recruitment and infrastructure development of the film industry; (2) to develop a film crew base; (3)
2 to develop ally support in the film industry; (4) marketing and special events; and (5) to allow for assistance with the auditing and
3 legal service expenses associated with the Motion Picture Incentive Act.

4 **49.5.** (PRT: Motion Picture Administration Application Fee) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism may charge an
5 application fee for the Motion Picture Incentive programs and may retain and expend these funds for the purposes of meeting
6 administrative, data collection, credit analysis, cost-benefit analysis, reporting and auditing, and other statutory obligations. A fee
7 schedule must be established and approved by the Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

8 **49.6.** (PRT: Gift Shops) At the discretion of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the State House Gift Shop may
9 close on weekends.

10 **49.7.** (PRT: PARD Interest) The department is hereby prohibited from utilizing the interest generated in the PARD program for
11 anything other than the uses authorized by the law creating PARD. Should the PARD account not reach the required amount of
12 \$920,000 to activate the minimum \$20,000 per county distribution, the department shall carry forward the funding until such time as
13 the funds are sufficient to distribute as originally intended.

14 **49.8.** (PRT: Wage and Supplier Rebate Funds) From the funds set aside pursuant to the Motion Picture Incentive Act, any funds
15 committed to film projects shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and used for the same purpose. Any uncommitted funds
16 shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and must be used solely for wage and supplier rebate funds pursuant to the Motion
17 Picture Incentive Act and may not be used for any other purpose.

18 **49.9.** (PRT: Funds Exempt from Budget Cut) In the calculation of any across the board cut mandated by the Executive Budget
19 Office or the General Assembly, any amounts appropriated for pass through, special items, or other items specified in any general
20 proviso, which are exempt from reduction, shall be excluded from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism's base budget.

21 **49.10.** (PRT: PARD) The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism shall be authorized to expend restricted funds for the
22 Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) in accordance with the Section 51-23-20 of the 1976 Code, Regulations, and
23 generally accepted accounting standards. The department is allowed to reimburse PARD grantees from current year funds for prior
24 year expenditures as allowed in Section 51-23-30 of the 1976 Code.

25 For the current fiscal year, funds placed in a County Area account as allowed in Section 51-23-30 of the 1976 Code may remain
26 unexpended in the account indefinitely, any regulation or provision to the contrary notwithstanding. However, once an application
27 is approved by a county delegation, the project must be completed and funds expended within three years of the approved application.

28 **49.11.** (PRT: Admission Fees and Charges) The department may impose reasonable fees and charges for admission to and/or use
29 of park and recreational facilities and the revenues from such fees and charges must be used for park and recreational uses.

30 **49.12.** (PRT: Vending Services) The State Park Service, an office within the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism shall
31 be granted an exemption requiring the State Park Service to use the Commission for the Blind for vending services. All revenues
32 earned by vending and retail operations at the State Parks shall be retained by the department to support the operational costs of the
33 South Carolina State Parks. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and must be used for the same purpose.
34 This exemption does not apply to vending services at the State Welcome Centers.

1 **49.13.** (PRT: State Funded Grant Programs) Any unexpended general funds appropriated for the PARD Grants, Undiscovered
 2 SC, and Sports Marketing Grants Programs shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used
 3 for the same purpose.

4 ~~**49.14.** (PRT: Beach Access) Of the funds appropriated for state parks, the department shall utilize such funds to open pedestrian,~~
 5 ~~non-motorized vehicular and golf cart ingress and egress to Myrtle Beach State Park at the intersection of US Highway 17 and Center~~
 6 ~~South Road in Myrtle Beach, and/or at other location(s) which legally and safely affords such ingress and egress. Said access shall~~
 7 ~~be subject to the rules and regulations of the department governing uniform closure of park ingress during periods of peak usage.~~

8 **49.15.** (PRT: SC Film Office Rebate Funds) From the funds authorized pursuant to the Motion Picture Incentive Act, any rebates
 9 awarded by the SC Film Office may be paid without distinction of the source of funds.

10 **49.16.** (PRT: Compensatory Payment) In the event the Governor declares a State of Emergency, employees of the Department of
 11 Parks, Recreation and Tourism may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the
 12 agency director, and providing funds are available.

13 **49.17.** (PRT: State Parks Maintenance) The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism shall utilize the \$1,000,000
 14 appropriated in Act No. 91 of 2015, by proviso 118.14, Item (41)(h) and the \$3,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 284 of 2016, by
 15 proviso 118.16, Item (39)(g) for the Medal of Honor Museum for state parks maintenance needs.

16 **49.18.** *(PRT: State Park Employee Housing) The Comptroller General shall, upon request of an employee of the Department of*
 17 *Parks, Recreation and Tourism's State Park Service and with the authorization of the department, make deductions from the*
 18 *employee's compensation for rental payments of an employee's residential housing that is located within a SC State Park. The*
 19 *Comptroller General shall pay over to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism all amounts collected by payroll deduction*
 20 *for this purpose for the exclusive use by the department for state park operations.*

21 **49.19.** *(PRT: Local Parks Revitalization Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and*
 22 *Tourism for Local Parks Revitalization Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which*
 23 *shall develop a process for awarding grants to entities for local parks revitalization projects throughout the state. The process shall*
 24 *include the application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria*
 25 *for the grant program shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation*
 26 *shall be posted on the department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of*
 27 *five employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.*

28 *The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:*

29 13. *Alignment with the department's mission and goals;*

30 14. *Project summary and budget;*

31 15. *Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;*

32 16. *Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;*

33 17. *Demonstrated community support and need;*

34 18. *Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;*

The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2022.

Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976 Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds back to the department.

49.20.(PRT: Sports Marketing Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for Sports Marketing Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which shall develop a process for awarding grants to entities for sports marketing projects throughout the state. The process shall include the application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant program shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be posted on the department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.

The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:

19. Alignment with the department's mission and goals;

20. Project summary and budget;

21. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;

22. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;

23. Demonstrated community support and need;

24. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;

The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2022.

Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976 Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds back to the department.

SECTION 50 - P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

50.1. (CMRC: Development - Publications Revenue) The proceeds from the sale of publications may be retained in the agency's printing, binding, and advertising account to offset increased costs.

50.2. (CMRC: Economic Dev. Coordinating Council - Set Aside Fund) From the amount set aside in Section 12-28-2910, the council is authorized to use up to ten percent of such amount for actual operating expenses in support of administrative program costs

1 and business recruitment and retention and up to \$60,000 to support the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program, as approved
2 by council. Any balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes in the
3 current fiscal year.

4 **50.3.** (CMRC: Coordinating Council Funds) In order to provide maximum flexibility to encourage the creation of new jobs and
5 capital investment, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development has the authority to transfer economic development funds
6 at its disposal to the Closing Fund, provided the transfer is approved by a majority vote of the Coordinating Council members in a
7 public meeting. Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended in the
8 current fiscal year by the Department of Commerce for the same purpose.

9 **50.4.** (CMRC: Export Trade Show Funds) Funds collected from South Carolina companies for offsetting costs associated with
10 participation in future trade shows may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year and used for that
11 purpose.

12 **50.5.** (CMRC: Special Events Advisory Committee) The Department of Commerce is required to establish a Special Events
13 Advisory Committee to provide oversight to the department as it relates to the department's Special Events Fund. The Advisory
14 Committee shall be made up of contributors to the Fund appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and shall consist of no fewer than
15 eight members, including a chairman. The Advisory Committee shall establish guidelines for the use of these funds. The Department
16 of Commerce shall prepare a detailed report and have an independent audit of all expenditures of the fund during the previous
17 calendar year. None of these funds shall be used for operating expenses. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker
18 of the House, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman of the Senate
19 Finance Committee.

20 **50.6.** (CMRC: Development-Rental Revenue) Revenue received from the sublease on non-state-owned office space may be
21 retained and expended to offset the cost of the department's leased office space.

22 **50.7.** (CMRC: Development-Ad Sales Revenue) The department may charge a fee for ad sales in department authorized
23 publications and may use these fees to offset the cost of printing and production of the publications. Any revenue generated above
24 the actual cost shall be remitted to the General Fund.

25 **50.8.** (CMRC: Foreign Offices) The Secretary of Commerce shall be authorized to appoint the staff of the department's foreign
26 offices on a contractual basis on such terms as the Secretary deems appropriate, subject to review by the Department of
27 Administration.

28 **50.9.** (CMRC: Funding For I-73) Of the funds authorized for the Coordinating Council Economic Development, \$500,000 shall
29 be made available for the routing, planning and construction of I-73.

30 **50.10.** (CMRC: Closing Fund) In order to encourage and facilitate economic development, funds appropriated for the Closing
31 Fund for competitive recruitment purposes shall be used as approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Any
32 unexpended at the end of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Department of
33 Commerce for the same purposes.

34 **50.11.** (CMRC: Coordinating Council - Application Fee Deposits) Application fees received by the department must be deposited
35 within five business days from the Coordinating Council application approval date.

1 **50.12.** (CMRC: Recycling Advisory Council Reporting) The Recycling Market Development Advisory Council must submit an
 2 annual report outlining recycling activities to the Governor and members of the General Assembly by March fifteenth each year.

3 **50.13.** (CMRC: Regional Economic Development Organizations) The Department of Commerce shall utilize \$5,000,000
 4 appropriated in the current fiscal year for Regional Economic Development Organizations to provide funds to the following economic
 5 development organizations and must be disbursed as follows:

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| 6 | (1) Upstate Alliance | \$750,000; |
| 7 | (2) Central SC Economic Development Alliance | \$750,000; |
| 8 | (3) North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) | \$745,000; |
| 9 | (4) Charleston Regional Development Alliance | \$660,000; |
| 10 | (5) I-77 Alliance | \$660,000; |
| 11 | (6) Economic Development Partnership | \$450,000; |
| 12 | (7) Southern Carolina Alliance | \$600,000; and |
| 13 | (8) The LINK Economic Alliance | \$385,000. |

14 Each dollar of state funds must be matched with one dollar of private funds. The organization receiving state funds must certify
 15 that the private funds are new dollars specifically designated for the purpose of matching state funds and have not been previously
 16 allocated or designated for economic development. No funds appropriated in this proviso may be used for routine operating costs of
 17 the organization as defined by the Department of Commerce.

18 Upon receipt of the request for the funds and certification of the matching funds, the Department of Commerce shall disburse the
 19 funds to the requesting organization.

20 Funds recipients shall provide an annual report by November first, to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the
 21 House Ways and Means Committee and the Secretary of Commerce on the expenditure of the funds and on the outcome measures.
 22 Fund recipients shall also provide electronic copies of the annual report to the General Assembly by November first. The Department
 23 of Commerce shall post these reports on their website.

24 Any unexpended, unallocated, or undistributed funds appropriated in prior fiscal years for Regional Economic Development
 25 Organizations shall first be made available to Regional Economic Development Organizations and any remainder shall be transferred
 26 to the Rural Infrastructure Fund at the Department of Commerce. If more than one alliance applies for the same funds, the funds
 27 will be distributed pro-rata.

28 **50.14.** (CMRC: SC Mfg Extension Partnership) No funds appropriated to the department that are designated for the SC
 29 Manufacturing Extension Partnership may be utilized to compensate employees or individuals who engage in lobbying services on
 30 behalf of the department or the partnership. In addition, the department shall prepare an annual report on the SC Manufacturing
 31 Extension Partnership's expenditures for the prior fiscal year and shall submit the report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance
 32 Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by November first.

33 **50.15.** (CMRC: Business Incubator/Innovation Program) Any funds appropriated to the department for the Business
 34 Incubator/Innovation Program shall be used for eligible projects that address one or more of the goals in the South Carolina
 35 Innovation Plan and any investments must be accompanied by a dollar-for-dollar match from non-state appropriated funds. Up to
 36 \$300,000 may be used by the department for administrative costs associated with this program.

1 **50.16.** (CMRC: Council on Competitiveness) The Department of Commerce shall utilize the funds appropriated in the current
 2 fiscal year for the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness to provide funds for existing business economic development
 3 activities. Each dollar of state funds disbursed must be matched equally with non-state appropriated funds and prior to the
 4 disbursement of funds, the Council on Competitiveness must certify that these funds are new dollars specifically designated for the
 5 purpose of matching state funds and have not been previously allocated or designated for economic development. The Council on
 6 Competitiveness shall provide a report on the expenditure of the funds and on the outcome measures by January first, to the Chairman
 7 of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Secretary of Commerce.

8 **50.17.** (CMRC: Grant Funds Carry Forward) The Department of Commerce may carry forward any unexpended balance on June
 9 thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of grant funds appropriated and/or authorized for Innovation, Research/Applied Research Centers,
 10 SCOPE, and LocateSC and expend such funds in the current fiscal year for the same purpose.

11 **50.18.** (CMRC: Road Closures Related to Navy Base Intermodal Facility) The Division of Public Railways is authorized to close
 12 any street or road on or in the vicinity of the former Charleston Navy Base to the extent necessary to implement the Navy Base
 13 Intermodal Facility. Such closure shall not deny access to any property owners abutting the closed section of the street or road, or
 14 in the event access is denied, alternate access shall be provided.

15 **50.19.** (CMRC: Funding for Rail Infrastructure) Of the funds authorized for the Coordinating Council for Economic Development
 16 under Section 12-10-85 (B) of the 1976 Code, the Secretary of Commerce may utilize these funds toward state-owned rail
 17 infrastructure projects.

18 **50.20.** (CMRC: Distribution Facility) The Navy Base Intermodal Facility owned by Palmetto Railways, a division of the
 19 Department of Commerce, shall be considered a distribution facility for the purpose of sales tax exemptions associated with the
 20 purchase of equipment and construction materials.

21 **50.21.** (CMRC: Development - Funding for Rural Infrastructure) There is established within the Department of Commerce the
 22 Rural School District and Economic Development Closing Fund. (A) The Secretary of Commerce shall use the fund to facilitate
 23 economic development and infrastructure improvements in counties that contain a school district that has been defined by the
 24 Department of Education as having a poverty rate greater than or equal to 86%. (B) The Secretary of Commerce shall use the fund
 25 to facilitate economic development and infrastructure improvements in counties that meet each of the following criteria: (1) one of
 26 the top twelve counties in South Carolina with the highest population decline (by percentage) since 2010; (2) one of the top twelve
 27 counties with the highest average unemployment rate for 2018; and (3) according to the US Census 2017 - a county with a poverty
 28 rate in excess of twenty percent. Funds are to be used on, but not limited to, economic development projects, water and sewer
 29 infrastructure, and school building infrastructure. Once a project is committed, the funds may be utilized to finish that specified
 30 project, even if the county does not remain an eligible county in subsequent years. This plan must be reviewed by the Joint Bond
 31 Review Committee before these funds may be expended. Of the funds transferred to the fund, up to \$15,000,000 may be used in any
 32 county that is contiguous to an eligible county as long as that contiguous county has one county-wide consolidated public school
 33 district. Any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the
 34 Department of Commerce for the same purposes.

35 **50.22.** *(Commerce: Small Business Grants) Funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce shall establish a Small Business*
 36 *Relief Grant Program to assist small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. The program shall award grants to*

qualifying small business enterprises to reimburse the enterprise for some, or all, of the costs associated with qualifying expenditures incurred, or expected to be incurred related to the Covid-19 pandemic. A qualifying small business enterprise may receive a grant in an amount between two thousand five hundred dollars and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Applications for grants shall be made to the Small Business Relief Grant Program. An applicant shall provide the Small Business Relief Grant Program with information concerning the applicant's expenditures for which the applicant seeks a grant. Grant applications shall be evaluated to confirm that all reimbursement requests in the grant applications are related to Covid-19. Priority must be given to applicants that did not receive other assistance, such as a Paycheck Protection Program loan or other CARES funds, to businesses with twenty-five or fewer employees, and to businesses that demonstrate the greatest financial need. The Department of Commerce may use up to ten percent of funds to administer and develop the program.

SECTION 52 - P360 - PATRIOTS POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

52.1. (PPDA: USS Laffey Overnight Stays) From the funds authorized or appropriated to Patriots Point Development Authority as “other operating expenses” members of the USS Laffey Association who are temporarily present at Patriots Point to perform voluntary maintenance on the USS Laffey may remain onboard the vessel overnight if the Executive Director approves and has deemed it safe to do so.

~~**52.2.** (PPDA: Clamagore Reef) The Patriots Point Development Authority shall utilize the \$1,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 286 of 2014 by Proviso 118.16, Item (9) for the Medal of Honor Museum for the USS Clamagore Veteran Memorial Reef.~~

SECTION 53 – P400 – CONSERVATION BANK

53.1. (CB: Conservation Bank: Trust Program Carry Forward) The Conservation Bank may carry forward any unexpended funds allocated to the Conservation Bank Trust Program from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purposes.

SECTION 54 - P450 - RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

54.1. (RIA: Rural Infrastructure Fund Carry Forward) The Rural Infrastructure Authority may carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year, funds appropriated to the Rural Infrastructure Fund. The authority shall retain any unexpended funds at the close of the fiscal year and these funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year.

54.2. (RIA: Carry Forward - Local Government Assistance) The Rural Infrastructure Authority may carry forward from prior fiscal years to the current fiscal year funds appropriated for the purpose of providing financial assistance and for matching federal funds for financial assistance to local governments with water, wastewater, and sewer projects.

54.3. (RIA: Carry Forward Calculation) For purposes of calculating the amount of funds which may be carried forward by the Rural Infrastructure Authority, grant and loan program funds carried forward by the Office of Local Government shall be excluded from the calculation of the carry forward authorized by provision elsewhere in this act.

1 **54.4.** (RIA: State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund) In the event that any state funds remain after fully matching federal
2 grants for the State Revolving Funds under the Clean Water Act or Safe Drinking Water Act, such funds may be deposited into the
3 South Carolina Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund established pursuant to Section 11-40-50.

4 **54.5.** (RIA: Statewide Water and Sewer Fund) The Rural Infrastructure Authority shall use the funds allocated for the Statewide
5 Water and Sewer Fund to assist qualified infrastructure projects not eligible for the Rural Infrastructure Fund. The authority shall
6 utilize the same procedures and guidelines established for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to select qualified projects for the Statewide
7 Water and Sewer Fund. The authority may carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year, funds appropriated
8 to the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund.
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10 **SECTION 57 - B040 - JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

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12 **57.1.** (JUD: Prohibit County Salary Supplements) County salary supplements of Judicial Department personnel shall be
13 prohibited.

14 **57.2.** (JUD: County Offices For Judges) Every county shall provide for each circuit and family judge residing therein an office
15 with all utilities including a private telephone, and shall provide the same for Supreme Court Justices and Judges of the Court of
16 Appeals upon their request.

17 **57.3.** (JUD: Judicial Expense Allowance) Each Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Family Court Judge and Circuit
18 Court Judge and any retired judge who receives payment for performing full-time judicial duties pursuant to Section 9-8-120 of the
19 South Carolina Code of Laws, shall receive one thousand dollars per month as expense allowance.

20 **57.4.** (JUD: Special Judge Compensation) In the payment of funds from “Contractual Services,” and “Administrative Fund,”
21 that no special judge shall be paid for more than a two week term within a fiscal year except that this restriction will not apply in
22 case of an ongoing trial.

23 **57.5.** (JUD: BPI/Merit) Judicial employees shall receive base and average merit pay in the same percentages as such pay are
24 granted to classified state employees.

25 **57.6.** (JUD: Supreme Court Bar Admissions) Any funds collected from the Supreme Court Bar Admissions Office may be
26 deposited into an escrow account with the State Treasurer’s Office. The department is authorized to receive, expend, retain, and
27 carry forward these funds.

28 **57.7.** (JUD: Travel Reimbursement) State employees of the Judicial Department traveling on official state business must be
29 reimbursed in accordance with Proviso 117.20(J) of this act.

30 **57.8.** (JUD: Interpreters) The funds appropriated in this section for “Interpreters” shall be used to offset costs associated with
31 interpreters appointed in judicial proceedings under Sections 17-1-50, 15-27-155, and 15-27-15. The selection, use, and
32 reimbursement of interpreters shall be determined under such guidelines as may be established by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
33 Court.

34 **57.9.** (JUD: Reimbursement Receipt Deposit) Amounts received as payment for reproducing, printing, and distributing copies
35 of court rules and other department documents shall be retained for use by the department.

1 **57.10.** (JUD: Surplus Property Disposal) Technology equipment that has been declared surplus may be donated directly to
2 counties for use in court-related activities.

3 **57.11.** (JUD: Judicial Carry Forward) In addition to the funds appropriated in this section, the funds appropriated for the Judicial
4 Department in the prior fiscal year which are not expended during that fiscal year may be carried forward to be expended in the
5 current fiscal year.

6 **57.12.** (JUD: Case Management Services) The Judicial Department shall retain revenue generated by charging a fee for
7 technology support services provided to users of the State case management system. These funds may be expended and carried
8 forward to offset the costs of supporting and maintaining the case management system.

9 **57.13.** (JUD: Magistrates' Training) From the funds appropriated to the Judicial Department, the department shall provide
10 magistrates annual continuing education on domestic violence, which may include, but is not limited to:

- 11 (1) the nature, extent, and causes of domestic and family violence;
- 12 (2) issues of domestic and family violence concerning children;
- 13 (3) prevention of the use of violence by children;
- 14 (4) sensitivity to gender bias and cultural, racial, and sexual issues;
- 15 (5) the lethality of domestic and family violence;
- 16 (6) legal issues relating to domestic violence and child custody;
- 17 (7) procedures, penalties, programs, and other issues relating to criminal domestic violence, including social and psychological
18 issues relating to such violence, the vulnerability of victims and volatility of perpetrators, and the court's role in ensuring that the
19 parties have appropriate and adequate representation;
- 20 (8) procedures and other matters relating to issuing orders of protection from domestic violence.

21 **57.14.** (JUD: Judges Salary Exemption) For the current fiscal year, judges' salaries and related employer contributions in Part
22 IA, Section 57, are exempt from mid-year across-the-board reductions.

23 **57.15.** (JUD: Judicial Department Applicability) For purposes of this act and any other provision of law that would have any
24 effect on the expenditure of state revenue through the applicability of the particular provision or through compliance with a mandate
25 or requirement of the provision, the terms "state agency" or "agency" do not include any component of the Judicial Department
26 unless the provision of law specifically includes these entities and the inclusion only applies for purposes of the particular provision.

27 **57.16.** (JUD: Court Costs Carry Forward) The Judicial Department shall retain the funds collected from costs related to court
28 proceedings (including the cost of hearings, investigations, prosecution, service of process and court reporter services) under Rules
29 413 or 502 of the SC Appellate Court Rules, or from costs related to the appointment of a receiver or an attorney to assist the receiver
30 under Rule 413, that are assessed against a party. The department is authorized to receive, expend, retain, and carry forward these
31 funds which shall be used for the same purpose.

32 **57.17.** (JUD: Appellate Court Fee) The Judicial Department shall retain the funds collected as required by the SC Appellate Court
33 Rules. The department is authorized to receive, expend, retain, and carry forward these funds which shall be used by the department.

34 **57.18.** (JUD: Interpreter Training and Certification) The Judicial Department shall collect and retain funds received from
35 applicants for interpreter training and certification tests. These funds shall be used to offset expenses incurred for the SC Court
36 Interpreter Certification Program. The department is authorized to receive, expend, retain, and carry forward these funds.

SECTION 58 - C050 - ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

58.1. (ALC: Copying Costs Revenue Deposit) The Administrative Law Court shall retain and expend, for the same purpose for which it is generated, all revenue received during the current fiscal year as payment for printing and distributing copies of court rules and other agency documents.

58.2. (ALC: County Office Space for Judges) Every county shall provide for each Administrative Law Judge residing therein, upon their request, an office within the existing physical facilities if space is available, to include all utilities and a private telephone. The request shall only be made provided that the judge's residence is not within fifty miles of the official headquarters of the agency by which the Administrative Law Judge is employed.

58.3. (ALC: ALJ Travel) While holding court or on other official business outside the county in which he resides, within fifty miles of his residence, an Administrative Law Judge is entitled to a subsistence allowance in the amount of \$35 per day plus such mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State. While holding court or on other official business at a location fifty miles or more from his residence, an Administrative Law Judge is entitled to a subsistence allowance in the amount as provided in this act for members of the General Assembly plus such mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State. However, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the allowance as provided shall not exceed \$8,000 per judge in a fiscal year.

SECTION 59 - E200 - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

59.1. (AG: Prior Year Expenditures) The Office of the Attorney General is authorized to use unexpended federal funds in the current fiscal year to pay for expenditures incurred in the prior fiscal year.

59.2. (AG: Other Funds Carry Forward) Any balance of unexpended funds, not including general fund appropriations, may be carried forward for the operation of the Office of Attorney General.

59.3. (AG: Reimbursement for Expenditures) The Office of the Attorney General may retain for general operating purposes, any reimbursement of funds for expenses incurred in a prior fiscal year.

59.4. (AG: Donation Carry Forward) All revenue derived from donations received at the Office of the Attorney General shall be retained, carried forward, and expended according to agreement reached between the donor, or donors, and the Attorney General.

59.5. (AG: Securities Fee Revenue) After the provisions of Section 35-1-702(b) of the 1976 Code have been satisfied, and upon notification to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee that such provisions have been satisfied, the next \$20,500,000 of Securities Fee revenues collected during the current fiscal year by the Office of the Attorney General shall be remitted to the General Fund of the State. The Office of the Attorney General may retain the next \$400,000 collected and may utilize these funds for operations to include expert witness expenses, investigative costs, trial preparation, and other related expenses associated with the increase in licensed securities agents. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purpose. Remaining Securities Fee revenues collected during the current fiscal year shall be remitted to the General Fund of the State.

1 **59.6.** (AG: Savannah River Maritime Commission Funds) The Office of the Attorney General is authorized to use funds
2 appropriated for litigation expenses related to the Savannah River Maritime Commission to reimburse litigation expenditures incurred
3 by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the Savannah River Maritime Commission, the State, or other state agency during
4 the current fiscal year for any proposed or existing federal project on the Savannah River related to construction in navigable waters
5 or water quality. Following the conclusion of these litigation matters any remaining funds shall be deposited in the General Fund.

6 **59.7.** (AG: Gang Violence Prevention/Youth Mentor) The Office of the Attorney General may expend other funds to implement
7 and maintain gang prevention and youth mentoring programs in conjunction with Section 63-19-1430 of the 1976 Code, the Youth
8 Mentor Act.

9 **59.8.** (AG: Litigation Recovery Account) During the current fiscal year, when there is a recovery or an award in any litigation
10 managed by the Attorney General, any funds received that would have otherwise been credited to the General Fund shall be deposited
11 to the credit of a special account created in the Office of State Treasurer entitled "Litigation Recovery Account." The funds deposited
12 in this account must be expended only as prescribed by law.

13 **59.9.** (AG: Public Official Attorney Fees) The Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall pay from
14 the Insurance Reserve Fund, up to \$50,000 of opposing attorney's fees and court costs as ordered by the court in those cases in which
15 the Attorney General defends one or more public officers in their official capacities.

16 The Attorney General must certify to the Executive Director the amount the court has ordered the Attorney General to pay for
17 opposing attorney's fees and court costs and upon receipt of the certification, the Executive Director shall pay up to \$50,000 of the
18 amount certified to the appropriate individual or entity. The Attorney General must report any court ordered payment of attorney's
19 fees and court costs that exceed \$50,000 to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman
20 of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee for consideration by the General
21 Assembly.

22 **59.10.** (AG: Victim/Witness Program Formula Distribution) If funds in the South Carolina Victims' Compensation Fund exceed
23 the amount required to operate the State Crime Victim Compensation Department and pay claims of crime victims, the first \$650,000
24 of such excess must be used for Victim/Witness programs by distribution to Judicial Circuits based on a formula and criteria
25 developed by the policy committee, and otherwise subject to requirements of Proviso 60.8.

26 **59.11.** (AG: Physical Abuse Examinations) Of the funds appropriated in this section for Victims' Rights, up to \$120,000 may be
27 expended for physical abuse examinations.

28 **59.12.** (AG: Procuring Services) In order to maximize services for victims of crime, if the fulfilling of requirements pursuant to
29 Section 16-3-1410 of the 1976 Code, necessitates hiring any outside entities, the State Crime Victim Compensation Department must
30 follow procedures established by the SC Consolidated Procurement Code. Any entity contracting with the agency will submit an
31 annual report by August first to the Governor's Office and to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and
32 Means Committee detailing expenditures from the prior fiscal year in accordance with the State Office of Victims' Assistance. The
33 Attorney General's Office is directed to transfer \$122,032 of the funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year in the Victims'
34 Compensation Fund, and up to \$41,892 from general funds from Victim's Assistance to pay for any contracts or services procured.

35 **59.13.** (AG: Crime Victims Ombudsman) For the current fiscal year, the State Crime Victim Compensation Department shall
36 transfer \$116,000 to the Crime Victims Ombudsman's Office to be used for administrative and operational support.

1 **59.14.** (AG: State Crime Victim Compensation Department) For the current fiscal year, The State Crime Victim Compensation
2 Department may enter into memoranda of agreement with third-party victim service providers to secure emergency medical,
3 transportation, or other crisis stabilization services on a reimbursable basis. Such agreements shall not allow for more than eight
4 percent of the total reimbursement to cover a provider's administrative, marketing, and advocacy costs. Annually, and no later than
5 October first of each year, the State Crime Victim Compensation Department shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of the
6 Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee on the performance of third-party providers
7 and the use of funds authorized pursuant to this provision in the prior fiscal year.

8 **59.15.** (AG: State Crime Victim Compensation) A county or municipality may retain carry forward funds that were collected
9 pursuant to Sections 14-1-206 (B) and (D), 14-1-207 (B) and (D), 14-1-208 (B) and (D), and 14-1-211 (B) of the 1976 Code, but no
10 more than \$25,000 or ten percent of funds collected in the prior fiscal year, whichever is higher. If a county or municipality does
11 not spend at least ninety percent of the funds collected pursuant to Sections 14-1-206 (B) and (D), 14-1-207 (B) and (D), 14-1-208
12 (B) and (D), and 14-1-211 (B) on Article 16, Chapter 3, Title 16 first priority and/or second priority programs during the fiscal year
13 that the funds are received then the county or municipality shall remit any unspent funds that are greater than the allowed carried
14 forward funds, regardless of the year collected, to the State Victim Assistance Program (SVAP) with the Office of the Attorney
15 General within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year. All funds must be accounted for in the annual audit for each county or
16 municipality.

17 The State Crime Victim Compensation Department shall offer training and technical assistance to each municipality and county
18 annually on acceptable use of both priority one and priority two funds and funds available for competitive bid.

19 The State Crime Victim Compensation Department is authorized to transfer to the State Victim Assistance Program any state funds
20 deemed available under Crime Victims Compensation authority to the State Victim Assistance Programs be placed in the competitive
21 bid process.

22 The State Victim Assistance Program shall offer any funds remitted to it to non-profit organizations that provide direct victim
23 services on a competitive bid process. These funds may be used by the non-profit for administrative costs and victim services.

24 A county or municipality may be exempt from the remittance requirements of this proviso upon submission of a plan to the State
25 Crime Victim Compensation Department that meets the statutory requirements for the use of funds. A county or municipality must
26 submit the report within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. The State Crime Victim Compensation Department shall review the
27 submitted plan and advise the county or municipality of plan compliance with statutory requirements.

28 **59.16.** (AG: Crime Victim Training Certification and Statistical Analysis) Of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for the
29 State Crime Victim Compensation Fund, \$75,000 may be used to support the State Crime Victim Training, Certification and
30 Statistical Analysis Division.

31 **59.17.** (AG: Crime Victim Services Funeral and Burial Compensation) The Department of Crime Victim Compensation shall set
32 a funeral and burial compensation maximum of \$6,500.
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1 **SECTION 60 - E210 - PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION**
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3 **60.1.** (PCC: Solicitor Salary) The amount appropriated in this section for salaries of solicitors shall be paid to each full-time
4 solicitor. Each full-time circuit solicitor shall earn a salary not less than each full-time circuit court judge.

5 **60.2.** (PCC: Solicitor Expense Allowance) Each solicitor shall receive one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month as expense
6 allowance.

7 **60.3.** (PCC: Judicial Circuits State Support) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for Judicial Circuits (16)
8 State Support shall be apportioned among the circuits. The first \$4,692,961 shall be distributed on a per capita basis based upon the
9 current official census. The next \$1,179,041 shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis. Payment shall be made as soon after the
10 beginning of each quarter as practical.

11 **60.4.** (PCC: Solicitor Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year, may be carried forward
12 into the current fiscal year and expended for the operation of the ~~solicitor's office~~ Commission on Prosecution Coordination or
13 Offices of Solicitor relating to operational expenses.

14 **60.5.** (PCC: Solicitor's Office - County Funding Level) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amounts appropriated
15 for solicitors' offices shall be in addition to any amounts presently being provided by the county for these services and may not be
16 used to supplant funding already allocated for such services without any additional charges. If the county reduces the amount of
17 support provided to solicitors' offices below the level provided in the prior fiscal year, the Solicitor shall notify the Chairman of the
18 Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the amount of such reduced support.

19 **60.6.** (PCC: Solicitors Victim/Witness Assistance Programs) When funds are available, the amount appropriated and authorized
20 in Part IA, Section 60 for Solicitors Victim/Witness Assistance Programs shall be apportioned among the circuits on a per capita
21 basis and based upon the current official census. Payment shall be made as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical.

22 **60.7.** (PCC: CDV Prosecution) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for Criminal Domestic Violence
23 Prosecution shall be apportioned among the circuits on a pro-rata basis. If not privileged information, the Prosecution Coordination
24 Commission shall collect and retain information and data regarding Criminal Domestic Violence Prosecution and shall include:
25 the number of dispositions, types of dispositions and county in which the disposition took place and shall provide the General
26 Assembly with an annual report no later than sixty days after the conclusion of the fiscal year.

27 **60.8.** (PCC: Establish Victim/Witness Program) The funds appropriated in this section for Victim/Witness Program must be
28 equally divided among the judicial circuits, less any adjustments made for budget reductions. The funds for each circuit must be
29 distributed to the solicitor's office of that circuit and only used by the solicitor for the purpose of establishing a Victim/Witness
30 Program in the circuit which shall provide, but not be limited to, the following services:

31 (1) Make available to victims/witnesses information concerning their cases from filing in general sessions court through
32 disposition.

33 (2) Keep the victim/witness informed of his rights and support his right to protection from intimidation.

34 (3) Inform victims/witnesses of and make appropriate referrals to available services such as medical, social, counseling, and
35 victims' compensation services.

36 (4) Assist in the preparation of victims/witnesses for court.

- 1 (5) Provide assistance and support to the families or survivors of victims where appropriate.
- 2 (6) Provide any other necessary support services to victims/witnesses such as contact with employers or creditors.
- 3 (7) Promote public awareness of the program and services available for crime victims.

4 The funds may not be used for other victim-related services until the above functions are provided in an adequate manner.

5 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amounts appropriated in this section for victim assistance programs in solicitors' offices shall be in addition to any amounts presently being provided by the county for these services and may not be used to supplant funding already allocated for such services. Any reduction by any county in funding for victim assistance programs in solicitors' offices shall result in a corresponding decrease of state funds provided to the solicitors' office in that county for victim assistance services. Each solicitor's office shall submit an annual financial and programmatic report which describes the use of these funds. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on October first, for the preceding fiscal year.

12 **60.9.** (PCC: DUI Prosecution) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for Driving Under the Influence Prosecution shall be apportioned among the circuits on a pro-rata basis. If not privileged information, the Prosecution Coordination Commission shall collect and retain information and data regarding Driving Under the Influence Prosecution and shall include: the number of dispositions, types of dispositions and county in which the disposition took place and shall provide the General Assembly with an annual report no later than sixty days after the conclusion of the fiscal year.

17 **60.10.** (PCC: Violent Crime Prosecution) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for Violent Crime Prosecution shall be apportioned pro rata among the circuits. Payment shall be made as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical.

19 **60.11.** (PCC: Caseload Equalization Funding) The amount appropriated in this Act and authorized for Caseload Equalization will have the first \$3,450,000 distributed at an amount of \$75,000 per county. The remaining \$4,376,872 shall be distributed based upon the average incoming caseload for each county as reported by the Judicial Department for the prior three fiscal years.

22 **60.12.** (PCC: Summary Court Domestic Violence Fund Distribution) The Summary Court Domestic Violence Prosecution funding shall be distributed based upon ten percent of the average incoming caseload for each county as reported by the South Carolina Judicial Department for the prior 3 fiscal years.

25 **60.13.** (PCC: Exemption for Pass Through Funding to Outside Entities). *The funds distributed by the Commission on Prosecution Coordination that are appropriated for the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families or other community programs, and not for the Offices of Solicitor shall not be considered part of the Commission's budget for purposes of calculating budget reductions.*

28 **60.14.** (PCC: Solicitor Technology Funding Distribution) *The amount appropriated in this Act and authorized for Circuit Solicitor Intelligence Led Prosecution Programs shall be apportioned in equal amounts among the 16 circuits. Funding allocated for each circuit must first be distributed for the development and implementation of a CJIS compliant prosecution case management system capable of integration with the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination and other Officers of Circuit Solicitor. Unexpended program funds may be carried forward into the current fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.*

SECTION 61 - E230 - COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

61.1. (INDEF: Defense of Indigents Formula) The amount appropriated in this act for “Defense of Indigents” shall be apportioned among counties in accord with Section 17-3-330 of the 1976 Code, but on a per capita basis and based upon the most current official decennial census of the United States; provided that no county shall receive funding in an amount less than the amount apportioned to it as of July 1, 2005. The level of contribution of each county as of July 1, 2001, must be maintained. No county shall be permitted to contribute less money than the amount the county contributed in the prior fiscal year. Within the amount of money established for indigent defense services, the State shall set aside \$3,000,000 (Death Penalty Trial Fund) annually for use of the defense in capital cases pursuant to Section 16-3-26 of the 1976 Code, for juveniles facing the possibility of a sentence of life without parole, and for the expenses of the operation of the Commission on Indigent Defense to include salaries and operations expenses of the Death Penalty Trial Division. The State also shall set aside \$2,500,000 annually to pay fees and expenses of private counsel appointed in noncapital cases pursuant to Section 17-3-50 (Conflict Fund). Of the funds generated from the fees imposed under Sections 14-1-206(C)(4), 14-1-207(C)(6) and 14-1-208(C)(6) and the application fee provided in Section 17-3-30(B), on a monthly basis, fifty percent must be deposited into the Death Penalty Trial Fund, fifteen percent must be deposited into the Conflict Fund, and the remaining funds each month must be apportioned among the counties’ public defender offices pursuant to Section 17-3-330. At the end of each fiscal year any leftover funds shall carryover to the next fiscal year. All applications for the payment of fees and expenses in capital cases shall be applied for from the Death Penalty Trial Fund which shall be administered by the Commission on Indigent Defense. All applications for the payment of fees and expenses of private counsel or expenses of public defenders pursuant to Section 17-3-50 shall be applied for from the Conflict Fund administered by the Commission on Indigent Defense. Reimbursement in excess of the hourly rate and limit set forth in Section 17-3-50 is authorized only if the court certifies, in a written order with specific findings of fact, prior to the fees being incurred, that reimbursement in excess of the rates or limit is necessary to provide reimbursement adequate to ensure effective assistance of counsel and reimbursement in excess of the limit is appropriate because the services to be provided are reasonable and necessary. If prior approval by written order of the court is not obtained, no additional fees shall be paid under any circumstances.

Upon a finding in ex parte proceedings that investigative, expert, or other services are reasonable and necessary for the representation of the defendant, the court shall authorize the defendant’s attorney to obtain such services on behalf of the defendant and shall authorize the payment, from funds available to the Commission on Indigent Defense, of fees and expenses not to exceed five hundred dollars as the court considers appropriate. Payment in excess of the five hundred dollar limit is authorized only if the court certifies, in a written order with specific findings of fact, prior to the expense being incurred, that payment in excess of the limit is appropriate because the services to be provided are reasonable and necessary to provide adequate defense. Payments shall be made from funds appropriated for this purpose from the Commission of Indigent Defense. If prior approval by written order of the court is not obtained, no additional expenses shall be paid under any circumstances.

Indigent defense vouchers authorized in this provision must be reviewed and paid pursuant to procedures and policies established by the Commission on Indigent Defense. The commission shall provide a copy of the established procedures and policies to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

1 **61.2.** (INDEF: State Employee Compensation Prohibited) Except as otherwise provided in Proviso 117.5, no money
 2 appropriated pursuant to Defense of Indigents shall be used to compensate any state employees appointed by the court as examiners,
 3 guardians ad litem or attorneys nor shall such funds be used in payment to any state agency for providing such services by their
 4 employees.

5 **61.3.** (INDEF: Appellate Conflict Fund) The purpose of the Appellate Conflict Fund is to provide money to pay attorneys for
 6 representing indigent defendants on appellate review when the Office of Appellate Defense is unable to do so. Funds designated for
 7 appellate use in conflict cases shall be administered by the Commission on Indigent Defense. The Office of Appellate Defense must
 8 first determine that it is unable to provide representation. Fees shall be \$40 per hour for out of court work and \$60 for in court work,
 9 with a maximum of \$3,500 per case for noncapital appeals. Fees shall be \$50 per hour for out of court work and \$75 per hour for in
 10 court work in capital appeals with a maximum of \$10,000 per capital appeal. The appropriate appellate court shall review and
 11 approve vouchers for payment for appellate conflict cases. The Office of Appellate Defense shall continue to provide printing and
 12 other support functions currently provided from their resources. On June thirtieth of each year, the Commission on Indigent Defense
 13 shall review all outstanding obligations in this fund. Any unspent and unobligated money shall be used to pay outstanding vouchers
 14 in the Death Penalty Trial Fund or the Conflict Fund, provided the designated fund has become exhausted during the year.

15 **61.4.** (INDEF: SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointments) The funds appropriated under “SC Appellate Court Rule 608
 16 Appointments” shall be used for Civil Court Appointments including Termination of Parental Rights, Abuse and Neglect, Probate
 17 Court Commitments, Sexually Violent Predator Act, and Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) and Criminal Conflict appointments to
 18 reimburse court appointed private attorneys and for other expenditures as specified in this provision. SC Appellate Court Rule 608
 19 Appointments funds may not be transferred or used for any other purpose.

20 A portion of the funds appropriated under “SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointments” shall be used for “Termination of Parental
 21 Rights” cases and “Abuse and Neglect” cases to reimburse private attorneys who are appointed by the Family Court to represent
 22 guardians ad litem, children, or parents under the provisions of S.C. Code Sections ~~20-7-140~~ 63-7-1620 et seq., ~~20-7-1570~~ 63-7-
 23 2560 et seq., ~~20-7-1695 (A)(2)~~ 63-9-320(A)(2) et seq., ~~20-7-7205~~ 63-19-810 et seq., and ~~20-7-8705 (4)(a)~~ 63-19-2210 et seq.; for
 24 “Probate Court Commitment” cases to reimburse private attorneys who are appointed by the Probate Court to represent indigent
 25 persons; and for “Sexually Violent Predator” cases to reimburse private attorneys who are appointed by the Circuit Court pursuant
 26 to Sections 44-48-10, et seq., to represent indigent persons. When private counsel is appointed pursuant to these provisions, counsel
 27 shall be reimbursed a reasonable fee to be determined on the basis of fifty dollars per hour or reimbursement may also be made on
 28 the basis of a set (flat) fee. The method of payment and the amount of the set fee will be determined by the Commission on Indigent
 29 Defense. Attorney fees shall not exceed two thousand dollars for any case under which such private attorney is appointed.

30 A portion of the funds appropriated under “SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointments” shall be used for noncapital Post
 31 Conviction Relief Cases. Any attorney appointed shall be compensated at a rate not to exceed forty dollars per hour for time expended
 32 out of court and sixty dollars per hour for time expended in court, or on the basis of a set (flat) fee. The method of payment and
 33 amount of set (flat) fee will be determined by the Commission on Indigent Defense. Attorney fees shall not exceed one thousand
 34 dollars in any single case.

35 A portion of the funds appropriated under “SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointments” shall be used for noncapital criminal
 36 cases pursuant to Section 17-3-50 (Conflict Fund). Any attorney appointed shall be compensated at a rate not to exceed forty dollars

1 per hour for time expended out of court and sixty dollars per hour for time expended in court, or on the basis of a set (flat) fee. The
2 method of payment and amount of set (flat) fee will be determined by the Commission on Indigent Defense. Attorney fees shall not
3 exceed three thousand five hundred dollars in any single felony case or one thousand dollars in any single misdemeanor case.

4 Reimbursement in excess of the hourly rate and limit set forth herein is authorized only if the court certifies, in a written order
5 with specific findings of fact, prior to the fees being incurred, that reimbursement in excess of the rates or limit is necessary to provide
6 reimbursement adequate to ensure effective assistance of counsel and reimbursement in excess of the limit is appropriate because
7 the services to be provided are reasonable and necessary. If prior approval by written order of the court is not obtained, no additional
8 fees shall be paid under any circumstances.

9 Upon a finding in ex parte proceedings that investigative, expert, or other services are reasonable and necessary for the
10 representation of the defendant, the court shall authorize the defendant's attorney to obtain such services on behalf of the defendant
11 and shall authorize the payment, from funds available to the Commission on Indigent Defense, of fees and expenses not to exceed
12 five hundred dollars as the court considers appropriate. Payment in excess of the five hundred dollar limit is authorized only if the
13 court certifies, in a written order with specific findings of fact, prior to the expense being incurred, that payment in excess of the
14 limit is appropriate because the services to be provided are reasonable and necessary to provide adequate defense. Payments shall
15 be made from funds appropriated for this purpose from the Commission of Indigent Defense. If prior approval by written order of
16 the court is not obtained, no additional expenses shall be paid under any circumstances.

17 Indigent defense vouchers authorized in this provision must be reviewed and paid pursuant to procedures and policies established
18 by the Commission on Indigent Defense. The commission shall provide a copy of the established procedures and policies to the
19 Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

20 A portion of the funds appropriated under "SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointments" may be used by the Commission on
21 Indigent Defense to retain, on a contractual basis, the services of attorneys ~~qualified to handle civil and criminal court appointments,~~
22 ~~to be reimbursed in accordance with applicable provisions and statutes.~~ *and other professionals to assist court appointed attorneys to*
23 *provide quality and effective representation. The Commission shall establish all policies, procedures and contract provisions as it*
24 *deems appropriate for the implementation of the system, including but not limited to the selection and compensation rates.*

25 **61.5.** (INDEF: Carry Forward) To offset budget reductions, the Commission on Indigent Defense may carry forward and utilize
26 any unencumbered balances available in the Appellate Conflict Fund and the SC Appellate Court Rule 608 Appointment Fund at the
27 end of the prior fiscal year.

28 **61.6.** (INDEF: Public Defender Fee) Every person placed on probation on or after July 1, 2003, who was represented by a public
29 defender or appointed counsel, shall be assessed a fee of five hundred dollars. The revenue generated from this fee must be collected
30 by the clerk of court and sent on a monthly basis to the Commission on Indigent Defense. However, if a defendant fails to pay this
31 fee, this failure alone is not sufficient basis for incarceration for a probation violation. This assessment shall be collected and paid
32 over before any other fees.

33 **61.7.** (INDEF: Defense of Indigents Civil Action Application Fee) (A) A person requesting appointment of counsel in any
34 termination of parental rights (TPR), abuse and neglect, or any other civil court action in this state shall execute an affidavit that the
35 person is financially unable to employ counsel and that affidavit shall set forth all of the person's assets. This affidavit must be
36 completed before counsel may be appointed. If it appears that the person has some assets but they are insufficient to employ private

1 counsel, the court, in its discretion, may order the person to pay these assets or a portion thereof to the Commission on Indigent
2 Defense.

3 (B) A forty dollar application fee for appointed counsel services must be collected from every person who executes an affidavit
4 that they are financially unable to employ counsel. The person may apply to the court, the clerk of court, or other appropriate official
5 for a waiver or reduction in the application fee. If it is determined that the person is unable to pay the application fee, the fee may
6 be waived or reduced, provided that if the fee is waived or reduced, the clerk or appropriate official shall report the amount waived
7 or reduced to the trial judge and the trial judge shall order the remainder of the fee paid by a time payment method or such method
8 as the trial judge deems appropriate. The clerk of court or other appropriate official shall collect the application fee imposed by this
9 section and remit the proceeds to the Commission on Indigent Defense on a monthly basis. The monies must be deposited in an
10 interest-bearing account separate from the general fund and used only to provide for indigent defense services. The monies shall be
11 administered by the Commission on Indigent Defense. The clerk of court or other appropriate official shall maintain a record of all
12 persons applying for representation and the disposition of the application and shall provide this information to the Commission on
13 Indigent Defense on a monthly basis as well as reporting the amount of funds collected or waived.

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

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

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

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

28 **61.8.** (INDEF: Exemption for Pass Through Funding) The funds distributed by the Commission on Indigent Defense to the
29 Legal Services Corporation in accordance with Section 14-1-204 of the 1976 Code shall not be considered part of the commission's
30 budget for purposes of calculating budget reductions.

31 **61.9.** (INDEF: Reporting Requirement) Circuit Public Defenders shall provide, in a manner and form as the agency head
32 requires, information and data concerning caseloads, dispositions, and other information as required by the agency head or General
33 Assembly. The agency shall withhold payments and transfers to Circuit Public Defenders who are not in compliance with the agency
34 reporting requirements.

35 **61.10.** (INDEF: Donation Carry Forward) The Commission on Indigent Defense may accept donations for the publication of
36 "The South Carolina Juvenile Collateral Consequences Checklist." All revenue derived from donations received at the Commission

on Indigent Defense shall be retained, carried forward and expended according to agreement reached between the donor, or donors, and the Commission on Indigent Defense.

61.11. (INDEF: Capital Case Contract Attorneys) Funds appropriated from the Death Penalty Trial Fund may be used by the commission to retain, on a contractual basis, the service of attorneys qualified to provide representation in capital proceedings to include: capital trials, post-conviction relief actions, re-sentencing, appeals or any other capital litigation proceeding.

The commission shall establish all policies, procedures and contract provisions as it deems appropriate for the implementation of the system, including but not limited to the selection and compensation of contract awardees. The Commission may use these funds to retain, on a contractual basis, the services of other professionals to assist court appointed attorneys to provide effective representation in the above capital proceedings.

61.12. (INDEF: Optional Courts and Indigent Representation) If a municipality has or elects to have an optional municipal court system, it must provide adequate funds for representation of indigents. No public defender shall be appointed in any such court unless the municipality and the office of the circuit public defender have reached an agreement for indigent representation and no funds allocated to the commission shall be used to provide compensation for appointed counsel in municipal courts.

SECTION 62 - D100 - STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

62.1. (SLED: Special Account Carry Forward) Funds awarded to the State Law Enforcement Division by either court order or from donations or contributions shall be deposited in a special account with the State Treasurer, and shall be carried forward from year to year, and withdrawn from the Treasurer as needed to fulfill the purposes and conditions of the said order, donations or contributions, if specified, and if not specified, as may be directed by the Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division. Funds expended from the special account must be annually reported by October first to the Senate Finance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

62.2. (SLED: Computer/Communications Center Carry Forward) Revenue generated from the operation of the division's criminal justice computer/communications center and not expended during the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year.

62.3. (SLED: Agents Operations Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year, in Part IA, Section 62 of the section "Agents Operations" may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose in the current fiscal year.

62.4. (SLED: Match for Federal Grants Carry Forward) State appropriations to SLED that are required to provide match for federal grant programs in the prior fiscal year may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

62.5. (SLED: Clothing Allowance) The State Law Enforcement Division is hereby authorized to provide agents and criminalists with an annual clothing allowance (on a pro rata basis) not to exceed \$600 per agent/criminalist for required clothing used in the line of duty.

62.6. (SLED: Witness Fee) The State Law Enforcement Division is hereby authorized to charge a witness fee of \$130.00 per hour up to \$1,000 per day for each employee testifying in civil matters which do not involve the State as a part in interest. This fee

1 shall be charged in addition to any court prescribed payment due as compensation or reimbursement for judicial appearances and
2 deposited into a designated revenue account.

3 **62.7.** (SLED: Commissioned Officers' Physicals) The department is authorized to pay for the cost of physical examinations for
4 department personnel who are required to receive such physical examinations prior to receiving a law enforcement commission.

5 **62.8.** (SLED: Meals in Emergency Operations) The State Law Enforcement Division may provide meals to employees of SLED
6 who are not permitted to leave assigned duty stations and are required to work during deployment, emergency simulation exercises
7 and when the Governor declares a state of emergency.

8 **62.9.** (SLED: Hazardous Materials Security Detail) The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is authorized to be reimbursed
9 for security related law enforcement services provided to entities authorized to transport sensitive materials within the borders of
10 South Carolina. SLED shall determine all costs associated with security details and is authorized to coordinate the collection,
11 retention, and distribution to any assisting agency. SLED and each assisting agency shall expend any funds associated with
12 minimizing risks related to the transportation of these hazardous materials for the implementation of homeland security initiatives.

13 **62.10.** (SLED: Sex Offender Registry Fee) Each Sheriff is authorized to charge and collect an annual amount of one hundred
14 fifty dollars from each sex offender required to register by law. If such sex offender has been declared indigent by the Sheriff of the
15 county in which the offender must register and provides proof of the declaration at the time of registration, the fee will automatically
16 be waived. If an offender is not declared indigent and fails to pay the fee, he is officially declared unregistered. This fee shall be
17 divided between the Sheriffs and the State Law Enforcement Division with one hundred dollars of the fee retained by the Sheriffs
18 and the remaining fifty dollars remitted by the Sheriffs to SLED on a quarterly basis. These funds must be used to support the
19 Statewide Sex Offender Registry.

20 **62.11.** (SLED: Private Detective Fees Criminal History Checks) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to charge
21 private detective companies, individual private detectives, private security companies, armed security guards, and proprietary
22 security companies a fee of twenty-five dollars to process state criminal history checks and fifty dollars for federal fingerprint based
23 criminal history checks. These funds shall be collected, retained, expended and carried forward by the State Law Enforcement
24 Division.

25 **62.12.** (SLED: CWP Instructors Certification) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to charge one hundred dollars
26 for the issuance of a Certified Concealable Weapons Permit Instructor certificate, and one hundred dollars every three years for each
27 renewal. These funds shall be collected, retained, expended and carried forward by the State Law Enforcement Division.

28 **62.13.** (SLED: Expungement Requests) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to collect a twenty-five dollar
29 expungement fee for each request to expunge criminal records. These funds shall be used to offset the operational and research
30 expenses associated with processing these expungement requests. SLED is authorized to collect, retain, expend, and carry forward
31 these funds. Persons found not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction or where charges have been dismissed or nolle prossed
32 shall be excluded from the fee requirement.

33 **62.14.** (SLED: Retention of Funds Reimbursed by State or Federal Agencies) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to
34 collect, expend, retain, and carry forward all funds received from other state or federal agencies in the current fiscal year as
35 reimbursement of expenditures incurred in the current or prior fiscal year.

1 **62.15.** (SLED: Monies Associated with Illegal Gaming Devices) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to retain,
2 expend, and carry forward all monies associated with illegal gaming devices seized by the division, once orders of destruction and
3 awarding of these monies have been received from a court of competent jurisdiction.

4 **62.16.** (SLED: Private Detective/Security Fee) The license and registration fees set by the State Law Enforcement Division for
5 private detective businesses, private security businesses, including employees of these businesses, and companies which provide
6 private security on their own premises must not exceed those fees set by regulation as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise approved
7 by the General Assembly. From the funds collected from these fees, the State Law Enforcement Division must transfer \$480,000 to
8 the Department of Public Safety which shall be used for the purpose of providing security in the Capitol Complex area.

9 **62.17.** (SLED: Criminal Record Search Fees) The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to charge and collect a fee of
10 eight dollars for a criminal record search for local park and recreation volunteers through a commission, municipality, county, or the
11 South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Any organization that is authorized to receive the reduced fee must
12 not charge the volunteer, mentor, member, or employee more than the eight dollars or any additional fee that is not required by the
13 State Law Enforcement Division. All criminal record searches conducted under this provision must be for a volunteer, mentor,
14 member or employee performing in an official capacity of the organization and must not be resold.

15 **62.18.** (SLED: Compensatory Payment) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor, exempt employees of the
16 State Law Enforcement Division may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the
17 Chief, and providing funds are available.

18 **62.19.** (SLED: Meth Lab Clean Up Carry Forward) Any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year, in the
19 special line "Meth Lab Clean Up" may be carried forward and expended for agency law enforcement operations in the current fiscal
20 year.

21 **62.20.** (SLED: CWP Renewal and Replacement) A concealed weapons permit may not be suspended by a state official, agent, or
22 employee supported by state funds if the permit holder has initiated a renewal or replacement application and the processing and
23 issuance of a renewal or replacement permit is delayed for administrative reasons. A concealed weapons permit remains valid during
24 the pendency of the renewal or replacement process so long as the application for replacement renewal is submitted prior to the
25 expiration of the permit.

26 **62.21.** (SLED: Drug Lab Electronic Mandatory Reporting System) Of the funds appropriated for Meth Lab Clean Up, the State
27 Law Enforcement Division is authorized to expend such funds for the development and implementation of a statewide electronic
28 mandatory reporting system for municipal, county and state governmental entities to report information, as directed by the State Law
29 Enforcement Division, pertaining to the discovery or seizure of methamphetamine laboratories and dumpsites.

30 **62.22.** (SLED: Mandatory Meth Lab Reporting) If a municipal, county, or state governmental entity locates, finds, or seizes a
31 methamphetamine laboratory or dumpsite within the State, the governmental entity shall report the incident within three business
32 days to the State Law Enforcement Division.

33 The State Law Enforcement Division shall determine the reporting mechanism and is authorized to request, receive, catalogue,
34 classify, and maintain all information it determines necessary pertaining to the laboratory or dumpsite including, but not limited to,
35 the location, the type of manufacturing method used, and suspect information. The State Law Enforcement Division shall maintain

1 information related to these governmental reports on its website, which must be made available to the public, and is authorized to
2 use funds appropriated for Meth Lab Clean Up towards the prudent maintenance of information reported.

3 A governmental entity that fails to report information to the State Law Enforcement Division pursuant to this proviso is ineligible
4 to receive public safety grants that are funded through the South Carolina Public Safety Coordinating Council pursuant to Section
5 23-6-520(2) of the 1976 Code.

6 **62.23.** (SLED: First Responder PTSD Treatment) The funds appropriated to the State Law Enforcement Division for First
7 Responder PTSD Treatment shall be disbursed through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program to reimburse law
8 enforcement officers who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-
9 pocket expenses not covered through the workers' compensation claims and/or other insurance and can also be utilized to provide
10 services through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program. The State Law Enforcement Division shall promulgate
11 any administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
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13 **SECTION 63 - K050 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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15 **63.1.** (DPS: Special Events Traffic Control) The highway patrol must not charge any fee associated with special events for
16 maintaining traffic control and ensuring safety on South Carolina public roads and highways unless approved by the General
17 Assembly. Nothing shall prohibit the Treasury of the State from accepting voluntary payment of fees from private or public entities
18 to defray the actual expenses incurred for services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

19 **63.2.** (DPS: Retention of Private Detective Fees) The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to receive, expend,
20 retain, and carry forward all funds transmitted from SLED related to fees charged and collected by SLED from license and registration
21 fees for private detective businesses, private security businesses, including employees of these businesses, and companies which
22 provide private security on their own premises. The funds transferred are to be used in the Bureau of Protective Services Program
23 to provide security for state agencies and the Capitol Complex.

24 **63.3.** (DPS: Motor Carrier Advisory Committee) From the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the Department of Public
25 Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles, the departments are directed to jointly establish a Motor Carrier Advisory Committee
26 to solicit input from the Trucking Industry and other interested parties in developing policies and procedures for the regulation of
27 this industry. The members of the advisory committee shall serve without compensation.

28 **63.4.** (DPS: CMV Driver Rest Areas) A joint working group is to be established between the Department of Transportation,
29 Department of Public Safety, State Transport Police and the South Carolina Trucking Association to review and evaluate where
30 critical rest areas may be made available for commercial motor vehicle drivers to park and obtain their federally mandated required
31 rest.

32 **63.5.** (DPS: SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Scholarships) The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized
33 to accept donations from the public in order to provide scholarships to the children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of
34 duty. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Advisory Committee is authorized to set the criteria for awarding
35 such scholarships. All revenue received for this purpose shall be used to provide scholarships and shall be retained, carried forward,
36 and expended for the same purpose.

1 **63.6.** (DPS: Body Cameras) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to retain and carry forward unexpended funds
2 associated with body cameras from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and expend those funds for the same purpose.

3 **63.7.** (DPS: Overtime Pay) For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the department is authorized and required to pay current non-exempt law
4 enforcement officers by October 1st for any compensatory time earned and not used in the prior fiscal year. The funds for this
5 compensation must be provided from available personal services, appropriated overtime funding, and/or employer contributions
6 funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year. If the amount of carried forward funds is not sufficient to pay all the non-exempt
7 law enforcement officers accrued compensatory time, the department shall pay the officers on a percentage distribution based on the
8 hours owed per officer up to the total amount that the department has carried forward.

9 **63.8.** *(DPS: SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Donations) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to receive,*
10 *accept, and disburse funds and grants, including donations, contributions, funds, grants, or gifts from private individuals,*
11 *foundations, agencies, corporations, or the state or federal government, for the purpose of carrying out the programs and objectives*
12 *of the SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame. The SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame is authorized to expend, retain,*
13 *and carryforward unspent funds associated with the donation of funds for the same purposes into the current fiscal year.*

14 **63.9.** *(DPS: Local Law Enforcement Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for Local Law*
15 *Enforcement Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which shall develop a process for*
16 *awarding grants to entities for local law enforcement projects throughout the state. The process shall include the application*
17 *procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant program*
18 *shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be posted on the*
19 *department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five employees, selected*
20 *by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.*
21 *The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:*

22 *1. Alignment with the department's mission and goals;*

23 *2. Project summary and budget;*

24 *3. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;*

25 *4. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;*

26 *5. Demonstrated community support and need;*

27 *6. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;*

28 *The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of all*
29 *grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and Means,*
30 *the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2021.*

31 *Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the*
32 *application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976*
33 *Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds*
34 *back to the department.*

35 **63.10.** *(DPS: School Safety Program) Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers shall be*
36 *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 must apply for funding through the department. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that will serve as a full time school resource officer. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for equipment and training in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 per school resource officer. Quarterly, local law enforcement agencies will provide to the Department the number of full and part-time school resource officers hired by school district and by school. For the current fiscal year, any fund balance in the program shall be transferred from the South Carolina Department of Education to the Department of Public Safety by August 15. This balance must include any unexpended funds in the program from prior fiscal years.

SECTION 64 - N200 - LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL

64.1. (LETC: CJA-Federal, Other Flow Through Funds) In order to complete projects begun in a prior fiscal year, the Law Enforcement Training Council, Criminal Justice Academy is authorized to expend federal and earmarked funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures incurred in the prior fiscal year.

64.2. (LETC: CJA-Retention of Emergency Expenditure Refunds) The Law Enforcement Training Council, Criminal Justice Academy is authorized to collect, expend, retain, and carry forward all funds received from other state or federal agencies in the current fiscal year as reimbursement of expenditures incurred in the current or prior fiscal year when personnel and equipment are mobilized and expenses incurred due to an emergency.

SECTION 65 - N040 - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

65.1. (CORR: Canteen Operations) Revenue derived wholly from the canteen operations within the Department of Corrections on behalf of the inmate population, may be retained and expended by the department for the continuation of the operation of said canteens and the welfare of the inmate population or, at the discretion of the Director, used to supplement costs of operations. The canteen operation is to be treated as an enterprise fund within the Department of Corrections and is not to be subsidized by state appropriated funds.

65.2. (CORR: E.H. Cooper Trust Fund) Any unclaimed funds remaining in any inmate account, after appropriate and necessary steps are taken to determine and contact a rightful owner of such funds, shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund.

65.3. (CORR: Instructional Salaries) The certified instructional personnel of the Department of Corrections shall receive a percentage increase in their annual salary for the current fiscal year equal to the percentage allocated to the instructional personnel throughout the State.

1 **65.4.** (CORR: Funding Through State Criminal Assistance Program) All funds received by the State from the United States
2 Department of Justice, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, for care and custody of illegal aliens housed in the state correctional
3 facilities shall be retained by the South Carolina Department of Corrections to offset incurred expenses.

4 **65.5.** (CORR: Remedial Education Funding) A criminal offender committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections,
5 who has been evaluated to function at less than an eighth grade educational level, or less than the equivalent of an eighth grade
6 educational level, may be required by department officials to enroll and actively participate in academic education programs. Funds
7 appropriated to the Department of Corrections for educational programs shall be prioritized to assure such remedial services are
8 provided.

9 **65.6.** (CORR: Tire Retreading Program Restriction) The tire retreading program at the Lieber Correctional Institution shall be
10 limited to the marketing and sale of retreads to state governmental entities.

11 **65.7.** (CORR: Social Security Administration Funding) All funds received by the South Carolina Department of Corrections
12 from the Social Security Administration under Section 1611 (e)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, which provides payment for
13 information regarding incarcerated Social Security Insurance recipients, shall be retained by the South Carolina Department of
14 Corrections and credited to a fund entitled "Special Social Security" for the care and custody of inmates housed in the state
15 correctional facilities.

16 **65.8.** (CORR: Medical Expenses) The Department of Corrections shall be authorized to charge inmates a nominal fee for any
17 medical treatment or consultation provided at the request of or initiated by the inmate. A nominal co-pay shall be charged for
18 prescribed medications. Inmates shall not be charged for psychological or mental health visits.

19 **65.9.** (CORR: Prison Industry Funds) The Director of the Department of Corrections, at his discretion, is hereby authorized to
20 utilize prison industry funds for projects or services benefiting the general welfare of the inmate population or to supplement costs
21 of operations. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year to be used for the same
22 purpose.

23 **65.10.** (CORR: Reimbursement for Expenditures) The Department of Corrections may retain for general operating purposes any
24 reimbursement of funds for expenses incurred in a prior fiscal year.

25 **65.11.** (CORR: Sale of Real Property) Funds generated from the sale of real property owned by the Department of Corrections
26 shall be retained by the department to offset renovation and maintenance capital expenditures.

27 **65.12.** (CORR: Funds From Vehicle Cleaning) Monies generated by inmates engaged in the cleaning and waxing of private
28 vehicles, or any other adult work activity center, shall be placed in a special account and utilized for the welfare of the inmate
29 population.

30 **65.13.** (CORR: Release of Inmates) The Director of the Department of Corrections and other persons having charge of prisoners
31 who are required to serve a period of six months or more, may release all such prisoners, including prisoners to whom Section
32 24-13-150(A) of the 1976 Code applies, on the first day of the month in which their sentences expire, and if the first day of the month
33 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, such prisoners may be released on the last weekday prior to the first of the month
34 which is not a holiday.

35 **65.14.** (CORR: Western Union Funding) All funds received by the South Carolina Department of Corrections from the Western
36 Union Quick Collect Revenue Sharing Program or similar private sector entities, which provides payment for processing electronic

1 transfers into the E.H. Cooper Trust Fund, shall be retained by the South Carolina Department of Corrections and credited to a fund
2 entitled "Inmate Welfare Fund" to be expended for the benefit of the inmate population.

3 **65.15.** (CORR: Monitoring Fees) The Department of Corrections is authorized to charge an inmate who participates in community
4 programs a reasonable fee for the cost of supplying electronic and telephonic monitoring. The fees charged may not exceed the
5 actual cost of the monitoring.

6 **65.16.** (CORR: Inmate Insurance Policies) The Department of Corrections may collect and record private health insurance
7 information from incarcerated individuals. The department may file against any private insurance policy covering an inmate to
8 recoup any health care expenditures covered by the policy. Health care will be provided in accordance with law and standards
9 regardless of whether or not an inmate is covered by insurance.

10 **65.17.** (CORR: Work Release Transportation Fee) The South Carolina Department of Corrections is authorized to charge a \$4.00
11 per day transportation fee to participants in the work release program only when such transportation is provided by the department.
12 Monies collected shall be credited to the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and utilized solely to fund transportation of
13 work release participants and vehicle replacement for the work release program.

14 **65.18.** (CORR: Special Assignment Pay Level 2 & 3 Facilities) Funds appropriated for special assignment pay at the Department
15 of Corrections are for the purpose of addressing vacancies and turnover of staff by providing a pay differential for certain employees
16 assigned to institutions with a Level II or Level III security designation. The funds are to be used for special assignment pay only
17 and may not be transferred to any other program. If the employee leaves one of the qualifying job classes or leaves a Level II or
18 Level III institution for a non-Level II or non-Level III facility, they shall no longer be eligible for this special assignment pay. Only
19 employees in full-time equivalent positions are eligible for this special assignment pay.

20 The special assignment pay is not a part of the employee's base salary and is as determined by the Director of the Department of
21 Corrections at Level II and Level III institutions:

- 22 (1) Cadets;
- 23 (2) Correctional Officers, including Class Code JD-30 (Officer I and II positions);
- 24 (3) Corporals I and II;
- 25 (4) Sergeants and Lieutenants;
- 26 (5) Captains and Majors;
- 27 (6) Nursing Staff;
- 28 (7) Food Services Staff; and
- 29 (8) Warden.

30 **65.19.** (CORR: Quota Elimination) Pursuant to Section 24-3-60 of the 1976 Code, upon notification by the county, the
31 Department of Corrections shall accept newly sentenced inmates from each local jail and detention center.

32 For sentenced inmates who the county is willing to transport, the department may limit the acceptance at the Kirkland Correctional
33 Institution to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and at the Perry and Lieber Correctional
34 Institutions to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

35 By mutual agreement between the Department of Corrections and a local jail or detention center, the department may establish an
36 alternate admissions schedule for receiving inmates at the Reception and Evaluation Center.

1 At the time of transfer of the inmate to the department, the county shall provide the sentencing order, and if available copies of
2 medical screening records, booking reports, and other documents to assist the department in its intake processing. Counties that have
3 not completed medical screenings at the time of transfer shall not be required to do so.

4 In the event there are inadequate beds within the Reception and Evaluation Center, the Department of Corrections may create a
5 “jail” within the Kirkland Correctional Institution using one or more of the available 192-bed housing units to accept newly sentenced
6 state inmates who are awaiting R & E processing. The department may operate such “jail,” to the extent feasible, in accordance with
7 standards applicable to the local jails.

8 The department shall use the funds appropriated in this act for “Quota Elimination” to accomplish this initiative and to open a
9 96-bed unit at the MacDougall Correctional Institution and the 192-bed housing units at Kirkland Correctional Institution. The funds
10 may not be transferred to any other program or used for any other purpose.

11 **65.20.** (CORR: Public/Private Partnerships for Construction) Funds appropriated in Act 407 of 2006, item 23, shall be used to
12 construct as many multi-purpose buildings at Department of Corrections institutions as possible. For such facilities at Lieber,
13 McCormick, Leath, Perry, or Allendale Correctional Institution, at least \$150,000 in matching funds and/or construction materials
14 or services must be donated before construction of the facility may begin. At other Department of Corrections locations, the Director
15 may require that donated funds and/or materials or services equal one-half of the cost of construction, including design and
16 engineering costs.

17 **65.21.** (CORR: Inmate Barbering Program) Inmate barbers in the Inmate Barbering Program at the Department of Corrections,
18 shall not be subject to the licensing requirement of Section 40-7-30 of the 1976 Code.

19 **65.22.** (CORR: Executed Inmate Autopsy) For the current fiscal year, the autopsy requirements of Section 17-7-10 of the 1976
20 Code are suspended when an inmate is executed by the Department of Corrections pursuant to a valid order of the Supreme Court of
21 South Carolina.

22 **65.23.** (CORR: Recoupment of Expenses Associated with Inmate Cremation) If the Department of Corrections incurs expenses
23 for cremating and disposing of an unclaimed deceased inmate, the department may recoup all associated costs of cremation, including
24 transportation, through the deceased inmate’s E.H. Cooper account, providing funds are available.

25 **65.24.** (CORR: Credited Jail Time; DNA Sample Collection) Inmates committed to the Department of Corrections for sentences
26 greater than ninety days, but who have credit for jail time in excess of their sentence to incarceration are not required to be transported
27 to the Reception and Evaluation Center of the Department of Corrections. Cities and counties housing inmates who have credit for
28 jail time in excess of their sentence may, through written agreement with the Department of Corrections, transfer required
29 commitment records to the department electronically or by other means. The Department of Corrections must establish reasonable
30 documentation requirements to facilitate the implementation of this cost savings measure. Employees of the Department of
31 Probation, Parole and Pardon Services assigned to the court or employees of the Department of Corrections, as applicable, shall
32 obtain DNA samples from the offenders who are required to submit DNA samples. This provision does not exempt the above
33 referenced inmates from the \$250 DNA fee as required by Section 23-3-670 of the 1976 Code. The \$250 fee shall be collected in
34 the same manner as other fines and fees and submitted to the State Treasurer for remittance to SLED.

35 **65.25.** (CORR: Cell Phone Interdiction) The Director of the Department of Corrections is granted the right to add a surcharge to
36 all inmate pay phone calls to offset the cost of equipment and operations of cell phone interdiction measures. The surcharge will be

1 added to the cost per call, collected by chosen telephone vendor and paid to the department on a monthly basis. The department is
2 authorized to retain the funds to pay, either directly or through the State lease program, for equipment required to enact cell phone
3 interdiction or retrieval or for critical security needs. When the equipment has been paid in full, the surcharge amount will be
4 reviewed and adjusted to cover the cost of ongoing operational expenses of the interdiction equipment. Any unexpended balance
5 may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be used for the same purpose or for critical security
6 needs.

7 **65.26.** (CORR: Correctional Institution Maintenance and Construction) For maintenance and construction activities funded in the
8 current fiscal year, the Department of Corrections may utilize inmate labor to perform any portion of the work on its own grounds
9 and facilities. The provisions of Section 40-11-360(A)(9) of the 1976 Code shall apply to any such project, including new
10 construction.

11 **65.27.** (CORR: Meals in Emergency Operations) The Department of Corrections may provide meals to public employees who
12 are not permitted to leave their stations and are required to work during actual emergencies, emergency simulation exercises, or when
13 the Governor declares a state of emergency.

14 **65.28.** (CORR: Prohibition on Funding Certain Surgery) (A) The Department of Corrections is prohibited from using state funds
15 or state resources to provide a prisoner in the state prison system sexual reassignment surgery; however, if a person is taking hormonal
16 therapy at the time the person is committed to the Department of Corrections, the department shall continue to provide this therapy
17 to the person as long as medically necessary for the health of the person.

18 (B) As used in this provision:

19 (1) 'Hormonal therapy' means the use of hormones to stimulate the development or alteration of a person's sexual
20 characteristics in order to alter the person's physical appearance so that the person appears more like the opposite gender;

21 (2) 'Sexual reassignment surgery' means a surgical procedure to alter a person's physical appearance so that the person
22 appears more like the opposite gender.

23 **65.29.** (CORR: Video Bond Conferencing) In the current fiscal year, and from the funds appropriated to the Department of
24 Corrections, the video conferencing bond system shall be used for all bond hearings for inmates incarcerated at facilities with video
25 conferencing capabilities that are compatible with county video conferencing equipment, network, firewalls, etc. and charged with
26 criminal offenses that require a bond hearing. The Department of Corrections shall not be responsible for recording any of these
27 proceedings or for providing the counties with any equipment.

28 **65.30.** (CORR: Safety & Security) The Department of Corrections is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year the
29 funds reimbursed to the agency pursuant to Section 3 of Act 154 of 2020. The amount is not to be included or part of any other
30 authorized carry forward amount. Funds carried forward pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a separate and distinct
31 fund known as the "Department of Corrections Security and Maintenance Reserve Fund." The department may expend these
32 funds to meet the maintenance and security needs of the agency for critical repairs, deferred maintenance, renovations, security
33 upgrades, and equipment which are directly related to the safety and security of the public, officers, employees, and inmates. Prior
34 to the expenditure of these funds, the department shall develop a comprehensive security and maintenance plan which shall itemize
35 the permanent improvement projects and equipment purchases needed to maintain the safety and security of the state's prison
36 system. This plan shall be presented to the Governor and the Joint Bond Review Committee for its review and comment by

September 30, 2021. Subsequent to the Committee's review, the department shall be authorized to initiate the permanent improvement projects and equipment purchases included in the plan upon submitting the necessary documentation to the Executive Budget Office without further review by the Committee. Any deviations from the plan shall be subject to further review and comment by the Committee. The department shall provide a report to the Governor and Joint Bond Review Committee on its implementation of the comprehensive security and maintenance plan and its expenditures from the fund by September 30 of each fiscal year.

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

66.1. (DPPP: Sale of Equipment) All revenue generated by the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services from the sale of various equipment in excess of \$575, less the cost of disposition incurred by the Department of Administration, may be retained and carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the purpose of purchasing like items.

66.2. (DPPP: Interstate Compact Application Fee) The department may charge offenders an application fee set by the department, not to exceed the department's actual costs, to offenders applying for transfers out of or into the state under the Interstate Compact Act. The application fee shall be retained by the department to offset the cost of the Interstate Compact Act. All unexpended funds at year-end may be retained and carried forward by the department to be expended for the same purpose.

66.3. (DPPP: GED Learn and Earn Program) From the funds appropriated in Part IA, the department may enter into agreements with statewide colleges, technical colleges, and school districts for the purpose of providing GED and GED Prep education to offenders. Offenders of the department enrolled in the program must repay the department the cost of the course and materials within six months of obtaining their GED.

66.4. (DPPP: Sex Offender Monitoring Carry Forward) The Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services is authorized to carry forward any unexpended funds in the Sex Offender Monitoring program. These funds must be used for the sex offender monitoring program. For the purpose of calculating the amount of funds which may be carried forward by the department, Sex Offender Monitoring program funds carried forward by this provision shall be excluded from the calculation of the carry forward authorized by provision elsewhere in this act.

66.5. (DPPP: Offender Drug Testing Fee) The department may charge offenders a fee set by the department, not to exceed \$50, for the purpose of drug testing. If it is determined that the offender is indigent, this fee must be waived. The fee shall be retained by the department to offset the cost of drug testing. All unexpended funds at year-end may be retained and carried forward by the department to be expended for the same purpose.

66.6. (DPPP: Public Service Employment Set-Up Fee) In addition to any other fee, the department may charge an adult offender placed under the jurisdiction of the department, who is ordered to public service employment by the court, a twenty-five dollar Public Service Employment set-up fee. The fee must be retained by the department and applied to the department's supervision process.

1 **SECTION 67 - N120 - DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
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3 **67.1.** (DJJ: Meal Ticket Revenue) The revenue generated from sale of meal tickets by the Department of Juvenile Justice shall
4 be retained and carried forward into the current fiscal year by the agency and expended for the operation of the agency's cafeterias
5 and food service programs.

6 **67.2.** (DJJ: Interstate Compact Revenue) The revenue returned to the Interstate Compact Program shall be retained and carried
7 forward into the current fiscal year by the agency and expended for the operation of the program.

8 **67.3.** (DJJ: Children's Projects Revenue) Funds generated from the projects undertaken by children under the supervision of the
9 Department of Juvenile Justice may be retained by the department and utilized for the benefit of those children. Such funds may be
10 carried forward into the following fiscal year.

11 **67.4.** (DJJ: Instructional Salaries) The certified instructional personnel of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall receive a
12 percentage increase in their annual salary for the current fiscal year equal to the percentage allocated to the instructional personnel
13 throughout the State.

14 **67.5.** (DJJ: Reimbursements for Expenditures) The Department of Juvenile Justice may retain for general operating purposes
15 any reimbursement of funds for expenses incurred in a prior fiscal year.

16 **67.6.** (DJJ: Juvenile Arbitration/Community Advocacy Program) The amount appropriated and authorized in this section for the
17 Juvenile Arbitration Program shall be retained and expended by the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of providing
18 juvenile arbitration services through the sixteen Judicial Circuit Solicitors' offices in the state and used to fund necessary
19 administrative and personnel costs for the programs.

20 The Department of Juvenile Justice shall contract with Solicitors to administer the Juvenile Arbitration Program and disburse up
21 to \$60,000 per Judicial Circuit based on services rendered. The amount payable to Solicitors may vary based on consistent adherence
22 to established statewide program guidelines to assess program performance.

23 The \$250,000 appropriated for the Community Advocacy Program in the first Judicial Circuit, will be used to fund necessary
24 administrative and personnel costs for this status offender diversion program. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall monitor and
25 provide support to this program.

26 All unexpended funds may be retained and carried forward from the prior fiscal year to be used for the same purposes.

27 **67.7.** (DJJ: Sale of Real Property) After receiving approval from the Department of Administration or State Fiscal Accountability
28 Authority, for the sale of property, the department is authorized to retain revenues associated with the sale of department-owned real
29 property and may expend these funds on capital improvements reviewed by the Joint Bond Review Committee and approved by the
30 State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

31 **67.8.** (DJJ: Sale of Timber) The Department of Juvenile Justice is hereby authorized to sell mature trees and other timber suitable
32 for commercial purposes from lands owned by the department. Prior to such sales, the director shall consult with the State Forester
33 to determine economic and environmental feasibility and to obtain approval for such sales. Funds derived from timber sales shall be
34 retained and utilized for family support services after setting aside a reasonable amount, as determined by the State Forester, for
35 reforestation of the lands from which the trees and timber are sold.

1 **67.9.** (DJJ: Drug Free Workplace) The critical mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice requires a safe and drug free work
2 environment. In order to accomplish this, the department may conduct and pay for the cost of pre-employment drug testing and
3 random employee drug testing. The department is authorized to expend funds in order to provide or procure these services.

4 **67.10.** (DJJ: Definition of Juveniles) The Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized to place juveniles in marine and wilderness
5 programs or other community residence programs operated by nongovernmental entities. Juveniles receiving services in these
6 community residence programs must either be referred to such a program by the Family Court as a condition of probation, released
7 to such a program by the Board of Juvenile Parole, or voluntarily agree to be assigned and released to such a program by the
8 Department of Juvenile Justice.

9 **67.11.** (DJJ: Adult Education - GED) Juveniles committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice who have been enrolled in, but
10 not yet completed, a GED educational program while at the department, at the discretion of the local school district, upon release
11 from the department shall be allowed to enroll in either the juvenile's local school district's regular education program, in their
12 appropriate grade placement, or allowed to enroll in that district's or county's adult education program. If enrolled in an adult
13 education program, the juvenile's eligibility for taking the GED shall be based upon the regulations promulgated by the Department
14 of Education for youth who are confined in, or under the custody of, the Department of Juvenile Justice.

15 ~~**67.12.** (DJJ: Local District Effort) Upon commitment or confinement to a Department of Juvenile Justice facility, the school~~
16 ~~district in which that child resides shall pay an amount equivalent to the statewide average of the local base student cost (thirty~~
17 ~~percent), multiplied by the appropriate pupil weighting set forth in Section 59-20-40, for instructional services provided to~~
18 ~~out of district students to the Department of Juvenile Justice for the time period in which the child is committed or confined to a~~
19 ~~department facility. EFA funding for school districts is provided for a one hundred eighty day school year. The billing provided by~~
20 ~~the department shall be calculated by dividing the local base student cost by two hundred twenty five days to determine the daily~~
21 ~~rate. The department shall notify the school district in writing within forty five calendar days that a student from the nonresident~~
22 ~~district is receiving education services pursuant to this provision. The notice shall also contain the student's name, date of birth,~~
23 ~~disabling condition if available, and dates of service.~~

24 ~~—The invoice shall be paid within sixty days of billing, provided the department has provided a copy of the invoice to both the~~
25 ~~superintendent and the finance office of the school district being invoiced. Should the school district fail to pay the invoice within~~
26 ~~sixty days, the department can seek relief from the Department of Education. The Department of Education shall withhold EFA~~
27 ~~funding equal to the billing from the district refusing to pay and submit the funding (equal to the invoice) to the department. If~~
28 ~~adequate funding is not received, the department shall have the flexibility to use funds from other programmatic areas to maintain~~
29 ~~an appropriate level of service.~~

30 **67.13.** (DJJ: Early Release Authorization) In order to avoid unconstitutional levels of overcrowding and other unconstitutional
31 conditions from occurring in facilities operated by the department and in residential programs operated for the department, the
32 number of children housed in residential placements (either committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice or who
33 are under the department's supervision) shall not exceed the number of beds available to the department to house them. Should
34 appropriation reductions necessitate that the department close any additional facility, program, or housing unit it operates, or to be
35 unable to fund any additional residential program operated for its benefit, the department is authorized and empowered to release
36 from its residential placements sufficient numbers of children committed to its custody or supervision for a status offense, a

1 misdemeanor offense, other than Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Assault with Intent to Kill, or for violation
2 of probation/contempt of a status offense or a misdemeanor offense, other than Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature
3 and Assault with Intent to Kill, so that the number of children in its custody or under its supervision and placed in these residential
4 placements does not exceed the number of housing units/beds available to properly house those children. No child adjudicated
5 delinquent for a violent crime as defined in Section 16-1-60 of the 1976 Code, a felony offense as defined in Section 16-1-90 of the
6 1976 Code, or a sexual offense shall be released pursuant to this proviso.

7 **67.14.** (DJJ: Raise the Age) The department must use carry forward funds to implement Act 268 of 2016 by contracting in the
8 current fiscal year with local child-serving non-profit organizations and Judicial Circuit Solicitor's offices for community-based
9 diversion and intervention services. The department shall give preference to multi-agency and organizational collaborations that
10 include stakeholders from the Family Court, Department of Education, Public Defenders' Offices, the Department of Mental Health,
11 the Department of Social Services, and community based non-profits that utilize best practices.

12 13 **SECTION 70 - L360 - HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

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15 **70.1.** (HAC: Human Affairs Forum Carry Forward) All revenue derived from donations and registration fees received for
16 attendance at Human Affairs Forums shall be retained and carried forward and expended for the purpose of general operations of the
17 Human Affairs Commission.

18 **70.2.** (HAC: Training Revenue) All revenue derived from fees received from training and technical assistance provided by the
19 Human Affairs Commission to entities other than state agencies shall be retained, carried forward, and expended for the purpose of
20 general operations of the Human Affairs Commission.

21 **70.3.** (HAC: Revenue from Copying Fees) All revenue derived from providing requested copies of commission files, final
22 opinions, orders, and determinations shall be retained, carried forward, and expended for the purpose of general operations of the
23 Human Affairs Commission.

24 25 **SECTION 71 - L460 - COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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27 **71.1.** (CMA: Private Contributions and Sponsorship) Monies derived from private sources for agency research, forums, training,
28 and institutes may be retained and expended by the commission for the said purpose. Any remaining balance may be carried forward
29 and expended for the same purpose.

30 **71.2.** (CMA: Carry Forward Registration Fees) Revenue derived from registration fees received from training and institutes may
31 be retained and carried forward for the purpose of conducting future training and institutes.

32 **71.3.** (CMA: Carry Forward Grant Awards) Revenues pooled from public and private sources for the purpose of awarding grants
33 to address problems in the minority community may be retained and carried forward by the commission.

34 **71.4.** (CMA: Carry Forward Bingo Revenues) Bingo revenues received by the commission in the prior fiscal year pursuant to
35 Section 12-21-4200(3) of the 1976 Code which are not expended during that fiscal year may be carried forward to be expended in
36 the current fiscal year.

1 **71.5.** (CMA: Retention of Photocopy Fees) Revenue derived from photocopy fees and other fees related to Freedom of
 2 Information Act requests from the general public may be retained and carried forward by the Commission.

3 **71.6.** (CMA: Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification) For the current fiscal year, the Division
 4 of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification (the Division) and the funds appropriated to the Division pursuant to
 5 Part 1A of this Act are transferred to the Commission for Minority Affairs. The Division shall continue to perform its duties and
 6 responsibilities required in Article 21, Chapter 35, Title 11 including, but not limited to, assisting the Department of Revenue in
 7 providing income tax credits for firms with state contracts that subcontract with minority firms pursuant to Section 11-35-5230(B).
 8 In addition to the authorized appropriations for the Division, the employees and the assets and liabilities of the Division are also
 9 transferred to and become part of the Commission for Minority Affairs for the current fiscal year. All classified or unclassified
 10 personnel transferred by this proviso are to become employees of the Commission for Minority Affairs with the same compensation,
 11 classification, and grade level, as applicable for the duration that this proviso remains in effect. Applicable regulations promulgated
 12 by or related to the Division are continued and are considered to be promulgated by the Commission for Minority Affairs. Applicable
 13 contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Division are continued and are considered to be devolved upon the Commission for
 14 Minority Affairs at the time of the transfer.

15 16 **SECTION 73 - R060 - OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF**

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18 **73.1.** (ORS: Transportation Fee Refund) The Transportation Department of the Office of Regulatory Staff is hereby authorized
 19 to make refunds of fees which were erroneously collected.

20 **73.2.** (ORS: Assessment Certification) Office of Regulatory Staff shall certify to the Department of Revenue the amounts to be
 21 assessed to cover appropriations in this section as follows: (1) the amount applicable to the assessment on public utility, telephone
 22 utility, radio common carrier and electric utility companies as provided for by Section 58-4-60, Code of Laws of 1976, (2) the amount
 23 to be assessed against gas utility companies as provided for in Section 58-5-940, Code of Laws of 1976, (3) the amount to be assessed
 24 against electric light and power companies as provided for in Sections 58-4-60 and 58-27-50, Code of Laws of 1976, and (4) the
 25 amount to be covered by revenue from motor transport fees as provided for by Section 58-23-630, and other fees as set forth in
 26 Section 58-4-60, Code of Laws of 1976. The amount to be assessed against railroad companies shall consist of all expenses related
 27 to the operations of the Railway subprogram of the Agency's Transportation Division, to include the related distribution of salary
 28 increments and employer contributions not reflected in the related subprogram of this act as set forth in Section 58-4-60, Code of
 29 Laws of 1976.

30 **73.3.** (ORS: Assessment Adjustments) If the Office of Regulatory Staff determines that a person or entity subject to Title 58 of
 31 the 1976 Code has been assessed an amount greater than that authorized by Sections 58-4-60, 58-3-100 and 58-3-540, the Office of
 32 Regulatory Staff shall, at its discretion:

- 33 (a) refund the person or entity the amount of over collection using funds from the current fiscal year;
- 34 (b) refund the person or entity the amount of over collection using any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year;
- 35 (c) credit the amount the person or entity will be assessed in the next fiscal year for the amount of over collection; or
- 36 (d) any combination of these.

1 The Office of Regulatory Staff, when determining the amount to be assessed in the next fiscal year, may take into consideration
2 any underpayment or overpayment by a person or entity during a given year. Any unexpended funds from revenue generated pursuant
3 to this section may be retained and carried forward and expended for the same purposes.

4 **73.4.** (ORS: SSEB Annual Dues) The annual dues of the Southern States Energy Board shall be paid from the Radioactive Waste
5 Operating Fund.

6 **73.5.** (ORS: Energy Efficient Manufactured Homes) The Energy Efficient Manufactured Homes Incentive Program shall be
7 extended into the current fiscal year and the Office of Regulatory Staff Energy Office shall administer the program, including
8 incentives for qualifying taxpayers, in the same manner as it was administered in the prior fiscal year.

9 **73.6.** (ORS: Broadband Infrastructure Program) Funds appropriated to the Office of Regulatory Staff for broadband
10 infrastructure shall be used to continue to fund the Broadband Infrastructure Program as structured in Act 154 of 2020. Expansion
11 of broadband infrastructure will emphasize services to rural communities and communities with a lack of access to broadband
12 service. ORS shall prioritize infrastructure expansion to make high-speed broadband available to homes, businesses, schools, health
13 care facilities, and other institutions in unserved areas across South Carolina.

14 15 **SECTION 74 - R080 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

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17 **74.1.** (WCC: Educational Seminar Revenue) All revenue earned from educational seminars shall be retained by the agency to
18 be used for the printing of educational materials and other expenses related to conducting the seminar.

19 **74.2.** (WCC: Retention of Filing Fees) The Workers' Compensation Commission is authorized to retain and expend all revenues
20 received as a result of a \$50.00 filing fee for each requested hearing, settlement, or motion. If it is determined that the individual is
21 indigent, this filing fee must be waived.

22 23 **SECTION 75 - R120 - STATE ACCIDENT FUND**

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25 **75.1.** (SAF: Educational Seminar Revenue) The State Accident Fund is authorized to set and collect fees for educational
26 seminars. All revenue earned from educational seminars shall be retained by the agency and used for supplies, materials, and other
27 expenses relating to the seminars.

28 **75.2.** (SAF: Military Disability) (A) From the funds credited to the State Accident Fund in the current fiscal year, there is
29 established within the State Accident Fund a military disability program that provides a settlement for any such member of the
30 National Guard that became permanently disabled while serving during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015. The
31 settlement must be based upon that which persons under similar circumstances in the military service of the United States receive
32 from the United States. The director may seek assistance in establishing the program from the Adjutant General or any other agency
33 or entity with such expertise.

34 (B) A National Guard member may only participate in this program if the member permanently waives any right to claim benefits
35 pursuant to Section 25-1-100 and releases the State from any potential liability pursuant to Section 25-1-100, and further agrees that
36 any amounts due under this proviso are subject to appropriate offsets to avoid compensation in excess of what the member would

1 have received from the federal government if permanently disabled while performing federally paid duty. Offsets include benefits
2 received, or to be received, under Title 42 of the 1976 Code as a result of these injuries (State Workers' Compensation), benefits
3 received, or to be received, pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the 1976 Code (SC National Guard Retirement System), as well as
4 any benefits received, or to be received, from the federal government such as severance pay, military retirement pay, or VA benefits
5 relating to the same disabilities at issue in the State military disability claim.

6 (C) From the funds credited and authorized to the State Accident Fund in the current fiscal year, the director of the State Accident
7 Fund is authorized to offer a onetime lump sum settlement to members of the military disability program, subject to eligibility and
8 the other requirements set forth in the proviso.

10 SECTION 78 - R200 - DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

12 **78.1.** (INS: Examiners Travel/Subsistence Reimbursement) Notwithstanding the limitations in this act as to amounts payable or
13 reimbursable for lodging, meals, and travel, the Department of Insurance is authorized to reimburse department examiners in
14 accordance with guidelines established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners only when the State is reimbursed
15 by an insurance company for the travel and subsistence expenses of Insurance Department examiners pursuant to Section 38-13-10
16 of the 1976 Code.

17 **78.2.** (INS: Reimbursement Carry Forward) Reimbursements received for Data Processing Services, Revenue, Miscellaneous
18 Revenue and Sale of Listings and Labels shall be retained for use by the department. These funds may be carried forward in the
19 current fiscal year.

20 **78.3.** (INS: Fees for Licenses) The Department of Insurance shall be authorized to charge a twenty-five dollar initial producer
21 license fee; a twenty-five dollar biennial producer license renewal fee; and a two hundred-fifty dollar penalty fee for late appointment
22 renewals. The director shall specify the time and manner of payment of these fees. These fees shall be retained by the department
23 for the administration of Title 38.

24 **78.4.** *(INS: Insurance Fraud) The Department of Insurance shall be authorized to retain and use up to ten percent of fees and*
25 *finances it collects to fund the administration, investigation, prosecution and prevention of insurance fraud in the State of South*
26 *Carolina. These funds shall be used to combat and prosecute insurance fraud cases as set forth in Title 38, Chapter 55 and other*
27 *criminal statutes.*

29 SECTION 79 - R230 - BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

31 **79.1.** (FI: Supervisory Fees) The Board of Financial Institutions shall fix supervisory fees of banks, savings and loan associations
32 and credit unions on a scale which, together with fees collected by the Consumer Finance Division will fully cover the total funds
33 expended under this section.

SECTION 80 - R280 - DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

80.1. (CA: Consumer Protection Code Violations Revenue) Funds, paid to the department in resolution of cases involving violations of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code and other statutes enforced by the department be retained and expended within the agency's budget to help offset the costs of investigating, prosecuting, and the administrative costs associated with these violations, may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year.

80.2. (CA: Expert Witness/Assistance Carry Forward) Unexpended encumbered appropriated funds for the Consumer Advocacy expert witness/assistance program (under Section 37-6-603) may be carried forward into the next fiscal year to meet contractual obligations existing at June thirtieth and not paid by July thirty-first.

80.3. (CA: Registered Credit Grantor Notification and Maximum Rate Filing Fees Retention) The Department of Consumer Affairs may retain all filing fees collected under Chapters 2, 3 and 6, Title 37 of the 1976 Code. These fees shall be used to offset the cost of administering and enforcing Title 37 and may be applied to the cost of operations. Unexpended balances may be carried forward for the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be utilized for the same purposes.

80.4. (CA: Retention of Fees) For the current fiscal year, the department may retain all fees collected pursuant to Sections 39-61-80, 39-61-120, 40-39-120, and 44-79-80 of the 1976 Code. The funds retained shall be utilized to implement the requirements of the programs mandated by those sections of the code.

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

81.1. (LLR: Fire Marshal - Authorization to Charge Fees for Training) The Fire Academy may charge participants a fee to cover the cost of education, training programs, and operations. The revenue generated may be applied to the cost of operations, and any unexpended balance may be carried forward to the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purposes.

81.2. (LLR: Real Estate - Special Account) Revenue in the Real Estate Appraisal Registry account shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall carry forward each fiscal year for the designated purpose.

81.3. (LLR: POLA - Ten Percent, Other Funds) The Professional and Occupational Offices in Program II.F. Professional and Occupational Licensing must remit annually an amount equal to ten percent of the expenditures to the general fund. The Contractor's Licensing Board must remit all revenues above their expenditures to the general fund. The revenue remitted by the Contractor's Licensing Board to the general fund includes the ten percent.

81.4. (LLR: Fire Marshal Fallen Firefighters Memorial) The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Division of the State Fire Marshal is authorized to accept gifts or grants of services, properties, or monies from individuals or public and private organizations to honor South Carolina firefighters who have died in the line of duty. All excess monies collected to erect a memorial are to be placed in a fund for upkeep and maintenance. Any later contributions are to be used for upkeep and maintenance.

81.5. (LLR: Firefighter Mobilization Project) The department is directed to utilize \$165,000 of the funds derived under Section 2 of Act 1377 of 1968, as amended by Act 60 of 2001 from the tax of thirty-five one-hundredths percent imposed annually on the gross premium receipts less premiums returned on canceled policy contracts and less dividends and returns of unabsorbed premium deposits of all fire insurance companies doing business in the State to fund the Firefighter Mobilization Project.

1 **81.6.** (LLR: Match for Federal Funds) State appropriations to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation that are
2 required to provide match for federal grant programs in the prior fiscal year may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and
3 expended for the same purpose as originally appropriated.

4 **81.7.** (LLR: Flexibility) In order to provide maximum flexibility in absorbing the general fund reductions to the OSHA and
5 OSHA Voluntary Programs, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall be authorized to spend agency earmarked and
6 restricted accounts to maintain these critical programs previously funded with general fund appropriations. Any increase in spending
7 authorization for these purposes must receive the prior approval of the Executive Budget Office.

8 **81.8.** (LLR: Immigration Bill Funding Report) Prior to any funds carried forward from the prior fiscal year in Subfund 3135
9 being transferred to fund any other purpose, \$250,000 must be retained by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to
10 fund the department's responsibilities under the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act. The department shall compile an
11 accountability report outlining expenditures of the Immigration Bill funding to be issued to the President of the Senate, the Chairman
12 of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Natural Resources and Economic Development Subcommittee,
13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the
14 House Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee. Said report must be issued on the first Tuesday of February
15 in the current fiscal year.

16 **81.9.** (LLR: Authorized Reimbursement) The Director of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation cannot authorize
17 reimbursement under Section 40-1-50(A) of the 1976 Code to members of any board listed in Section 40-1-40(B) for meetings held
18 at any location other than the offices of the department unless there has been a determination that the department is unable to provide
19 space for the meeting in a state-owned or leased facility in Richland or Lexington County.

20 **81.10.** (LLR: Illegal Immigration Hotline Assistance) Upon the request of the Commission on Minority Affairs, the Department
21 of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide assistance to establish and maintain a twenty-four hour toll free telephone number
22 and electronic website to receive, record, collect, and report allegations of violations of federal immigration laws or related provisions
23 of South Carolina law by any non-United States citizen or immigrant, and allegations of violations of any federal immigration
24 laws or related provisions in South Carolina law against any non-United States citizen or immigrant.

25 Such violations shall include, but are not limited to, E-Verify or other federal work authorization program violations, violations of
26 Chapter 83, Title 40 of the 1976 Code relating to immigration assistance services, or any regulations enacted governing the operation
27 of immigration assistance services, false or fraudulent statements made or documents filed in relation to an immigration matter, as
28 defined by Section 40-83-20, violation of human trafficking laws, as defined in Section 16-3-930, landlord tenant law violations, or
29 violations of any law pertaining to the provision or receipt of public assistance benefits or public services.

30 **81.11.** (LLR: Board of Pharmacy) The Board of Pharmacy must accept affidavits of practical experience from interns whose
31 practical experience internships occurred in this State. The affidavit must provide that the supervising pharmacist and the site of
32 experience is licensed and in good standing with the board and that the internship falls within the criteria for internships set by the
33 board. The affidavit must be accompanied by a ten dollar fee to cover administrative costs associated with compliance with this
34 proviso.

1 **81.12.** (LLR: Office of State Fire Marshal - Clothing) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation is authorized to
 2 purchase and issue clothing to the non-administrative staff of the Office of the State Fire Marshal that are field personnel working in
 3 a regulatory aspect and/or certified to be a resident state fire marshal.

4 **81.13.** (LLR: First Responder PTSD Treatment) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation,
 5 State Fire Marshall's Office for First Responder PTSD Treatment, the department shall distribute funds to the South Carolina
 6 Firefighter Assistance Support Team (FAST) to reimburse firefighters and emergency medical technicians who incur mental injury
 7 as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-pocket expenses not covered through worker's
 8 compensation claims and/or other insurance and can be utilized to provide services through the South Carolina Firefighter
 9 Assistance Support Team. The department shall promulgate any administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of
 10 this section.

11 **81.14.** (LLR: Local Fire Department Grants) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
 12 for Local Fire Department Grants, the director shall establish a committee comprised of commission employees which shall develop
 13 a process for awarding grants to entities for local fire department projects throughout the state. The process shall include the
 14 application procedure, selection process, and reporting process. By August 1, the application, procedure, and criteria for the grant
 15 program shall be posted on the department's website. In addition, all grant applications and supporting documentation shall be
 16 posted on the department's website within 30 days of receipt by the agency. The grants committee shall be comprised of five
 17 employees, selected by the director. The director shall make every effort to ensure diversity in the committee's composition.

18 The criteria for awarding the grants must include, but is not limited to:

- 19 1. Alignment with the department's mission and goals;
- 20 2. Project summary and budget;
- 21 3. Demonstrated ability to implement the initiative set forth in the application;
- 22 4. Identification of key measurable benchmarks that must show the initiative's success, community and economic impact;
- 23 5. Demonstrated community support and need;
- 24 6. Identification of other funding sources and ability to demonstrate initiative's sustainability after the state's investment;

25 The committee shall make its recommendations for awarding grants to the director who shall make the final determination of
 26 all grant awards. The department shall submit a report of the grants awarded to the Governor, the Chairman of House Ways and
 27 Means, the Chairman of Senate Finance and post on the department's website by June 30, 2021.

28 Grantees shall be required to participate in external evaluations as prescribed by the department and agreed upon in the
 29 application and awards process. Grantees shall also be required to comply with provisions included in Section 11-7-35 of the 1976
 30 Code and Section 117.21 of this act. Grantees who fail to comply with the provisions above shall be required to remit all grant funds
 31 back to the department.

32 **81.15.** (LLR: Compensatory Payments) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor or in the event of a situation
 33 requiring the use of mutual assistance under Section 25-1-450 of the 1976 Code, exempt employees of the SC Department of Labor,
 34 Licensing and Regulation's State Fire Division may be paid for actual hours worked, at the discretion of the Agency Director, and
 35 providing funds are available.

SECTION 82 - R400 - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

82.1. (DMV: Federal, Other Flow Through Funds) In order to complete projects begun in a prior fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to expend federal and earmarked funds in the current fiscal year for expenditures incurred in the prior fiscal year.

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 costs 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. Funds derived from these sources shall be retained by the department.

82.3. ~~(DMV: DPPA Compliance Audit)~~ (DMV: Driver's Privacy Protection Act DDPA Compliance Audit) The Department of Motor Vehicles may charge fees to defray the costs associated with auditing and enforcing compliance of all Federal or State statutes and regulations pertaining to personal information for customers receiving information disseminated by the Department as allowed by law. This provision does not pertain to state agencies. ~~The Comptroller General shall place the funds into a special restricted account to be used by the department.~~

82.4. (DMV: Underutilized Offices) The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to develop and implement a plan to reduce the hours of operation in underutilized DMV field offices; however the legislative delegation of the county in which the affected field office is located must be notified prior to implementation of the plan. In addition, the director shall review field offices which have a high volume of traffic to determine whether it would be beneficial to expand the hours of operation.

82.5. (DMV: Activities Allowed on Special Restricted Driver's License) In the current fiscal year, employing funds authorized or appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Section 82, Part IA of this act, the department must include employment, school, church-related or sponsored activities, and parentally approved sports activities in the categories for which it may waive or modify restrictions in the special restricted driver's license for certain minors. The licensee must provide the department a statement of the purpose of the waiver or modification of restrictions executed by the parents or legal guardian of the licensee and documents executed by church representatives and/or representatives of the sports entity for which the waiver is being requested.

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

82.7. ~~(DMV: Phoenix III Migration Pilot) In Fiscal Year 2020-21, the department shall be authorized to expend the remainder of the \$1,000,000 authorized in the prior fiscal year from any available other earmarked cash balances to conduct a proof of concept~~

1 pilot for Phoenix III development and data migration. Funds may be expended only upon review and approval of the Department of
2 Administration through the IT project governance process established by Proviso 117.113.

3 **82.8.** (DMV: Real ID) For Fiscal Year 2020-21, 2021-22 the Department of Motor Vehicles may expend any available
4 earmarked cash reserves, ~~with the exception of the funds designated for the Phoenix III pilot,~~ on the implementation of Real ID.

5 **82.9.** (DMV: Electronic Verification Processing Fees) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles is exempt
6 from paying fees to the Department of Health and Environmental Control associated with the use of the Electronic Verification of
7 Vital Events (EVVE) system to verify or certify birth certificates during the driver's license or identification card issuance process.

8 **82.10.** (DMV: ~~Minor~~ Identification Card Fees) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles may waive the ~~five~~
9 ~~dollar~~ fee associated with issuing an identification card ~~to someone less than 17 years old~~ if the card issuance is through an
10 established partnership with a state or federal agency.

11 **82.11.** *(DMV: Temporary License Plate Revenue Direction) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall*
12 *be authorized to retain the revenue collected from the sale of trackable temporary license plates. The funds shall be placed in the*
13 *department's Plate Replacement Fund and used solely for the purpose of plate production and reissuance costs.*

14 15 **SECTION 83 - R600 - DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**

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17 **83.1.** (DEW: Business Intelligence Division Program Contracts) All earmarked funds collected for the Business Intelligence
18 Division Program Contracts through the Department of Employment and Workforce may be retained by the agency to be used for
19 the exclusive purpose of operating these programs. All funds not expended in the prior fiscal year may be carried forward for use in
20 the current fiscal year.

21 **83.2.** (DEW: Federal and Earmarked Prior Year Payments) The Department of Employment and Workforce shall be allowed to
22 pay federal and earmarked prior year obligations with current year funds.

23 **83.3.** (DEW: Transparency of Funding Appropriation) In order to promote accountability and transparency, the Department of
24 Employment and Workforce must provide and release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of
25 taxes, fees and payments that were charged, collected and paid by that state agency in the prior fiscal year. For the purpose of
26 efficiency and conservation of resources, this report shall be incorporated into the Trust Fund Report due by October first as required
27 by Section 41-33-45 of the 1976 Code. In addition to the requirements of Section 41-33-45, the Trust Fund Report shall include, but
28 not be limited to: (1) SUTA taxes collected per Tier; (2) unemployment benefit claims paid; (3) how many unemployment claims
29 were made in error; (4) loan repayments made to the federal government; and (5) the amount of funds left in the agency's account at
30 the end of the fiscal year. The report must be posted online by October first of the current fiscal year. Additionally, the report must
31 be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by
32 October first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by the department shall be used to accomplish this directive.

33 **83.4.** (DEW: Negotiation of Interest) For the current fiscal year and upon final repayment of all Title XII advances from the
34 Federal Unemployment Account received by the state beginning in December of 2008, any interest assessment funds received by the
35 Department of Employment and Workforce Interest Assessment Fund pursuant to Section 41-33-810 of the 1976 Code shall be
36 transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

1 **83.5.** (DEW: UI Tax System Modernization) The Department of Employment and Workforce is authorized to expend up to
 2 ~~\$2,749,690~~ \$1,158,150 of funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.
 3 The funds must be used under the direction of the Department of Employment and Workforce, for the purpose of acquiring software,
 4 equipment, and necessary services to replace the agency's unemployment tax information system with a modern technology solution.
 5 No part of the funds herein authorized may be obligated after a two-year period beginning on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021. The amount obligated
 6 pursuant to this provision shall not at any time exceed the amount by which (a) the aggregate of amounts transferred to the accounts
 7 of the State pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act exceeds (b) the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration
 8 and paid out for administration and paid out for benefits and required by law to be charged against the amounts transferred to the
 9 account of this State.

10 **83.6.** (DEW: Employment Training Outcomes Data Sharing) The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (P.L.
 11 113-128), requires integration of training and employment data for the purposes of improving assessment of employment outcomes
 12 for the various training providers eligible to receive funding appropriated or authorized by this Act.

13 (A) The department must enter into a data-sharing agreement with eligible training providers (ETPs) prior to the ETP entering
 14 student data into the Palmetto Academic Training Hub (PATH). ETPs will submit data related to the types of training programs
 15 offered, individual student coursework, including personal identifying information (PII) to match training, employment data and
 16 performance outcomes, program completion and time to complete, and program costs, as outlined in federal guidance.

17 (B) State agencies needing data from the Department of Employment and Workforce must meet an exception permitting
 18 disclosure, pursuant to 20 C.F.R. Part 603. Prior to providing data to a state agency, the department must enter into a data sharing
 19 agreement with the requesting agency, as described in 20 C.F.R. Part 603. Requesting state agencies must identify a need in the
 20 administration of the official duties for department data, as required by 20 C.F.R. Part 603. The department shall charge state
 21 agencies, ~~excluding the Department of Commerce~~, for costs, as described in federal and state law, for the data sharing requests. ~~The~~
 22 ~~Department of Commerce shall not be charged for costs associated with this provision.~~

23 24 **SECTION 84 - U120 - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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26 **84.1.** (DOT: Expenditure Authority Limitation) The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to expend all cash
 27 balances brought forward from the previous year and all income including all federal funds, unexpended general funds and proceeds
 28 from bond sales accruing to the Department of Transportation, but in no case shall the expenditures of the Department of
 29 Transportation exceed the amount of cash balances brought forward from the preceding year plus the amount of all income including
 30 federal funds, general funds and proceeds from bond sales.

31 **84.2.** (DOT: Special Fund Authorization) The Department of Transportation with the approval of the State Treasurer, is hereby
 32 authorized to set up with the State Treasurer such special funds out of the Department of Transportation funds as may be deemed
 33 advisable for proper accounting purposes.

34 **84.3.** (DOT: Secure Bonds & Insurance) The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to secure bonds and insurance
 35 covering such activities of the department as may be deemed proper and advisable, due consideration being given to the security
 36 offered and the service of claims.

1 **84.4.** (DOT: Benefits) Employees of the Department of Transportation shall receive equal compensation increases, health
2 insurance benefits and employee bonuses provided in this act for employees of the State generally. The amount will be funded from
3 Department of Transportation funding sources.

4 **84.5.** (DOT: Document Fees) The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to establish an appropriate schedule of
5 fees to be charged for copies of records, lists, bidder's proposals, plans, maps, etc. based upon approximate actual costs and handling
6 costs of producing such copies, lists, bidder's proposals, plans, maps, etc.

7 **84.6.** (DOT: Meals in Emergency Operations) The Department of Transportation may provide meals to employees of the
8 department who are not permitted to leave assigned duty stations and are required to work during deployment, emergency simulation
9 exercises, and when the Governor declares a state of emergency.

10 **84.7.** (DOT: Rest Area Water Rates) For the current fiscal year, rest areas of the Department of Transportation shall be charged
11 in-district water rates by providers of water and sewer services, unless the rate currently charged by the provider is less than in-district
12 rates.

13 **84.8.** (DOT: Shop Road Farmers Market Bypass Carry Forward) Unexpended funds appropriated for the Shop Road Farmers
14 Market Bypass may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the matching requirement for the widening and
15 expansion of Leesburg Road from Fairmont to Wildcat Road (Lower Richland roads-Phase I).

16 **84.9.** (DOT: Project Priority List) From the funds appropriated to the department, the Department of Transportation Commission
17 project priority lists, as required under Act 114 of 2007, shall be published in a conspicuous place on the department's website in a
18 manner easily accessible to the public. The priority lists shall be accompanied by the associated engineering directives explaining
19 the ranking process and methodology for applying the commission approved criteria.

20 **84.10.** (DOT: General Fund Balance Carry Forward) The Department of Transportation may carry forward any unexpended
21 general fund balance from the prior fiscal year and expend those funds in the current fiscal year.

22 **84.11.** (DOT: Reimbursement for Vehicle Damage) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation, the
23 department must develop direct internet access from the department's home page to any document or claim form that may be used
24 by the public to seek reimbursement for vehicle damages caused by poor road conditions. The department must post a link to the
25 documents or claim forms on the department's home page in a prominent, easily viewed location.

26 **84.12.** (DOT: Preventative Maintenance Credit) The Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer a portion of proceeds
27 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
28 the preventive maintenance credit in Section 12-6-3780(B)(2).

29 **84.13.** (DOT: Emergency Meetings) The Department of Transportation Commission is authorized to use funds under this Act in
30 order to convene a meeting in cases of emergency as determined by the Secretary of Transportation when a natural disaster or other
31 dire situation requires immediate action. Notice shall be given to the press and the public as soon as a decision is made to convene
32 an emergency meeting. Only emergency matters may be considered in such a meeting. The meeting shall be open to the public, and
33 may be conducted over a conference call if necessary.

34 **84.14.** (DOT: CTC Donor Bonus) The Department of Transportation is authorized, in order to meet the requirements of Act 40
35 of 2017, to transfer a portion of the proceeds of the motor fuel user fee received from Section 12-28-310(D) of the 1976 Code to
36 satisfy the donor bonus for County Transportation Committees in Section 12-28-2740(H).

84.15. (DOT: Compensatory Time) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor or in the event of a situation requiring the use of the Secretary of Transportation's authorities under SC Code Section 57-5-1620, exempt employees of the Department of Transportation may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation, and providing funds are available.

84.16. (DOT: Non-Federal Aid Highway Fund) Funds deposited into the Non-Federal Aid Highway Fund established in Act 176 of 2005 may be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements to the existing transportation system.

SECTION 85 - U150 - INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD

85.1. (IBB: Board Meeting Coverage) Of the funds authorized for the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board, the Bank must provide live-streamed coverage of all Board meetings to ensure transparency and access for the public. The board meetings shall be recorded and archived and made available on the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank's website.

SECTION 86 - U200 - COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

86.1. (CTC: Increased Funding) The requirement of Section 13 of Act 40 of 2017 for increased funding to the County Transportation Committees shall come from the proceeds of Section 12-28-310(D), and shall be used exclusively for repairs, maintenance, and improvements to the state highway system.

SECTION 87 - U300 - DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS

87.1. (AERO: Reimbursement for Services Carry Forward) The Division of Aeronautics may retain and expend reimbursements derived from charges to other government agencies for service and supplies for operating purposes and that a reserve not to exceed \$300,000 may be carried forward to the current fiscal year for the replacement of time limit aircraft components.

87.2. (AERO: Office Space Rental) Revenue received from rental of Division of Aeronautics office space may be retained and expended to cover the cost of building operations.

87.3. (AERO: Funding Sequence) All General Aviation Airports will receive funding prior to the four air carrier airports (i.e. Columbia, Charleston, Greenville-Spartanburg, Myrtle Beach Jetport) as these qualify for special funding under the DOT/FAA appropriations based on enplanements in South Carolina.

87.4. (AERO: Hangar/Parking Facilities) The Division of Aeronautics will provide hangar/parking facilities for government owned and/or operated aircraft on a first come basis. Funds shall be retained by the division for the purpose of hangar and parking facility maintenance. The Hangar Fee Schedule shall be determined by the division and shall not exceed local average market rates.

Personnel from the agencies owning and/or operating aircraft will be responsible for ground movement of their aircraft.

87.5. (AERO: Aviation Grants) The funds appropriated for Aviation Grants, in this bill or any bill supplemental thereto, shall be credited to the State Aviation Fund within the Division of Aeronautics for the following purposes:

1 (1) to allow the maximization of grant funds available through the Federal Aviation Administration for capital improvement
2 projects;

3 (2) for maintenance projects of general aviation airports; and or

4 (3) for aviation education related programs including, but not limited to, educating young people about careers in the aviation
5 industry and/or the promotion of aviation in general.

6 Sponsors of publicly owned airports for public use are eligible to receive grants pursuant to this provision, but the airport must
7 have a current development plan that meets the planning requirements of the National Plan of Integrated Airports Systems.

8 The Aeronautics Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the grants program that, at a minimum, address: (1)
9 priorities among improvements qualifying for grants; (2) an airport selection process to ensure an equitable distribution of funds
10 among eligible airports; and (3) the criteria for distribution of funds among eligible airports.

11 Enabling airport sponsors to meet basic Federal Aviation Administration safety guidelines for obstruction clearance must be a
12 major factor in the priority guidelines established by the Aeronautics Commission pursuant to this provision. The Commission also
13 shall have discretion consistent with Section 55-5-170 of the 1976 Code to establish a program to grant Aviation Fund dollars for
14 these purposes at the ratio of eighty percent from the fund to twenty percent from the local airport sponsor, or any ratio with a smaller
15 relative contribution from the fund.

16 A report on the expenditure of these funds shall be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means
17 Committee.

18 Unspent funds from the prior fiscal year may be carried forward to the current fiscal year and spent for like purposes.

19 87.6. (AERO: Aircraft acquisition through the Department of Defense Surplus Equipment Program) The Division of Aeronautics
20 shall have the authority upon approval by the Aeronautics Commission to acquire aircraft for state service through the Department
21 of Defense Surplus Equipment Program without meeting the requirements set forth in Section 1-11-405 and as long as the aircraft
22 can be used to meet the typical mission requirements of the Division's operations. Prior to retaining ownership as allowed by the
23 1033 Program, the Division shall then follow the requirements established in Section 1-11-405.
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25 SECTION 88 - Y140 - STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

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27 **88.1.** (SPA: Charleston Cooper River Bridge Project) The State Ports Authority shall, from other general fund or operating fund
28 surplus available and any funds appropriated to the authority in prior fiscal years and left unexpended as of July 1, ~~2019~~ 2021, pay
29 to the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank one million dollars before June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022, to continue the Charleston Cooper
30 River Bridge Project.

31 **88.2.** (SPA: Georgetown Port Marketing) The State Ports Authority will continue its cargo diversification strategy which
32 enhances the marketing of all terminal capabilities in Charleston and Georgetown highlighting cruise, breakbulk, bulk, and roll
33 on/roll-off.

34 **88.3.** (SPA: Harbor Deepening Reserve Fund) The State Ports Authority shall maintain the Harbor Deepening Reserve Fund.
35 This fund shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund and interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. This fund
36 must be used exclusively by the South Carolina Ports Authority for the activities associated with deepening the state's harbors. Prior

to expending any amount from the fund, the State Ports Authority must present a comprehensive plan for the use of the fund for harbor deepening to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment. These funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and must be used for the same purpose.

88.4. (SPA: Georgetown Port Maintenance Dredging Fund) The State Ports Authority shall maintain the Georgetown Port Maintenance Dredging Fund and any funds appropriated in this act for this purpose shall be deposited into this account. This fund shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund and the Harbor Deepening Reserve Fund and interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. This fund must be used exclusively by the South Carolina Ports Authority for the activities associated with the maintenance dredging of the Port of Georgetown. Prior to expending any amount from the fund, the State Ports Authority must present a comprehensive plan for the use of the fund for maintenance dredging to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment. These funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and must be used for the same purpose.

~~**88.5.** (SPA: Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting) From funds specifically appropriated to the State Ports Authority (SPA) for the Jasper Ocean Terminal, not more than \$5,000,000 shall be spent on the purchase of real property as may be available for purchase through that certain Option Agreement by and between Sherwood Plantation, Inc., and Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance (SCRDA) dated September 20, 2017, as may be amended, so long as SCRDA secures the right to and assigns said Option Agreement to the SPA no later than September 30, 2019. In no event and under no circumstance shall the cost, expense, purchase price, payments, fees, or any associated charges for the acquisition of such property cause the SPA to expend more than the \$5,000,000 appropriated for this purpose. It is understood that this limitation shall result in less than the full acreage currently under option being purchased by the SPA.~~

~~—Should the Option Agreement be exercised by the SPA, then SPA shall take title and include in the deed language providing that such property purchased pursuant to the Option Agreement shall be transferred to Jasper County by operation of law in the event that upon the fifth anniversary of the closing on such property the property has not been sold, leased, or otherwise utilized for an economic development project that will utilize port facilities. The intent of such condition is to develop the property in a manner that highlights the necessity of the Jasper Ocean Terminal.~~

~~—Any funds appropriated to the (SPA) for the Jasper Ocean Terminal remaining after the exercise of and purchase of real property pursuant to the Option Agreement or in the event the SCRDA does not assign the Option Agreement by September 30, 2019, shall be utilized by the SPA to pay for activities approved and directed by the joint venture governing board and associated with advancing the Project during FY 2019-20. In connection with activities that are approved and directed by the joint venture, SPA shall comply with the directive of Section 54-3-115 of the South Carolina Code in regard to taking “all action necessary to expeditiously develop a port in Jasper County.” Activities undertaken during FY 2019-20 may include, but are not limited to, the following:~~

- ~~—1. working on a corporate governance model for the joint venture as an operating port;~~
- ~~—2. working on terminal simulation for design and operation;~~
- ~~—3. working on plans, studies, and modeling in conjunction with the respective South Carolina and Georgia Departments of Transportation and the metropolitan planning organization to identify and assess supporting road and rail infrastructure for the terminal footprint including, but not limited to, supporting infrastructure that may have independent utility;~~
- ~~—4. working on sedimentation modeling for impacts on construction and dredging;~~

1 — 5. taking actions in furtherance of obtaining: (a) a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and
 2 Harbors Act; (b) a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, to prepare a Channel Modification Feasibility Study; and
 3 (c) studies necessary in connection with developing an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project; and

4 — 6. discharging its obligations pursuant to its Joint Venture Agreement with the Georgia Ports Authority.

5 — The funds appropriated to SPA for the Jasper Ocean Terminal Permitting may not be used for reimbursement of SPA expenditures
 6 made in a prior fiscal year and must be used only for one or more of the purposes set forth above.

7 — SPA shall provide a detailed report in writing to the members of the South Carolina General Assembly on or before the first day
 8 of the 2020 legislative session and another such report on or before June 30, 2020, describing the progress made as of the dates of
 9 those reports in regard to the Jasper Ocean Terminal, such to include a description of the ongoing and planned work.

10 — ~~88.6.~~ (SPA: Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Facility Infrastructure Fund) There is created within the State Ports Authority the Jasper
 11 Ocean Terminal Port Facility Infrastructure Fund. The State Ports Authority shall maintain the Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Facility
 12 Infrastructure Fund and any funds appropriated in this act for this purpose shall be deposited into this account. This fund shall be
 13 separate and distinct from the General Fund and interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. This fund must be used
 14 exclusively by the State Ports Authority for activities associated with the development of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Port facility and
 15 infrastructure necessary to support the facility. These funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal
 16 year and must be used for the same purpose.

17 88.7. (SPA: Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Facility Infrastructure Fund) There is created within the State Ports Authority the
 18 Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Facility Infrastructure Fund. The State Ports Authority shall maintain the Jasper Ocean Terminal
 19 Port Facility Infrastructure Fund and any funds appropriated in this act for this purpose shall be deposited into this account. This
 20 fund shall be separate and distinct from the General Fund and interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. This fund must
 21 be used exclusively by the State Ports Authority for capital infrastructure expenditures supporting the development of the Jasper
 22 Ocean Terminal Port facility, including, but not limited to, roads, utilities, dredge disposal areas, and acquisition of property and
 23 property rights (such as easements, rights-of-way, and licenses). Absent written consent from the Governor, Chairman of Senate
 24 Finance, and Chairman of Ways and Means, the State Ports Authority may not expend or commit an amount from this
 25 Infrastructure Fund that exceeds the amount of appropriated or designated funds by the State of Georgia, Georgia Ports Authority,
 26 or similarly situated governmental obligation from the State of Georgia committed to the infrastructure development of the Jasper
 27 Ocean Terminal Port facility and supporting infrastructure. These funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the
 28 current fiscal year and must be used for the same purpose.

30 SECTION 91 - A990 - LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

31
 32 **91.1.** (LEG: Legislative Employee Designations) The positions included in this section designated (P) shall denote a permanent
 33 employee and the salary is an annual rate. The positions designated (T) shall denote a temporary employee and the salary is for a
 34 period of six months to be paid at that rate only while the General Assembly is in session. The positions designated as (Interim) shall
 35 denote a temporary employee and the salary is for a period of six months to be paid at that rate while the General Assembly is not in
 36 session. The positions designated (PTT) shall denote part-time temporary employees on a twelve-months basis. The positions

1 designated (PPT) shall denote permanent part-time employees retained for full-time work for a period of months or the duration of
2 the legislative session.

3 **91.2.** (LEG: Legislative Employee BPI/Merit) Legislative employees designated (P) or (PPT) shall receive base pay and average
4 merit pay in the same manner as such pay is granted to classified state employees, but for purposes of this paragraph, the term
5 “legislative employees” does not include employees of the House of Representatives. From the funds appropriated for Employee
6 Pay Increases, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall determine the amount necessary for compensation of
7 the employees of the House and Senate.

8 **91.3.** (LEG: Interim Expenses Allowance) The Chairman of the Standing House and Senate Committees shall each be allowed
9 the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars for expenses during the interim, between sessions of the General Assembly, to be paid from
10 the House or Senate approved accounts, with each body paying the expense allowance of the chairman in its membership. The
11 Speaker of the House is authorized to approve not more than six hundred and fifty dollars for expenses during the interim for
12 Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the House.

13 **91.4.** (LEG: Subsistence/Travel Regulations) (A) Members of the General Assembly shall receive subsistence for each
14 legislative day that the respective body is in session and in any other instance in which a member is allowed subsistence expense.
15 No member of the General Assembly except those present are eligible for subsistence on that day. Legislative day is defined as those
16 days commencing on the regular annual convening day of the General Assembly and continuing through the day of adjournment sine
17 die, excluding Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

18 (B) Standing Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives are authorized to continue work during the interim;
19 however, House members must receive advanced approval by the Speaker of the House and Senate members must receive advanced
20 approval by the President of the Senate or Standing Committee Chairman to meet. If such advanced approval is not received, the
21 members of the General Assembly shall not be paid the per diem authorized in this provision. When certified by the Speaker of the
22 House, President of the Senate, or Standing Committee Chairman, the members serving on such committees shall receive a
23 subsistence and mileage at the rate provided for by law, and the regular per diem established in this act for members of boards,
24 commissions, and committees while attending scheduled meetings. Members may elect to receive actual expenses incurred for
25 lodging and meals in lieu of the allowable subsistence expense. The funds for allowances specified in this proviso shall be paid to
26 the members of the Senate or House of Representatives from the Approved Accounts of the respective body except as otherwise may
27 be provided.

28 (C) Joint Study Committees created pursuant to Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly are authorized to continue work
29 during the interim to secure such information and complete such investigations as may be assigned to the respective committees;
30 however, House members must receive advanced approval by the Speaker of the House and Senate members must receive advanced
31 approval by the President of the Senate or Standing Committee Chairman to meet. If such advanced approval is not received, the
32 House and Senate members of the Joint Study Committee shall not be paid the per diem authorized in this provision. When certified
33 by the appropriate authority, the members appointed to such committees shall receive a subsistence and mileage at the rate provided
34 for by law, and the regular per diem established in this act for members of boards, commissions, and committees while attending
35 scheduled meetings. Members may elect to receive actual expenses incurred for lodging and meals in lieu of the allowable
36 subsistence expense. The allowances specified in this proviso shall be paid from funds appropriated to the respective committees

1 for such purposes, or from Approved Accounts of the respective body of the General Assembly if no funds have been appropriated
2 to such a committee for these purposes.

3 (D) Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives when traveling on official State business shall be allowed a
4 subsistence and transportation expenses as provided for by law, and the regular per diem established in this act for members of
5 boards, commissions, and committees upon approval of the appropriate chairman. When traveling on official business of the Senate
6 or the House of Representatives not directly associated with a committee of the General Assembly, members shall be paid the same
7 allowance upon approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In either instance, the
8 members may elect to receive actual expenses incurred for lodging and meals in lieu of the allowable subsistence expense. The funds
9 for the allowances specified in this proviso shall be paid from the Approved Accounts of the Senate or the House of Representatives
10 or from the appropriate account of the agency, board, commission, task force or committee upon which the member serves.

11 (E) Members of the House of Representatives shall not be reimbursed for per diem, subsistence, or travel in connection with any
12 function held outside of the regular session of the General Assembly unless prior approval has been received from the Speaker of the
13 House.

14 (F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, subsistence and mileage reimbursement for members of the General Assembly
15 shall be the level authorized by the Internal Revenue Service for the Columbia area. Provided, in calculating the subsistence
16 reimbursement for members of the General Assembly the reimbursement rate for the lodging component shall be the average daily
17 rate for hotels in the Columbia Downtown area as defined by the Columbia Metro Convention and Visitor's Bureau for the preceding
18 fiscal year.

19 **91.5.** (LEG: Senate Voucher Approval) All payroll vouchers, disbursement vouchers, and interdepartmental transfers of the
20 Senate shall only require the approval of the Clerk of the Senate.

21 **91.6.** (LEG: Supplies Approval) All supplies for the Senate shall be purchased only upon the authority of the Clerk of the Senate
22 and all supplies for the House of Representatives shall be purchased only upon the authority of the Clerk of the House.

23 **91.7.** (LEG: House Pages) Up to one hundred forty-four Pages may be appointed pursuant to House policies and procedures and
24 they shall be available for any necessary service to the House of Representatives.

25 **91.8.** (LEG: Senate Research Personnel Compensation) Senate Research personnel other than Directors of Research and the
26 committee research staff shall be paid from funds appropriated for Senate Research at the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

27 **91.9.** (LEG: Contract for Services) The Standing Committees of the Senate may, upon approval of the President of the Senate,
28 contract with state agencies and other entities for such projects, programs, and services as may be necessary to the work of the
29 respective committees. Any such projects, programs, or services shall be paid from funds appropriated for contractual services.

30 **91.10.** (LEG: Jt. Leg. Committee Operational Authorization) Only the Joint Legislative Committees for which funding is provided
31 herein are authorized to continue operating during the current fiscal year under the same laws, resolutions, rules or regulations which
32 provided for their operations during the prior fiscal year.

33 **91.11.** (LEG: Legislative Carry Forward) In addition to the funds appropriated in this section, the funds appropriated under Part
34 IA, Sections 91A, 91B, 91C, 91D, and 91E for the prior fiscal year which are not expended during that fiscal year may be carried
35 forward to be expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year.

1 **91.12.** (LEG: Senate Expenditures/O&M Committee) Notwithstanding any limitation or other provisions of law to the contrary,
2 funds expended by the Senate for salary adjustments, professional fees and dues, and necessary expenses, supplies, and equipment
3 for Senate employees, must be paid from funds appropriated to the Senate Operations and Management Committee and funds
4 available in approved accounts of the Senate, and shall be authorized and allocated in such manner as determined by the Senate
5 Operations and Management Committee. From the funds annually allocated to each Senator and Representative for postage and
6 telephone, \$250 may be used to purchase American and State flags.

7 **91.13.** (LEG: In-District Compensation) All members of the General Assembly shall receive an in-district compensation of \$1,000
8 per month.

9 **91.14.** (LEG: Additional House Support Personnel) The House Operations and Management Committee shall determine
10 procedures and policies for the administration and operation of the Legislative Aide program and the House Operations and
11 Management Committee shall manage the program. Appropriations to the House of Representatives in Part IA shall fund the
12 program.

13 **91.15.** (LEG: House Postage) The Speaker of the House is authorized to approve no more than \$1,200 per member per fiscal year
14 for postage.

15 **91.16.** (LEG: Legislative Dual Employment) Each committee and joint legislative committee provide a list to the members of the
16 General Assembly of all employees who hold dual positions of state employment.

17 **91.17.** (LEG: Code of Law Reimbursement) The Legislative Council may require reimbursement from public sector recipients
18 except for the General Assembly of its cost of acquiring codes of law, supplements, or replacement volumes distributed to them.

19 **91.18.** (LEG: Statewide Acts Availability) From the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 91D of this act, for the current fiscal
20 year the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate are to make all statewide Acts available to the public electronically.
21 The provisions of this section are in lieu of the House and Senate Clerks' duties related to the printing and mailing of acts as set forth
22 in Sections 2-13-190, 2-13-210, and 11-25-640 through 11-25-680 of the 1976 Code.

23 **91.19.** (LEG: LAC Matching Federal Funds) The Legislative Audit Council is authorized to use funds appropriated in this act as
24 state matching funds for federal funds available for audits and reviews. The council is also authorized to charge state agencies for
25 federal funds, if available, for the costs associated with audits and reviews. Agencies shall remit the federal funds to the Legislative
26 Audit Council as reimbursement for the costs of audits and reviews.

27 **91.20.** (LEG: Other Funds Oversight Committee) There is created a joint committee of the Senate and of the House of
28 Representatives entitled the Other Funds Oversight Committee. The committee shall consist of eight members as follows: the
29 Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, or his designee; one member of the Senate Finance Committee appointed by the
30 Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; the Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, or his
31 designee; one member of the House Ways and Means Committee appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
32 Committee; the Senate Majority Leader, or his designee; the Senate Minority Leader, or his designee; the House Majority Leader, or
33 his designee; and the House Minority Leader, or his designee.

34 The committee shall review and examine the source of other funds in this State and recommend to the General Assembly the
35 appropriate policy for the receipt, appropriation, expenditure, and reporting of other funds. In making its determination, the
36 committee shall solicit and receive testimony from state agencies, departments, boards or commissions regarding the status of the

1 receipt of other funds, the conditions of receipt, the expenditure of other funds, and any relevant statistic or measurement. The
2 committee shall make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding any necessary action.

3 The Executive Budget Office must notify the committee of any request for an increase in interim budget authorization resulting
4 from other funds collections that is made by any state agency, department, board, or commission. The committee shall review each
5 request and recommend appropriate action.

6 Members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but are allowed the usual per diem and mileage as provided by law
7 for members of boards, commissions, and committees while on official business.

8 For purposes of the proviso, ‘other funds’ means any revenues received by an agency which are not federal funds and are not
9 general funds appropriated by the General Assembly in the appropriations act.

10 **91.21.** (LEG: DMV Audit Review) For the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 56-1-5(F) are suspended. Any savings
11 generated by not conducting the review shall be used to conduct audits required by Section 2-15-60 of the 1976 Code.

12 **91.22.** (LEG: Electronic Correspondence) For the current fiscal year, the House of Representatives may not expend any funds for
13 the printing or mailing of bills, summaries, committee agendas, etc. to committee members. The House of Representatives shall
14 send all relevant information concerning committee meetings to committee members via electronic means.

15 **91.23.** (LEG: Technology Panel) Of the funds appropriated in the Department of Education’s program VIII.D. for Technology
16 the K-12 Technology Initiative partnership shall provide a report to the House Education and Public Works Committee, the House
17 Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, describing the state’s efforts to
18 facilitate the cost effective provision of connectivity and internet bandwidth to schools and libraries on a statewide basis, regardless
19 of location, activities to assist schools and libraries in minimizing and detecting internet security threats, the development and
20 utilization of technological and online resources to support student development and achievement, the development and utilization
21 of curriculum and professional training to support the use of instructional technology in schools and libraries, and other educational
22 technology related activities engaged in by the partnership. Further, the report must detail information on the expenditure of the
23 K-12 Technology funds by each district as well as a list of the districts requesting flexibility in the use of those funds. The report
24 shall be submitted no later than June 1, ~~2020~~ 2021.

25 **91.24.** (LEG: Legislative Department Applicability) For purposes of this act and any other provision of law that would have any
26 effect on the expenditure of state revenue through the applicability of the particular provision or through compliance with a mandate
27 or requirement of the provision, the terms “state agency” or “agency” do not include any component of the Legislative Department
28 unless the provision of law specifically includes these entities and the inclusion only applies for purposes of the particular provision.

29 **91.25.** (LEG: Requested Information) The departments, bureaus, officers, commissions, institutions, and other agencies or
30 undertakings of the State, upon request, shall immediately furnish to President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives in such form as he may require, any information requested in relation to their respective affairs or activities.

32 **91.26.** (LEG: Lawsuit Intervention by Legislature) The President of the Senate, on behalf of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
33 House of Representatives, on behalf of the House of Representatives have an unconditional right to intervene on behalf of their
34 respective bodies in a state court action and may provide evidence or argument, written or oral, if a party to that court action
35 challenges:

- 36 (a) the constitutionality of a state statute;

- 1 (b) the validity of legislation; or
- 2 (c) any action of the Legislature.

3 In a federal court action that challenges the constitutionality of a state statute, the validity of legislation, or any action of the
4 Legislature, the Legislature may seek to intervene, to file an amicus brief, or to present argument in accordance with federal rules of
5 procedure.

6 Intervention by the Legislature pursuant to this provision does not limit the duty of the Attorney General to appear and prosecute
7 legal actions or defend state agencies, officers or employees as otherwise provided.

8 In any action in which the Legislature intervenes or participates, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall function
9 independently from each other in the representation of their respective clients.

10 The Attorney General shall notify the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of a claim that
11 challenges the constitutionality of a state statute, the validity of legislation, or any action of the Legislature.

12 13 **SECTION 92 - D210 - OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

14
15 **92.1.** (GOV: Governor's Office Budget) All other provisions of law notwithstanding, the Executive Control of State section and
16 Mansion and Grounds section shall be treated as a single budget section for the purpose of transfers and budget reconciliation.

17 **92.2.** (GOV: Mansion and Grounds Budget) The Governor's Office of Mansion and Grounds shall not exceed ten percent of its
18 quarterly allocation of funds so as to provide for agency operations on a uniform basis throughout the fiscal year.

19 **92.3.** (GOV: Mansion and Grounds Maintenance and Complex Facilities) Revenue collected from rental of Mansion Complex
20 facilities and grounds must be retained and expended by the Governor's Office, Mansion and Grounds to support its operations.
21 Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be utilized for the same purposes.

22 **92.4.** (GOV: Use of Funds Report) In order to ensure transparency and accountability, the Governor's Office of Executive
23 Control of State shall report quarterly to the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee on financial
24 transactions that have taken place between Executive Control of State and Mansion and Grounds. These transactions shall include,
25 but are not limited to, any transfer of funds or payments or reimbursements for services rendered. For each transfer, payment, or
26 reimbursement the report must specify the amount, the reason for, or circumstance that necessitated the transaction, and the source
27 of funds used. In the event federal or other funds were utilized, the source from which the revenue was generated must also be
28 included. The report must be submitted as soon after the end of each quarter as practicable.

29 30 **SECTION 93 - D500 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

31
32 **93.1.** (DOA: Developmental Disabilities Council) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Administration, Office of
33 Executive Policy and Programs, \$50,000 must be used as state match for the Developmental Disabilities Council federal grant. These
34 funds shall be excluded from the Department of Administration's base budget calculation of any across-the-board agency base
35 reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or General Assembly.

1 **93.2.** (DOA: State House Operation & Maintenance Account) Funds appropriated to the Department of Administration - for
2 ~~State House~~ Capitol Complex & Mansion Maintenance & Operations & Renovations must be set aside in a separate account for the
3 operation and maintenance of the ~~State House~~ Capitol Complex & Mansion. The department shall report annually to the State House
4 Committee on the amount expended from this fund *for the operation and maintenance of the State House*.

5 **93.3.** (DOA: Compensation - Reporting of Supplemental Salaries) No supplement shall be paid to an agency's employee unless
6 the agency head or designated official of the employing agency, or in the case of supplements paid to college and university
7 presidents, their board of trustees, has approved the conditions and amount of salary supplement. Any compensation, excluding
8 travel reimbursement, from an affiliated public charity, foundation, clinical faculty practice plan, or other public source or any
9 supplement from a private source to the salary appropriated for a state employee and fixed by the State must be reported by the
10 employing agency to the Department of Administration. The report must include the employee's base salary, amount of the
11 supplement, source of the supplement, and any condition of the supplement. The employing agency must report this information on
12 or before August thirty-first of each year and must include the total amount and source of the salary supplement received by the
13 employee during the preceding fiscal year (July first through June thirtieth). The Department of Administration shall formulate
14 policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the reporting provisions of this proviso. Copies of the reports shall be made
15 available to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, upon
16 request.

17 **93.4.** (DOA: Compensation Increase - Appropriated Funds Ratio) Appropriated funds may be used for compensation increases
18 for classified and unclassified employees and agency heads only in the same ratio that the employee's base salary is paid from
19 appropriated sources.

20 **93.5.** (DOA: Local Provider Health Insurance) The local health care providers of the Department of Disabilities and Special
21 Needs shall be awarded funding increases as prescribed for state agencies to cover the employer's share for the cost of providing
22 health and dental insurance to their employees.

23 **93.6.** (DOA: Military Service) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8-11-610 of the 1976 Code, a permanent full-time
24 state employee who serves on active duty as a result of an emergency or conflict declared by the President of the United States, and
25 performs such duty, may use up to forty-five days of accumulated annual leave and may use up to ninety days of accumulated sick
26 leave in a calendar year as if it were annual leave.

27 **93.7.** (DOA: First Responder Interoperability) The Department of Administration is directed to administer and coordinate First
28 Responder Interoperability operations for the statewide Palmetto 800 radio system to better coordinate public safety disaster
29 responses and communications. First Responder Interoperability administration and coordination shall be funded as provided in this
30 act. The cost-proportional funds shall be utilized for radio user fees of state agencies and public safety first responders (Fire, EMS
31 and Law Enforcement) that participate in the statewide Palmetto 800 radio system (Palmetto 800 participants). The Department of
32 Administration, in consultation with the State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Public Safety, and the State Emergency
33 Management Division, and a representative of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association, shall set a baseline number of radios used
34 by each Palmetto 800 participant based on the technical aspects of the Palmetto 800 radio system and the jurisdictional requirements
35 of the participant. If a Palmetto 800 participant reduces the baseline number of radios in use, the amount of funds allocated for the
36 participant's radio user fees shall be reduced in a proportional amount. The funds shall also be utilized to provide private county and

1 city radio systems with grant funds to be used for purchases of equipment that support interoperability with the statewide Palmetto
2 800 radio system and its users. Grant funds shall be allocated to private county and city radio systems based on the criteria used for
3 Palmetto 800 Participants and in amounts proportional to the amounts allocated to support the per-site radio user fees of Palmetto
4 800 participants. A matching share is required by a Palmetto 800 participant or by a private county or city radio system in order to
5 qualify for receipt of funds pursuant to this proviso. Each fiscal year the Department of Administration shall establish the level of
6 match required based upon funding provided by this act. These entities shall be required to furnish such documentation as may be
7 required by the department to verify that the matching funds requirement is met. Upon funding state agency and public safety first
8 responder user fees and private county and city equipment purchases, any remaining funds may be used to enhance and expand the
9 statewide Palmetto 800 radio system. All funds shall be held in a separate account established by the department for the purposes
10 set forth herein. Any unexpended portion of these funds may be carried forward and used for the same purpose. In the calculation
11 of any across-the-board budget reduction mandated by the Executive Budget Office or General Assembly, the amount appropriated
12 to the Department of Administration for First Responder Interoperability must be excluded from the department's base budget.

13 The Department of Administration shall provide a report on the status of the integration of the statewide Palmetto 800 radio system
14 which shall include, but not be limited to, a list of entities who are not integrated into the system as of the end of the immediately
15 preceding fiscal year and the reason why they are not integrated. The report shall be submitted by October first, of the current fiscal
16 year to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

17 **93.8.** (DOA: Sale of Surplus Real Property) Up to fifty percent of the proceeds, net of selling expenses, from the sale of surplus
18 real properties shall be retained by the Department of Administration and used for the deferred maintenance of state-owned buildings.
19 The remaining fifty percent of the net proceeds shall be returned to the agency that the property is owned by, under the control of, or
20 assigned to and shall be used by that agency for nonrecurring purposes. This provision applies to all state agencies and departments
21 except: institutions of higher learning; the Public Service Authority; the Ports Authority; the MUSC Hospital Authority; the Myrtle
22 Beach Air Force Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Transportation; the Columbia State Farmers Market; the Department
23 of Agriculture's Columbia Metrology Lab building and property; the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority; the
24 Department of Commerce's Division of Public Railways; the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Trident
25 Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Commissioners residence at the Department of Corrections and the Educational
26 Television Commission's Key Road property.

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

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

1 The Forestry Commission shall be authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of surplus land for use in firefighting
2 operations and replacement of firefighting equipment.

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

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

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

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

13 **93.9.** (DOA: Cyber Security) All state agencies must adopt and implement cyber security policies, guidelines and standards
14 developed by the Department of Administration. The department may conduct audits on state agencies except public institutions of
15 higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies as necessary to monitor compliance with
16 established cyber security policies, guidelines and standards. Upon request, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges,
17 political subdivisions, and quasi-governmental bodies shall submit sufficient evidence that their cyber security policies, guidelines
18 and standards meet or exceed those adopted and implemented by the department. In addition, while agencies retain the primary
19 responsibility and accountability for ensuring responses to breach incidents comply with federal and state laws, the department shall
20 be informed of all agency cyber security breaches, and is authorized to oversee incident responses in a manner determined by the
21 department to be the most prudent. Upon request of the Department of Administration for information or data, all agencies must
22 fully cooperate with and furnish the department with all documents, reports, assessments, and any other data and documentary
23 information needed by the department to perform its mission and to exercise its functions, powers and duties. The Judicial and
24 Legislative Branches are specifically exempt from the requirements set forth herein.

25 **93.10.** (DOA: Holidays) When a legal holiday specified in Section 53-5-10 of the 1976 Code falls on Sunday, the following
26 Monday and when a holiday specified in that section falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday next preceding is deemed a public
27 holiday for all of the purposes. If either the following Monday or the preceding Friday is also a legal holiday, then the State Human
28 Resources Director will designate the day upon which the legal holiday will be observed by state employees. To insure that no more
29 than the legal holidays specified in Section 53-5-10 are observed in the calendar year, a New Year's Day that falls on Saturday must
30 be observed on the following Monday. All bills of exchange, checks, and promissory notes which would otherwise be presentable
31 for acceptance or payment on a Monday or Friday observed as a holiday pursuant to this section are deemed presentable for
32 acceptance or payment on the secular or business day succeeding the holiday.

33 **93.11.** (DOA: Nuclear Advisory Council) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall reimburse the Department of Administration for
34 travel expenses associated with the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council from the SC Energy Office's radioactive waste funds.

1 **93.12.** (DOA: QECB Allocation) From the funds appropriated to the department, the director of the Department of Administration
 2 shall develop and implement a plan to utilize the state's remaining Qualified Energy Conservation Bond allocation to fund energy
 3 conservation projects on state-owned buildings and other eligible capital expenditures that benefit state agencies.

4 **93.13.** (DOA: Federal/Other Fund Authorization Adjustments) The Executive Budget Office is authorized to approve agency
 5 requests for federal and other fund authorization adjustments. Requests will be approved and reported by the Executive Budget
 6 Office pursuant to Chapter 65, Title 2, the "South Carolina Federal and Other Funds Oversight Act".
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8 **SECTION 94 - D250 - OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** 9

10 **94.1.** (OIG: Coordination with State Auditor) The State Inspector General will prepare an annual report to the Chairmen of the
 11 House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee and the Governor detailing all written referrals of fraud,
 12 waste, and abuse from the State Auditor and all corresponding actions taken by the State Inspector General.
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14 **SECTION 96 - E080 - OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE** 15

16 **96.1.** (SS: UCC Filing Fees) Revenues from the fees raised pursuant to Section 36-9-525(a), not to exceed ~~\$180,000~~ \$250,000,
 17 may be retained by the Secretary of State for purposes of UCC administration.

18 **96.2.** (SS: Charitable Funds Act Disclosure Violations) The Secretary of State shall refer to the Attorney General for
 19 investigation under Section 33-56-145 of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act any person who is alleged to have violated the
 20 mandatory disclosure requirements of Section 33-56-90 of the Act, and who has been fined \$10,000 or more for those violations.

21 **96.3.** (SS: Charitable Funds Act Misrepresentation Violations) The Secretary of State shall refer to the Attorney General for
 22 investigation under Section 33-56-145 of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act any person who is alleged to have violated the
 23 misrepresentation provisions of Section 33-56-120 of the Act, and who has been fined \$10,000 or more for those violations.

24 **96.4.** *(SS: Charity Fine Revenue) The Secretary of State may retain administrative fine revenue collected pursuant to SC Code*
 25 *Section 33-56-160 up to \$300,000 to offset the expenses of enforcing the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.*

26 **96.5.** *(SS: Boards & Commissions) Funds are appropriated to the Secretary of State's Office for the purpose of processing and*
 27 *maintaining appointments to local, municipal, county and statewide boards and commissions.*
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30 **SECTION 97 - E120 - OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL** 31

32 **97.1.** (CG: Signature Authorization) The Comptroller General is hereby authorized to designate certain employees to approve,
 33 in his stead, disbursement documents authorizing payment, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept such approved
 34 disbursement documents when notified by the Comptroller General. This provision shall in no way relieve the Comptroller General
 35 of responsibility.

1 **97.2.** (CG: GAAP Implementation & Refinement) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of South Carolina issue
 2 financial statements in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). To this end, the Comptroller General
 3 is directed, as the State Accounting Officer, to maintain an Enterprise Information System for State Government (SCEIS) that will
 4 result in proper authorization and control of agency expenditures, including payroll transactions, and in the preparation and issuance
 5 of the official financial reports for the State of South Carolina. Under the oversight of the General Assembly, the Comptroller
 6 General is given full power and authority to issue accounting policy directives to state agencies in order to comply with GAAP. The
 7 Comptroller General is also given full authority to conduct surveys, acquire consulting services, and implement new procedures
 8 required to implement fully changes required by GAAP.

9 **97.3.** (CG: Payroll Deduction Processing Fee) There shall be a fee for processing payroll deductions, not to exceed twenty-five
 10 cents, for insurance plans, credit unions, deferred compensation plans, benefit providers, and professional associations per deduction
 11 per pay day. This fee shall not be applied to charitable deductions. Vendors and other third parties receiving payroll deductions
 12 shall bear the entire cost of this fee, at no cost to state employees. The revenues generated from these fees and those provided for
 13 child support deductions in accordance with Section 63-17-1460(C), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, may be used
 14 to support the operations of the Office of Comptroller General and any unexpended balance may be carried forward from the
 15 prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purposes.

16 **97.4.** (CG: Unemployment Compensation Fund Administration) ~~The lesser of two percent or~~ \$200,000 of the fund balance of
 17 the Unemployment Compensation Fund shall be paid out annually to the Office of Comptroller General to be used by that agency to
 18 recover the costs of administering the fund. The Unemployment Compensation Fund is provided for in Section 41-31-820, South
 19 Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. Any unexpended balance may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year to the current
 20 fiscal year and used for the same purposes.

21 **97.5.** (CG: Purchasing Card Rebate Program) The Office of Comptroller General is authorized to retain the first \$100,000 of
 22 rebate associated with the Purchasing Card Program and \$200,000 of agency incentive rebates.

23 The funds retained may be used to support the operations of the Office of Comptroller General and any unexpended balance may
 24 be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and be utilized for the same purposes.
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26 **SECTION 98 - E160 - OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER**

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 28 **98.1.** (TREAS: Nat'l. Forest Fund - Local Govt. Compliance) In order to conform to federal requirements local governments
 29 receiving distributions of National Forest Fund revenues are required to report annually to the State Treasurer indicating compliance
 30 with authorized purposes.

31 **98.2.** (TREAS: STARS Approval) Decisions relating to the Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) and the
 32 South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) which involve the State Treasurer's Banking Operations and other functions
 33 of the State Treasurer's Office shall require the approval of the State Treasurer.

34 **98.3.** (TREAS: Investments) The State Treasurer may pool funds from accounts for investment purposes and may invest all
 35 monies in the same types of investments as set forth in Section 11-9-660.

1 **98.4.** (TREAS: Management Fees) The State Treasurer is authorized to charge a fee for the operating and management costs
2 associated with the Local Government Investment Pool, the Deferred Compensation Program, the Tuition Prepayment Program, and
3 the College Investment Program and is further authorized to retain and expend the fees to provide these services. The fees assessed
4 may not exceed the cost of the provision of such services.

5 **98.5.** (TREAS: Investment Management Fees) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the State Treasurer may charge a fee for the
6 operating and management costs associated with the investment management and support operations of various state funds and
7 programs, and further, may retain and expend the fees to provide these services. The fees assessed may not exceed the actual cost
8 of the provision of these services or the earnings on these investments.

9 **98.6.** (TREAS: Debt Management Cost Allocation) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the State Treasurer may charge actual
10 costs associated with the administration and management of the indebtedness of the State, its agencies and institutions, and further,
11 may retain and expend any amounts so allocated to provide these services. Costs associated with the original issuance of bonds and
12 other indebtedness must be assessed on an hourly basis, must be taken from the costs of issuance of any bond issue or other
13 indebtedness, and must not exceed the actual cost of providing these services. Ongoing costs of administration and maintenance
14 must be assessed against expenses of debt service, and must not exceed the actual costs of providing these services.

15 **98.7.** (TREAS: Withheld Accommodations Tax Revenues) Before noncompliant expenditures and penalties withheld pursuant
16 to Sections 6-4-35(B)(1)(a) and (b) are reallocated, the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee must certify to the Office of State
17 Treasurer that the time period for an appeal of the committee's action to the Administrative Law Court has expired or that the action
18 of the committee has been upheld or overturned by the Administrative Law Court. Noncompliant expenditures and penalties withheld
19 must be reallocated annually after August first. Allocations withheld must be reallocated proportionately based on the most recent
20 completed fiscal year's total statewide collections of the accommodations tax revenue according to the Office of State Treasurer
21 records. Each annual reallocation of withheld funds to non-offending counties and municipalities must be calculated separately
22 then combined if necessary. Each reallocation to a county or municipality calculated less than a dollar must be transferred to the
23 General Fund of the State.

24 **98.8.** (TREAS: Tuition Prepayment Program) The South Carolina Tuition Prepayment Program shall not accept any new
25 enrollment in the current fiscal year. The annual increase in tuition for the purposes of the Tuition Prepayment Program, for an
26 institution cannot exceed seven percent per year from the 2006-07 level. To the extent that actual tuition for an institution exceeds
27 an annual growth of seven percent per year since Fiscal Year 2006-07, colleges and universities must grant a waiver of the difference
28 to the designated beneficiary and shall not pass along this difference to any student.

29 **98.9.** (TREAS: Penalties for Non-reporting) If a municipality fails to submit the audited financial statements required under
30 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
31 must withhold all state payments to that municipality until the required audited financial statement is received.

32 If the State Treasurer receives an audit report from either a county or municipality that contains a significant finding related to
33 court fine reports or remittances to the Office of State Treasurer, the requirements of Proviso 117.49 shall be followed if an amount
34 due is specified, otherwise the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of all state payments to the county or municipality
35 until the estimated deficiency has been satisfied.

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

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

5 **98.10.** (TREAS: Signature Authorization) The State Treasurer is hereby authorized to designate certain employees to sign
6 payments for the current fiscal year in accordance with Section 11-5-140 of the 1976 Code to meet the ordinary expenses of the
7 State. This provision shall in no way relieve the State Treasurer of responsibility.

8 **98.11.** (TREAS: Unclaimed Property) The State Treasurer may not expend funds to retain a third party, private sector auditor, or
9 auditing firms to fulfill his duties pursuant to the South Carolina Uniform Unclaimed Property Act on a contingency basis or any
10 basis other than an hourly basis, with the exception that the State Treasurer may join other state(s) in multi-state contingent fee
11 auditors' examinations, not to include companies whose parent company is headquartered or incorporated in South Carolina, when
12 there is a reason to believe that those companies being audited are holding funds belonging to South Carolina citizens. The Office
13 of State Treasurer shall retain \$200,000 from the Unclaimed Property Program for the sole purpose of employing internal compliance
14 auditors to enforce the Unclaimed Property Act.

15 **98.12.** (TREAS: Municipality Accommodations Tax Withholdings) If the State Treasurer is withholding accommodations tax
16 revenue distributions to a municipality due to an expenditure the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee determined to be in
17 noncompliance, then the municipality may refund an amount equivalent to the amount determined to be in noncompliance to the
18 municipality's accommodations tax fund from the municipality's general fund. If the municipality certifies to the Tourism
19 Expenditure Review Committee that the amount has been refunded, the State Treasurer shall refund the withheld funds to the
20 municipality's general fund. The expenditure of funds refunded to the municipality's accommodations tax fund and any subsequent
21 expenditures are subject to review by the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee. Prior to notification to the State Treasurer of
22 noncompliance by a municipality, the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee must notify the municipality if an expenditure is
23 found to be in noncompliance. If the committee informs the municipality of an expenditure determined to be in noncompliance and
24 the municipality does not refund the noncompliant amount, the committee shall certify the noncompliance to the State Treasurer. If
25 the committee determines an expenditure of any refunded amount to be in noncompliance, the municipality may not refund an
26 equivalent amount in order to avoid future withholdings.

27 **98.13.** (TREAS: Investment Earnings and Interest) In accordance with the requirements of Section 11-13-125 of the 1976 Code,
28 the State Treasurer shall remit earnings and interest from investments of general deposit funds into the General Fund of the State.
29 Nothing in this provision shall be construed to limit the State Treasurer from incurring and paying fees, expenses, losses, statutory
30 commitments, salaries, and other costs associated with the routine investment of funds pursuant to Section 11-9-660 of the 1976
31 Code.

32 33 **SECTION 100 - E240 - OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL**

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35 **100.1.** (ADJ: Unit Maintenance Funds) The funds appropriated as unit maintenance funds shall be distributed to the various
36 National Guard units at the direction of the Adjutant General.

1 **100.2.** (ADJ: Use of Agency Property and Revenue Collections) The Adjutant General is authorized to rent, lease, or sub-lease
2 any area under his ownership or control including facilities, unimproved real-estate, and parking areas. The Adjutant General is
3 authorized to collect funds received from any sources including, but not limited to, county and city appropriations, short or long-term
4 lease or rental payments, revenues from vending machines, military justice fines or other monetary penalties, federal reimbursements
5 under cooperative agreements, and gifts to the agency. These revenues shall be retained and expended as authorized by the Adjutant
6 General.

7 **100.3.** (ADJ: Rental Fee for Election Purposes) The maximum fee that an armory may charge for the use of its premises for
8 election purposes shall be the cost of providing custodial services, utilities and maintenance.

9 **100.4.** (ADJ: Event Parking Contracts) Notwithstanding other provisions of this act, the Adjutant General may execute
10 agreements addressing event-parking related services, sub-leases or licenses, or other appropriate subject in order to generate revenue
11 from parking areas under his ownership or control near the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium. The Adjutant
12 General's authority to enter such agreements applies to the headquarters building parking facilities currently owned by the
13 Department of Administration, whether or not those are subject of a current lease to the Adjutant General. The agreements may
14 relate to parking for specific events, a series of events (USC home football games), or for all events. The Adjutant General may
15 enter agreements with a state chartered and federally recognized tax exempt 501(c)(4) agency employees' association which may
16 then sub-lease or sub-license individual parking spaces for use during an event, or a series of events (USC home football games).
17 The agreements must require the employees association to obtain either event coverage, general liability coverage against wrongful
18 death or injury, or similar coverage that is suitable to the Adjutant General. All agreements must obligate the employees association
19 to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the Office of the Adjutant General, the Department of Administration, the State of South
20 Carolina, and their respective officers and employees from any liability resulting from parking patrons or their guests activities or
21 presence during these events. The agreements must specify that the Office of the Adjutant General shall receive no less than
22 thirty-three percent of the gross profits from sub-leasing, licensing, or other grants of use for parking. The agreements must also
23 allow the State to audit the employees association's funds.

24 **100.5.** (ADJ: Meals in Emergency Operations Centers) The cost of meals, or the advanced purchase of food products to be stored
25 and prepared for meals, may be provided to state employees who are required to work at the State Emergency Operations Centers
26 during actual emergencies and emergency simulation exercises when they are not permitted to leave their stations.

27 **100.6.** (ADJ: Educational Seminar Revenue) All revenue earned from educational seminars shall be retained by the agency to be
28 used for the printing of materials and other expenses related to conducting the seminars. The balance of funds shall be reported
29 annually to the General Assembly.

30 **100.7.** (ADJ: Billeting Operations) All revenues collected by the Billeting operations at the R.L. McCrady Training Center shall
31 be retained and expended in its budgeted operations. Expenditures from these funds shall be determined by the Billeting Committee
32 for Billeting operations.

33 **100.8.** (ADJ: EMD Compensatory Payment) In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor, exempt employees
34 of the Emergency Management Division may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion
35 of the Agency Director, and providing funds are available.

1 **100.9.** (ADJ: Civil Air Patrol) The funds appropriated in this section for the Civil Air Patrol shall be expended by the Civil Air
2 Patrol so as to discharge the state's obligations in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol as outlined in the SARDA Plan, the South
3 Carolina Operational Radiological Emergency Response Plan, and to assist county and local authorities and other state agencies as
4 permitted by the regulations governing the Civil Air Patrol. All expenditures for equipment and services shall be in accordance with
5 state fiscal policies.

6 **100.10.** (ADJ: Emergency Commodities) The Emergency Management Division shall be allowed to rotate and replace water,
7 Meals Ready to Eat (MREs), and other essential emergency commodities housed in the state's Logistic Center through the provision
8 of said commodities to neighboring states, counties, municipalities and other state agencies, and shall be allowed to accept
9 compensation for said commodities not to exceed replacement costs. Revenues from this exchange shall be utilized solely for the
10 replacement of state emergency commodities.

11 **100.11.** (ADJ: Funeral Caisson) In the event of a mandated general fund budget reduction, the Adjutant General's Office is
12 prohibited from reducing the funds appropriated for the Funeral Caisson. In addition, these funds shall not be transferred to any
13 other program or be used for any other purpose by the Office of Adjutant General.

14 **100.12.** (ADJ: Behavioral Health Care Facilitator/Coordinator) The funds appropriated and or authorized to the Office of the
15 Adjutant General may be utilized to hire a Behavioral Health Care Facilitator/Coordinator who shall act as a liaison to provide mental
16 health care coordination for mental health services to all members of the South Carolina National Guard. The responsibilities of the
17 position shall include, but are not limited to, focusing on individuals without health insurance or without adequate health insurance;
18 facilitating Memorandum of Understanding with mental health facilities across the state to provide assistance to National Guard
19 Service Members; assisting in coordinating Yellow Ribbon and Beyond and other post deployment and mental health events;
20 coordinating treatment for Service Members for conditions that may or may not result in their being medically non deployable; and
21 participating in staff meetings to discuss care of Service Members. The individual hired must be knowledgeable of state and federal
22 privacy laws, including the HIPAA privacy regulations. In addition, it is preferred that the individual have a previous background
23 in Social Work. A national security background check must be performed on the individual prior to a job offer being tendered.

24 **100.13.** (ADJ: National or State Guard State Active Duty) In the event of the activation of the South Carolina National Guard
25 or State Guard to State Active Duty in response to a declared emergency or in response to an imminent or anticipated emergency,
26 including support provided under Section 25-9-420 of the 1976 Code, the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, the State
27 Treasurer and the Comptroller General are hereby authorized and directed to pay from the general fund of the State such funds as
28 necessary, not to exceed ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000, to cover the actual costs incurred. Any funds reimbursed to the state shall be deposited
29 in the state general fund, up to the amount of funds advanced to the Office of Adjutant General for these activities.

30 **100.14.** (ADJ: National Guard Association and Foundation Support) From the funds authorized or appropriated for State Military
31 Department operations, the Adjutant General may authorize National Guard personnel to support and assist the National Guard
32 Association of South Carolina and the South Carolina National Guard Foundation in their missions to promote the health, safety,
33 education, and welfare of South Carolina National Guard personnel and their families.

34 **100.15.** (ADJ: State Guard Activation) In the event of activation of the State Guard of the South Carolina National Guard to
35 State Active Duty, the Office of the Adjutant General is authorized to compensate State Guard personnel at a rate of \$150 per day
36 and to also compensate such personnel for meal per diem as authorized by National Guard and State policy.

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

100.17. (ADJ: Armory Revitalizations Carry Forward) The funds appropriated for Armory Revitalizations may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and expended for the same purpose in the current fiscal year.

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

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

The \$500,000 authorized by Proviso 100.21 in Act 264 of 2018 for grants for non-profit entities may be carried forward and used for the same purpose in Fiscal Year 2020-21. The Emergency Management Division shall prepare a report listing the name of the grant recipient and the amount received and submit the report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by January 15, 2021.

100.19. (ADJ: Salary Adjustment) The Adjutant General is subject to all provisions related to agency heads covered by the Agency Head Salary Commission. The Adjutant General's salary shall be immediately adjusted to match the recommendation from the commission upon its receipt.

SECTION 101 - E260 - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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 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.

101.2. (VET: Budget Reduction Exemption) Funds appropriated for the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be excluded from any across-the-board agency base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or General Assembly.

1 **101.3.** (VET: Additional Claims Representative) Of the funds appropriated for the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the director
2 shall appoint an additional claims representative who, in addition to being charged with the duty of assisting all ex-servicemen,
3 regardless of the wars in which their service may have been rendered, in filing, presenting, and prosecuting to final determination all
4 claims which they have for money compensation, hospitalization, training, and insurance benefits under the terms of federal
5 legislation, shall also specialize in the specific needs and diseases associated with veterans of the Vietnam era. The person appointed
6 as a claims representative under this section must be versed in federal legislation relating to these matters and the rules, regulations,
7 and practice of the Veterans Administration as created by Congress and his appointment must be approved by the Governor.

8 Subject to the direction of the director, and in addition to other duties prescribed in this section, the claims representative appointed
9 pursuant to this provision may represent the Department of Veterans' Affairs on the South Carolina Agent Orange Advisory Council
10 and on the Hepatitis C Coalition established by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, assist the
11 Department of Veterans' Affairs in carrying out its duties in connection with the Agent Orange Information and Assistance program,
12 represent the director in connection with functions relating to Vietnam veterans, and perform other duties as may be assigned by the
13 director.
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15 **SECTION 102 - E280 - ELECTION COMMISSION**

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17 **102.1.** (ELECT: County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Compensation) The amounts appropriated in this section for
18 "County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members," shall be disbursed annually to the County Treasurer at the
19 rate of \$1,500 for each member, not to exceed \$13,500 per county. The County Treasurer shall use these funds only for the
20 compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members. Any funds not used for this purpose shall be
21 returned to the State Treasurer. These funds are exempted from mandated budget reductions. In addition, in the calculation of any
22 across the board agency base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly, the amount of funds
23 appropriated for compensation of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Board Members shall be excluded from the
24 agency's base budget. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and shall be utilized for special primaries,
25 runoffs, and elections.

26 **102.2.** (ELECT: Elections Managers & Clerks Per Diem) Managers and clerks of state and county elections shall receive a per
27 diem of \$75.00 for the day of work and \$60.00 for training and paperwork. Managers shall not be paid for more than two days for
28 any election and clerks for not more than three days for any election. The commission may adjust the per diem of \$75.00 for the
29 managers and clerks of the statewide election to a higher level only to the extent that the appropriation for the statewide election is
30 sufficient to bear the added cost of increasing the per diem and the cost of the statewide election. Up to three additional managers
31 per county may be appointed to assist county boards of voter registration and elections with the absentee/fail safe voting process
32 prior to, on Election Day, and immediately following statewide elections. Managers assisting the county boards of voter registration
33 and elections in the absentee/fail safe process may receive a per diem of \$75.00 per day for not more than a total of fifteen days
34 regardless of whether one, two, or three additional managers are used.

1 **102.3.** (ELECT: Board of State Canvassers Compensation) \$100.00 additional compensation per day may be paid to each member
2 of the Board of State Canvassers up to a total of fifteen days that may be required for hearings held by the members of the Board of
3 State Canvassers.

4 **102.4.** (ELECT: Sale of Lists Revenue Carry Forward) Any revenue generated from the sale of election lists may be retained and
5 expended by the South Carolina Election Commission to reimburse the Department of Administration, for the printing of such lists
6 and to pay expenses of postage and shipment of these lists to electors who purchase them. After such reimbursement has been made
7 an amount, not to exceed \$400,000, shall be used for nonrecurring expenses in conjunction with extraordinary special election and
8 legal costs and costs for upgrading the Statewide Voter Registration System. Any balance in the Sale of Lists Account on June
9 thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes during the current fiscal year.

10 **102.5.** (ELECT: Budget Reduction Exemption) Funds appropriated for recurring and nonrecurring general and primary election
11 expenses are exempted from mandated across the board reductions. In addition, in the calculation of any across the board agency
12 base reductions mandated by the Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly, the amount of funds appropriated for recurring
13 and nonrecurring primary and general election expenses shall be excluded from the agency's base budget.

14 **102.6.** (ELECT: Primary and General Election Carry Forward) Filing fees received from candidates filing to run in statewide or
15 special primary elections may be retained and expended by the State Election Commission to pay for the conduct of primary elections.
16 Any balance in the filing fee accounts on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same
17 purposes during the current fiscal year. In addition, any balance in the Primary and General Election Accounts on June thirtieth, of
18 the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes during the current fiscal year. In addition, the
19 aforementioned funds may also be utilized to conduct the Presidential Preference Primary elections.

20 **102.7.** (ELECT: Training & Certification Program) All members and staff of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections
21 will receive a common curriculum to include core courses on the duties and responsibilities of county boards of voter registration
22 and elections and electives to promote quality service and professional development. The State Election Commission shall make
23 these courses available in various locations, including but not be limited to, the upstate, coastal, and midlands areas of the state. Up
24 to \$35,000 of revenue generated by charging a fee to attend these courses may be retained and expended by the South Carolina
25 Election Commission to help cover the cost of providing the training. Any balance in the training and certification account on June
26 thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose during the current fiscal year.

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

102.8. (ELECT: Penalty for Late Submission of Reimbursable Expenses) In the event that a county submits reimbursable election expenses to the Commission for payment more than thirty days after the election is held, the Commission may deduct a penalty of ten percent of the late-submitted amount. The county is responsible for payment of this amount. If the Commission finds good reason for such late submission, the penalty may be waived. The Election Commission shall be authorized to expend funds appropriated/authorized in the current fiscal year to pay election expenses incurred by a county in the prior fiscal year. If a county submits a request for reimbursement of election expenses through any means other than the Voter Registration and Election Management System (VREMS), the Commission may deduct a penalty of ten percent of the amount submitted.

102.9. (ELECT: HAVA Carry Forward) The Election Commission shall be authorized to carry forward unexpended Help America Vote Act funds into the current fiscal year and to use these funds for the same purpose.

102.10. (ELECT: HAVA Match Funds) Funds appropriated through the General Fund for the purpose of providing a match for federal funds received through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) shall be moved to a restricted account in order that the funds may accrue interest as per Section 254 (b) (1) of the Help America Vote Act. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year and shall be utilized for special primaries, runoffs, and elections. These funds may also be used to reimburse local governmental entities for expenses incurred in the prior fiscal year associated with special primaries, runoffs, and general elections.

102.11. (ELECT: Use of Election Funds) Funds appropriated to the Election Commission for the purpose of conducting elections shall not be used for any other purpose unless specifically authorized in this act. However, up to \$200,000 may be transferred to other operating accounts from General Election accounts upon approval from the Executive Budget Office, which shall then notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor of such transfer of funds.

102.12. (ELECT: Match for Additional HAVA Funds) In the event that additional Help America Vote Act federal funds become available, the commission shall be authorized to utilize funds appropriated for primary and general elections ~~and for voting system refurbishment~~ to provide a match for the federal funds.

~~**102.13.** (ELECT: Third Party Consultant) In the current fiscal year and from the funds appropriated, the Election Commission must expend funds to contract for a third party consultant to advise the Richland County Election Commission on the conduct of elections.~~

SECTION 103 - E500 - REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

103.1. (RFAO: Geodetic Mapping Program) Funds appropriated or authorized to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office for Mapping, shall be used to clarify county boundary determinations as directed by Section 27-2-105, of the 1976 Code and resolution of the boundary between the states of South Carolina and North Carolina.

An affected party disagreeing with a county boundary certified by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office may appeal the certification to the South Carolina Administrative Law Court, which is vested with jurisdiction to hear and decide the case subject to the provisions of Section 1-23-380 of the 1976 Code, except that the case must be heard 'de novo.' Additionally, for purposes of determining the timelines of an appeal, notice is deemed to have been provided on the date of the written notice to affected parties.

1 An affected party has sixty calendar days from the date of a written notice sent to the affected party to file an appeal with the
2 Administrative Law Court.

3 **103.2.** (RFAO: Election File Merge) In order to assist the County Registration and Election Commissions to ensure that registered
4 voters are assigned to proper election districts, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, in conjunction with the South Carolina Election
5 Commission, shall merge the voter registration file with the office's Geocoded Address List and the district boundaries of the
6 Congress, South Carolina Senate, South Carolina House of Representatives, county councils, and such other districts as the office
7 possesses official district boundary records in electronic format. The merged systems will allow the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs
8 Office to provide the respective county officials with a list of potential voters who are possibly assigned to the wrong election district.
9 File merger is required only for those districts in which elections are scheduled. Counties and municipalities shall release GIS to the
10 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office upon the office's written request. Written request must be sent to the chief administrative officer
11 of the county or municipality and advise the county or municipality that failure to comply within thirty days of request may result in
12 the withholding of ten percent of the county's or municipality's state aid. The Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal
13 Affairs Office may grant additional time for good cause and must waive release if the county or municipality does not possess GIS
14 data. For counties and municipalities that possess GIS data but do not release it, the Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal
15 Affairs Office shall notify the State Treasurer of the failure to comply with this provision after the required notice. Notification shall
16 result in the withholding of ten percent of subsequent payments of state aid to the entity until the GIS data is provided. Municipal
17 and county data acquired by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office in the course of performing its responsibilities may be used for
18 other functions of the office as well as shared with other state agencies. For this provision GIS data includes, but is not limited to,
19 road centerlines; orthophotography; parcel boundaries; address points; political boundaries; and administrative boundaries.

20 **103.3.** (RFAO: SC Health & Human Services Data Warehouse) There is hereby established within the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs
21 Office, the South Carolina Health and Human Services Data Warehouse. The purpose of the Warehouse is to ensure that the operation
22 of health and human services agencies may be enhanced by coordination and integration of client information. Client data is defined
23 as person-level data that is created, received, and/or maintained by state agencies and other entities required to report client
24 information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office under this provision. To integrate client information, client data from health
25 and human services state agencies will be linked to improve client outcome measures, enabling state agencies to analyze coordination
26 and continuity of care issues. The addition of these data will enhance existing agency systems by providing client data from other
27 state agency programs to assist in the provision of client services. Certain client information shall be delivered to the Revenue and
28 Fiscal Affairs Office in order to assist in the development and maintenance of this Warehouse. The following agencies shall report
29 client information:

- 30 • Departments of:
- 31 (1) Health and Human Services;
 - 32 (2) Health and Environmental Control;
 - 33 (3) Mental Health;
 - 34 (4) Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services;
 - 35 (5) Disabilities and Special Needs;
 - 36 (6) Social Services;

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

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

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

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

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

All state agencies participating in the Warehouse shall utilize it and its associated software applications in the day-to-day operation of their programs and for coordination, collaboration, program evaluation and outcomes analysis. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall be exempt from usage of the integrated client management system and the analytic query tools in the day-to-day operation of their Client Automated Record and Encounter System and their South Carolina Community Assessment Network, but shall provide the Warehouse with client data from the system and network.

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

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

103.4. (RFAO: E911 PSAPs) The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, utilizing the funds appropriated and or authorized herein for the E911 program, must ensure that any new plans or proposed amendments to existing plans maintain comprehensive coverage for the full Public Safety Answering Points area as well as improve cost effectiveness. No new plans or amendments may be considered by Revenue and Fiscal Affairs that do not include the written agreement of all jurisdictions affected by the new plan or proposed change as well as provide cost savings on the state and local level. Local Public Safety Answering Points are encouraged to cooperate to find ways to continue to improve cost effectiveness and efficiencies for all affected entities.

103.5. (RFAO: Revenue for Goods and Services) The respective sections of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office are authorized to provide and receive from other governmental entities, including other divisions, state and local agencies and departments, and the private sector, goods and services, as will in its opinion promote efficient and economical operations. The sections may charge and pay the entities for the goods and services, the revenue from which shall be deposited in the state treasury in a special account and expended only for the costs of providing the goods and services, and such funds may be retained and be expended for the same purposes.

~~**103.6.** (RFAO: NG9 1 1 Strategic Plan) The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall be authorized to use up to \$150,000 of the funds from the 58.2 percent compliance cost portion of the wireless 9 1 1 fund for costs associated with the further planning, development, and implementation of the comprehensive statewide NG9 1 1 system as outlined in the South Carolina NG9 1 1 strategic plan. Associated costs include, but are not limited to, the hiring of consultants, technical experts, or other professionals for assistance in defining, developing, or implementing the operating model and standards, system or technical requirements, or other elements of the system as outlined in the strategic plan.~~

SECTION 104 - E550 - STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY

104.1. (SFAA: Procurement of Art Objects) Before any governmental body, with the exception of the South Carolina Museum Commission, the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission, and the South Carolina Hunley Commission as defined under the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code, procures any art objects such as paintings, antiques, sculptures, or similar objects above \$1,000, the head of the Purchasing Agency shall prepare a written determination specifying the need for such objects and benefits to the State. The South Carolina Arts Commission shall review such determination for approval prior to any acquisition.

1 **104.2.** (SFAA: Lawsuit Funding) The Executive Director shall pay from the Insurance Reserve Fund the defense costs of the
2 State, which are incurred in the current fiscal year, in the Abbeville school funding litigation and the prisoner mental health care
3 litigation. The appropriate official from the House of Representatives and the Senate must certify to the Executive Director on a
4 monthly basis the costs incurred in defense of this litigation. Upon receipt of the certification, the Executive Director shall pay the
5 provider of these services the amount certified.

6 **104.3.** (SFAA: Public Procurement Unit) For purposes of participation in the Minnesota Multi State Contracting Alliance for
7 Pharmacy (MMCAP), a private, nonprofit corporation that provides only free medical care may be allowed to participate as a local
8 public procurement unit in the MMCAP cooperative purchase. The participation of nonprofit corporations in the program is
9 contingent upon approval of the Minnesota Multi-State Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy. Participating nonprofit corporations
10 must comply with all applicable federal laws or regulations for participation in the MMCAP cooperative purchase. The state shall
11 not be liable for any action or inaction of such a nonprofit corporation.

12 **104.4.** (SFAA: Insurance Coverage for Aging Entity Authorized) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority, through the
13 Insurance Reserve Fund, for the current fiscal year, is also authorized to offer insurance coverage to an aging entity and its employees
14 serving clients countywide which previously obtained its tort liability insurance coverage through the board. The Insurance Reserve
15 Fund and the State of South Carolina shall not be liable to any person or entity, including an insured, for any insufficiencies of
16 coverage provided hereunder.

17 **104.5.** (SFAA: IRF Report) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall prepare a report on prior fiscal year utilization of the
18 Insurance Reserve Fund to include for each transaction the amount, the recipient of the funds, the date of the transfer or payment,
19 and the action or reason that necessitated the transfer. The report shall be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Chairman of
20 the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
21 Committee by October fifteenth, of the current fiscal year.

22 **104.6.** (SFAA: Second Injury Fund Closure Plan) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority is authorized and empowered to take
23 all necessary actions to administer the closure plan for the Second Injury Fund, as adopted pursuant to Section 42-7-320(A) of the
24 1976 Code, as amended, and to use the separate and distinct trust and administrative accounts established for this purpose.

25 **104.7.** (SFAA: IT Planning Transfer) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall transfer \$400,000 from revenue generated
26 from contract administration fees on information technology contracts to the Department of Administration to support the state's
27 information technology planning program.

28 **104.8.** (SFAA: Attorneys) For the current fiscal year, during the transition of the Insurance Reserve Fund from the Budget and
29 Control Board to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, the Insurance Reserve Fund shall continue to approve the attorneys-at-law
30 retained to defend those it insures. In addition, the authority of the former Budget and Control Board under Section 1-7-170(A) is
31 devolved upon the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

32 **104.9.** (SFAA: Compensation - Agency Head Salary) In the event of an agency head or technical college president vacancy, the
33 governing board of the agency or the Governor, or the appointing authority of a technical college president, must have the prior
34 favorable recommendation of the Agency Head Salary Commission to set, discuss, offer, or pay a salary for the agency head or
35 technical college president at a rate that exceeds the minimum of the range established by the Agency Head Salary Commission. No
36 agency head or technical college president shall be paid a salary higher than that recommended by the commission. Boards and

1 commissions, or the Governor if he is the appointing authority, of newly created agencies or technical colleges shall not offer or pay
2 a salary to a prospective agency head until a salary range has been established and the salary approved by the Agency Head Salary
3 Commission. The funding of the salaries of any agency head or technical college president should come from resources within the
4 agency. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall contract every four years for a study of agency head and technical college
5 president compensation. The cost of the study must be shared by the participating agencies. The staff of the State Fiscal
6 Accountability Authority shall serve as the support staff to the Agency Head Salary Commission. Limited only by the maximum of
7 the respective salary range, the General Assembly authorizes the respective appointing authority for an agency head or technical
8 college president to provide salary increases for an agency head or technical college president not to exceed that recommended by
9 the Agency Head Salary Commission. No agency head or technical college president shall be paid less than the minimum of the pay
10 range nor receive an increase that would have the effect of raising the salary above the maximum of the pay range.

11 **104.10.** (SFAA: Continuation of Authority) The respective divisions of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority are authorized
12 to provide to and receive from other governmental entities, including other divisions and state and local agencies and departments,
13 goods and services, as will in its opinion promote efficient and economical operations. The divisions may charge and pay the entities
14 for the goods and services, the revenue from which shall be deposited in the state treasury in a special account and expended only
15 for the costs of providing the goods and services, and such funds may be retained and expended for the same purposes.

16 17 **SECTION 105 - F270 - SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR**

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19 **105.1.** (SFAA-AUD: Annual Audit of Federal Programs) Each state agency receiving federal funds subject to the audit
20 requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) Part 200, Uniform
21 Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) shall remit to the
22 State Auditor an amount representing an equitable portion of the expense of contracting with a nationally recognized CPA firm to
23 conduct a portion of the audit of the State's federal financial assistance.

24 Each state agency's equitable portion of the expense will be determined by a schedule developed by the State Auditor. Such
25 remittance will be based upon invoices provided by the State Auditor. The audit shall be re-bid every five years. The State Auditor
26 shall retain and expend the funds received and shall carry forward any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current
27 fiscal year for the same purpose.

28 **105.2.** (SFAA-AUD: Medical Assistance Audit Carry Forward) The State Auditor's Office shall retain and expend the funds
29 received from the Department of Health and Human Services for the Medical Assistance Audit Program pursuant to Proviso 33.3 of
30 this act and shall carry forward any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year for the same purpose.

31 **105.3.** (SFAA-AUD: Coordination with Inspector General) In the event the State Auditor's Office identifies instances of fraud,
32 waste, and abuse during any state agency audit, the State Auditor shall refer such instances to the State Inspector General for
33 examination. The State Auditor shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee
34 and the Senate Finance Committee and the Governor detailing all written referrals of fraud, waste, and abuse submitted to the State
35 Inspector General.

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

SECTION 106 - F300 - STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

106.1. (SEB: SCRS & PORS Allocation) The funds appropriated in the current fiscal year for SCRS Employer Contributions and PORS Employer Contributions shall be allocated to state agencies and school districts by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office for SCRS and PORS rate increases.

106.2. (SEB: Suspend SCRS & PORS Employer Contribution Rate Increase) The increase in the employer contribution rate imposed by Section 9-1-1085 and Section 9-11-225 for Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, respectively, are suspended. The employer contribution rate for the South Carolina Retirement Systems and the Police Officers Retirement Systems during Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, expressed as a percentage of earnable compensation, shall ~~remain at the same rate imposed for Fiscal Year 2019-20~~ increase by 1% from FY 2020-21 rates as set in Act 135 of 2020.

SECTION 108 - F500 - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

108.1. (PEBA: Lottery, Infrastructure Bank, and Magistrates Health Insurance) South Carolina Lottery Commissioners and South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board members and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. If a county is participating in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, magistrates and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate in the State Health and Dental Insurance Plan, upon the magistrate paying the full premium costs as determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.

108.2. (PEBA: Adoption Assistance Program) The Employee Adoption Assistance Program is established to provide grants to eligible employees to assist them with the direct costs of adoption. The program shall be an employee benefit through the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) and shall be funded from the appropriation for the State Health Plan as provided in this act.

1 Total funding for the Adoption Program shall not exceed the amount authorized by the General Assembly in the annual appropriations
 2 act. Employees are eligible for the Adoption Program if they participate in PEBA insurance benefits, have adopted a child during
 3 the prior fiscal year, apply for the grant during the annual application period, and meet any other Adoption Program criteria. The
 4 application period shall be July first through September thirtieth of the current fiscal year for an adoption in the prior fiscal year.
 5 The maximum grant amounts shall be \$10,000 in the case of the adoption of a special needs child and \$5,000 for all other child
 6 adoptions. Should the total amount needed to fund grants at the maximum level exceed the amount authorized, the amount of a grant
 7 to an eligible employee shall be determined by dividing the authorized amount evenly among qualified program applicants, with the
 8 adoption of a special needs child qualifying for two times the benefit of a non-special needs child.

9 **108.3.** (PEBA: Health Plan Tobacco User Differential) For health plans adopted under the authority of Section 1-11-710 of the
 10 1976 Code by the Public Employee Benefit Authority during the current fiscal year, the board is authorized to differentiate between
 11 tobacco *or e-cigarette* users and nonusers regarding rates charged to enrollees in its health plans by imposing a surcharge on enrollee
 12 rates based upon tobacco use. The surcharge for tobacco use may not exceed \$40 per month per subscriber or \$60 per month per
 13 subscriber and dependent(s).

14 **108.4.** (PEBA: Funding Abortions Prohibited) No funds appropriated for employer contributions to the State Health Insurance
 15 Plan may be expended to reimburse the expenses of an abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or where the mother's medical
 16 condition is one which, on the basis of the physician's good faith judgment, so complicates the pregnancy as to necessitate an
 17 immediate abortion to avert the risk of her death or for which a delay will create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment
 18 of major bodily function, and the State Health Plan may not offer coverage for abortion services, including ancillary services provided
 19 contemporaneously with abortion services. The Public Employee Benefit Authority must determine the amount of the total premium
 20 paid for health coverage necessary to cover the risks associated with reimbursing participants in the plan for obtaining an abortion in
 21 the circumstances covered by this provision. The determination must be based on actuarial data and empirical study in the same
 22 manner and by the same method that other risks are adjusted for in similar circumstances. The plan must report this determination
 23 annually to the respective Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

24 **108.5.** (PEBA: TRICARE Supplement Policy) The Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) shall offer a group TRICARE
 25 Supplement policy or policies to its TRICARE-eligible subscribers through its flexible benefits program to provide that subscribers
 26 may pay premiums for such policies on a pretax basis, in accordance with federal law and regulations. PEBA may charge TRICARE
 27 Supplement subscribers an amount not to exceed \$2 per subscriber per month for any associated administrative costs.

28 **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
 29 1976 Code, an employer premium increase of 0.8 percent and a subscriber premiums increase of zero percent will result for the
 30 standard State Health Plan for Plan Year 2022 for Plan Year 2021 shall remain the same as in Plan Year 2020. Copayments for
 31 participants of the State Health Plan shall remain the same in Plan Year ~~2021~~ 2022 as in Plan Year ~~2020~~ 2021. Notwithstanding the
 32 foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions
 33 of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2021~~ 2022 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

34 **108.7.** (PEBA: Exempt National Guard Pension Fund) In the calculation of any across-the-board cut mandated by the Executive
 35 Budget Office or General Assembly, the amount of the appropriation for the National Guard Pension Fund shall be excluded.

108.8. (PEBA: Inactive SCRS Account Transfer) A current employee or teacher who is an active participant in the State Optional Retirement Program but who has an inactive account in the South Carolina Retirement Program due to previous service in that system, shall be allowed to transfer previous contributions to the employee's or teacher's active State Optional Retirement Program account.

108.9. (PEBA: Network Pharmacy Publications) All pharmacy publications or lists must include independent retail pharmacies. Abridged pharmacy lists are prohibited.

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

108.11. (PEBA: Former Spouses on the State Health Plan) For the Plan Year beginning in January of the current fiscal year, the State Health Plan shall cover a subscriber's former spouse, who is eligible to be covered pursuant to a court order, on the former spouse's own individual policy and at the full amount of the premium for the coverage elected, with such rates, billing, and other administrative policies to be determined by the Public Employee Benefit Authority. The former spouses may only elect such health, dental, and vision coverage as required by the court order. The former spouse's individual coverage may continue under the State Health Plan as long as authorized under the court order and the subscriber remains a participant in the State Health Plan. This proviso does not affect a subscriber's ability to cover a current spouse on an employee/retiree and spouse or full family policy when the subscriber's former spouse is covered on a separate policy.

108.12. *(PEBA: South Carolina Retirement Systems) Effective December 31, 2021, the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) shall be closed to new members. A person who otherwise would have been required or eligible to become a member of SCRS after December 31, 2021 instead shall join the State Optional Retirement Program (State ORP) as administered by the Public Employee Benefit Authority.*

108.13. *(PEBA: Earnings Limitation for First Responders) Due to critical shortages as well as the vital need for Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders to retain experience in public safety, for Fiscal Year 2021-22, the earnings limitation imposed pursuant Section 9-11-90 of the 1976 Code does not apply to retired members of the Police Officers Retirement System who retired before December 31, 2020 and returns to covered employment to enhance the state's efforts to provide quality public safety. The Law Enforcement Training Council must develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified and must not require recertification through basic training for those that have been inactive for a year or more."*

SECTION 109 - R440 - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

109.1. (DOR: Subpoenaed Employee Expense Reimbursement) If any employee of the Department of Revenue is subpoenaed to testify during litigation not involving the Department of Revenue, the party subpoenaing the employee(s) to testify shall reimburse the State for expenses incurred by the employee(s) requested to testify. Expenses shall include but are not limited to the cost of materials and the average daily salary of the employee or employees.

1 **109.2.** (DOR: Court Order Funds Carry Forward) Funds awarded to the Department of Revenue by court order shall be retained
2 in a special account and shall be carried forward from year to year, and expended as needed to accomplish the purposes and conditions
3 of said order if specified, and if not specified, as may be directed by the Director of the Department of Revenue.

4 **109.3.** (DOR: Rural Infrastructure Fund Transfer) Notwithstanding Section 12-10-85, the Department of Revenue is authorized
5 to deposit revenues from the Rural Infrastructure Fund in excess of \$12 million dollars to the Rural Infrastructure Fund under the
6 Rural Infrastructure Authority. Any revenues in excess of \$17 million shall be deposited in the Rural Infrastructure Fund under the
7 Department of Commerce, Coordinating Council.

8 **109.4.** (DOR: SCBOS Funds) The Department of Revenue shall share equally the collection assistance fees imposed on overdue
9 tax debt with the South Carolina Business One Stop program. The funds received by the department from this fee shall be used for
10 continued administration of the revenue laws in a fair and impartial manner. Any unexpended funds generated by the fee shall be
11 carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and shall also be shared equally between the Department of
12 Revenue and the South Carolina Business One Stop program.

13 **109.5.** (DOR: Across the Board Cut Exemption) Whenever the Executive Budget Office or General Assembly implements an
14 across the board budget reduction, the funds appropriated to the Department of Revenue shall be exempt from any such mandated
15 budget reduction.

16 **109.6.** (DOR: Candidate Tax Return Programs) (A) From the funds appropriated in this act, the department must develop a
17 program to process inquiries from a candidate for an office of this State or its political subdivisions or any gubernatorial appointee
18 concerning whether that candidate or appointee has filed annual state income tax returns that he was required to file during the past
19 ten years, regardless of the source of income, has paid all income taxes due during that time period, and has satisfied all judgments,
20 liens, or other penalties for failure to pay income taxes when due. The department may only respond to an inquiry if the inquiry is
21 made by a candidate or appointee concerning that candidate's or appointee's own income tax returns.

22 (B) Unless a candidate or appointee requests otherwise, the department must post the results of all inquiries from candidates or
23 appointees in a prominent place on its internet website. The information must be organized in the following manner: (1) the
24 candidates name as it will appear on the ballot or the appointee's name as it appears on his income tax returns; (2) identify the years
25 that the candidate or appointee was required to file income tax returns and identify the years, if any, that the candidate or appointee
26 was not required to file income tax returns; (3) state whether the candidate or appointee filed income tax returns in each year that the
27 candidate or appointee was required to file income tax returns; (4) state whether the candidate or appointee paid income taxes due
28 each year that the candidate or appointee was required to file income tax returns; and (5) state whether the candidate or appointee
29 had a judgment, lien, or other penalty levied against him for failure to pay income taxes when due, the year of the levy, and whether
30 that judgment, lien, or other penalty has been satisfied. The department may not post a candidate's complete income tax return when
31 fulfilling its obligations under this proviso.

32 (C) (1) Participation in this program by a candidate or appointee is voluntary.

33 (2) A candidate's or appointee's inquiry constitutes a waiver of confidentiality with the department concerning the
34 information posted.

35 **109.7.** (DOR: Fraudulent Tax Return Program) The Department of Revenue may establish a Fraudulent Tax Return Detection
36 Program to prevent payment of fraudulent tax refunds. To implement the program the department may contract with information

1 and technology entities to provide the necessary detection capabilities. The department shall pay for the program from the savings
2 realized by implementation.

3 **109.8.** (DOR: Treasury Offset Program) The Department of Revenue is authorized to retain up to \$140,000 of mailing and
4 associated administrative costs incurred as a result of the State's participation in and the notice requirements of the Federal Treasury
5 Offset Program. Retained expenses shall be from tax offset revenue received from the federal government. Remaining revenue shall
6 be deposited in the General Fund.

7 **109.9.** (DOR: May Events) Of the accommodation tax returned to Horry County or the municipalities therein, excluding
8 municipalities that have enacted a Tourism Development Fee up to one third of the total allocation may be set aside and used for
9 direct policing activities during events held in May within Horry County. By October thirty-first, the local government must inform
10 the Department of Revenue the percentage of accommodation tax to withhold, not to exceed one third of the estimated yearly return,
11 which will be dedicated to direct policing activities. These funds shall be sent by the Department of Revenue to the local governing
12 entity upon request of the local entity. A report on the expenditure of these funds, which must include the amount and purpose for
13 which the funds were expended shall be submitted by the county or municipalities to the Governor, the Chairman of Senate Finance
14 Committee and the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee no later than ninety days after the end of any event in which
15 these funds are expended.

16 **109.10.** (DOR: Tourist Safety) Of the accommodation tax returned to any municipality in Horry County that has a Tourism
17 Development Fee, up to fifty percent of the allocation designated under Section 6-4-10(3) of the 1976 Code may be set aside and
18 used for direct policing purposes related to tourism. Direct policing purposes include temporary personnel, equipment, and the
19 installation and maintenance of infrastructure related thereto. These funds may not exceed sixty-five percent of the total new funds
20 dedicated to the additional policing purposes implemented. Each municipality utilizing this provision shall include expenditures and
21 revenue sources in its annual report to the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee and shall submit copies of the report to the
22 Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

23 **109.11.** (DOR: Notification of Protest) In the current fiscal year and from the funds appropriated, if a taxpayer, other than an
24 individual, files a written protest pursuant to Section 12-60-2120 of the 1976 Code, the department shall notify any affected county
25 and school district of the written protest.

26 ~~**109.12.** (DOR: Food Manufacturing Equipment) Clothing required by Current Good Manufacturing Practices pursuant to 21~~
27 ~~C.F.R. Section 111.10, as it may be amended, at perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities defined by the North American~~
28 ~~Industry Classification System 311991 to prevent health hazards, including outer garments, gloves of an impermeable material,~~
29 ~~hairnets, headbands, beard covers, caps, hair covers or other effective hair restraints, and other attire required pursuant to 21 C.F.R.~~
30 ~~Section 110.10 for persons working in direct contact with food, food contact services, and food packaging materials to protect against~~
31 ~~contamination of food in perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities shall be exempt from all sales and use taxes.~~

32 ~~**109.13.** (DOR: Collection of Business License Taxes) Except for business license taxes collected pursuant to Article 20, Chapter~~
33 ~~9, of Title 58, and Chapters 7 and 45 of Title 38, of the 1976 Code, a private, third party entity is prohibited from assessing or~~
34 ~~collecting business license taxes or requiring a business entity to remit confidential business license tax data to that private third party~~
35 ~~on behalf of counties or municipalities. This proviso shall not prohibit a county or municipality from contracting with a third party~~
36 ~~entity in assisting in the collection of business license taxes. For purposes of this proviso, assisting in the collection of business~~

license taxes is defined as identification of businesses that do not have a business license, providing that identification to a county or municipality and/or providing by United States mail official municipality or county business license forms, along with a self-addressed envelope containing the county or municipality address, to identified businesses on behalf of the county or municipality; but does not include collecting personal or proprietary information from the identified business. A third party assisting in the collection of business license taxes as defined in this proviso is prohibited from any further contact with the business. This proviso shall not prohibit a county or municipality from contracting with a third party entity solely for the purpose of providing payment processing services for the acceptance of business license tax payments.

—A study committee shall be established to study reform and implementation of a third party collection system. The study committee shall be composed of the following:

- (1) One member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;
- (2) One member appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;
- (3) One member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee;
- (4) One member appointed by the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee;
- (5) One member of the Municipal Association of South Carolina;
- (6) One member of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce;
- (7) One member of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance;
- (8) One member of the South Carolina Association of Realtors; and
- (9) One member of the South Carolina Association of Counties.

—Staff support for the study committee shall be provided by the relevant standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as appropriate.

109.14. ~~(DOR: Cigarette Stamps) The Department of Revenue must extend the date by which a person must file a report with the department stating the quantity of such unstamped packages of cigarettes that were in the person's possession as of January 1, 2020, to until October 1, 2020. If a person files the report by October 1, 2020, then the person is deemed to have filed the report by March 31, 2020. Upon application, in the current fiscal year, the department must refund any fine collected in contravention of this proviso.~~

109.15. *(DOR: Individual Income Tax) (DOR: Individual Income Tax) The Department of Revenue shall reduce the individual income tax rates in each bracket by subtracting 0.2 percent each year for five years. Each year of this phase-in shall only take place if general fund revenues for a fiscal year exceed the prior fiscal year by at least 5%. Upon completion, the individual income tax rates will be 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, and 6%.*

SECTION 110 - R520 - STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

110.1. ~~(ETHICS: Ethics Commission Website Changes) In the current fiscal year, prior to approving or adopting any changes to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the State Ethics Commission shall submit the proposed changes to the Senate Ethics Committee and House of Representatives Ethics Committee for their review and approval. As third party beneficiaries to any agreement between the State Ethics Commission and a vendor relating to the State Ethics~~

~~Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System, the General Assembly through its respective Ethics Committees can submit suggested changes to any proposed agreement or contract relating to the State Ethics Commission Public Disclosure and Accountability Reporting System and the State Ethics Commission shall be required to incorporate those suggestions into any contractual negotiation.~~

110.2. (ETHICS: Commission Meeting) The Ethics Commission must meet at least one time each month and post notice of meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance on the agency website.

110.3. (ETHICS: Lobbyists and Lobbyist Principal Registration Fees) *For the current fiscal year, the lobbyist registration fee as specified in Section 2-17-20 and the lobbyist principal registration fee as specified in Section 2-17-25 of the South Carolina Code of Laws shall be two hundred dollars. Further, any individual paid to influence decisions or actions of officials or employees of any local political subdivision of the State, to include county, city, town, municipality, school district or special purpose districts must register as a lobbyist and their employer must likewise register as a lobbyist principal. The State Ethics Commission may retain, expend and carry forward all revenue from the collection of the registration fees.*

SECTION 111 - S600 - PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

111.1. (PRP: Filing Fee) Requests for administrative review before the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel shall be accompanied by a filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to the SC Procurement Review Panel. The panel is authorized to charge the party requesting an administrative review under the S.C. Code Sections 11-35-4210(6), 11-35-4220(5), 11-35-4230(6), 11-35-4330, and/or 11-35-4410. The funds generated by the filing fee shall be retained by the panel and carried forward to be used for the operation of the panel. Withdrawal of an appeal will result in the filing fee being forfeited to the panel. If a party desiring to file an appeal is unable to pay the filing fee because of financial hardship, the party shall submit a completed Request for Filing Fee Waiver form at the same time the request for review is filed. The panel shall make the Request for Filing Fee Waiver forms available to the chief procurement officers to provide to parties along with notice of right to appeal to the panel. If the filing fee is not waived, the party must pay the filing fee within fifteen days of the date of receipt of the order denying waiver of the filing fee. Requests for administrative review will not be accepted unless accompanied by the filing fee or a completed Request for Filing Fee Waiver form at the time of filing.

SECTION 112 - V040 - DEBT SERVICE

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

1 **SECTION 113 - X220 - AID TO SUBDIVISIONS, STATE TREASURER**
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3 **113.1.** (AS-TREAS: Veterans' Affairs-Aid to Counties) In the allocation of the appropriation in Part IA, Section 113, as adjusted
4 for "Aid to County Veteran Offices," each county shall receive an effective annual amount equal to one hundred percent of the
5 amount allocated to it for the prior fiscal year plus an amount equivalent to base pay increases for state employees, less any
6 adjustments made for budget reductions. This allocation shall be distributed on a quarterly basis to the County Treasurer who will
7 handle and distribute these monies for the sole benefit and use of the County Veterans' Affairs Offices.

8 **113.2.** (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, one quarter of the amount appropriated in Part
9 IA for Aid to Subdivisions-Local Government Fund shall be distributed as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical with
10 the four distributions together totaling the Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

11 **113.3.** (AS-TREAS: Salary Supplements) The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113, for Aid Cnty-Clerks of Court, Aid
12 Cnty-Probate Judges, Aid Cnty-Coroners, and Aid Cnty-Sheriffs shall be distributed by the State Treasurer to each county treasurer
13 equally on a quarterly basis, and shall be used as a salary supplement for each clerk of court, probate judge, county coroner, and
14 county sheriff. The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113 for Aid Cnty-Register of Deeds, shall be equally distributed by the
15 State Treasurer to the appropriate county treasurer on a quarterly basis, and shall be used as a salary supplement for registers of
16 deeds.

17 The amount appropriated in Part IA, Section 113, for Aid Cnty-Auditors and Aid Cnty-Treasurers, shall be equally distributed to
18 each county auditor and county treasurer as a salary supplement in addition to any amounts presently being provided by the county
19 for these positions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated by the county as salaries for these positions
20 shall not be reduced as a result of the appropriation and that such appropriation shall not disqualify each county auditor and each
21 county treasurer for salary increases that they might otherwise receive from county funds in the future. The salary supplement
22 for each county auditor and county treasurer shall be paid in accordance with the schedule and method of payment established for
23 state employees.

24 The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113 for Clerks of Court, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Register of Deeds, Coroners,
25 Auditors, and Treasurers shall be exempt from any across the board cut mandated by the Executive Budget Office or General
26 Assembly. However, the governing body of a county may reduce the expenditures in the operation of the offices of these officials
27 without any required corresponding reduction in the county's state aid to subdivisions distribution. However, any reduction in these
28 officials' budgets must be made in consultation with the affected official.

29 **113.4.** (AS-TREAS: Legislative Delegations) In the current fiscal year, a county government must fund its legislative delegation
30 budget pursuant to Section 3, Act No. 283 of 1975. If a county council does not meet that funding level, the amount of the shortfall
31 must be deducted from the responsible county's Aid to Subdivisions allocation and forwarded to the legislative delegation of the
32 county. Additionally, the responsible county's remaining Aid to Subdivisions allotment must be reduced by twenty-five percent of
33 the shortfall amount, which sum must be forwarded to the legislative delegation to be used for its administrative costs.

34 ~~**113.5.** (AS-TREAS: LGF) For Fiscal Year 2020-21, the provisions of Section 6-27-30 and Section 6-27-50 of the 1976 Code are~~
35 ~~suspended.~~

1 **113.6.** (AS-TREAS: Transparency-Political Subdivision Appropriation of Funds) (A) A political subdivision receiving aid from
 2 the Local Government Fund may not:

3 (1) appropriate money to any entity unless that appropriation appears as a separate and distinct line item in the political
 4 subdivision's budget or in an amendment to the political subdivision's budget;

5 (2) except in cases of emergency or unforeseen circumstances, donate funds to a nonprofit organization unless the amounts
 6 donated are appropriated on a separate and distinct line item in the political subdivision's budget or an amendment to the political
 7 subdivision's budget that includes the names of the entities to which the donations are being made. In the case of an emergency or
 8 unforeseen circumstances, a political subdivision may donate funds to a nonprofit organization if the amount and purpose of the
 9 proposed donation and the nature of the emergency or unforeseen circumstances necessitating the donation are announced in open
 10 session at a public meeting held by the governing body of the political subdivision and the funds are not delivered to the organization
 11 for five days following the announced intent to make the donation; or

12 (3) accept any funds from nongovernmental and inter-governmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21, adopted by the
 13 United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, accredited and enlisted by the United Nations to assist
 14 in the implementation of its policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world without posting the following on the political
 15 subdivision's website for ten days:

16 (a) a full and detailed list of the funding program, including a designation that the funding program is associated with
 17 Agenda 21,

18 (b) the amount of funds involved,

19 (c) every mandate or requirement or action that will result from the grant or funding program's implementation,

20 (d) any and all projected costs to the political subdivision, business, or individual associated with the grant or funding
 21 program, and

22 (e) the stated goals and expected results of the grant or funding program.

23 (B) A political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may not appropriate money to any entity without the
 24 requirement that the entity provides at the end of the fiscal year a detailed description of the purposes for which the money was used.

25 ~~**113.7.** (AS TREAS: Political Subdivision Flexibility) For Fiscal Year 2020-21, a political subdivision receiving aid from the~~
 26 ~~Local Government Fund may reduce its support to any state mandated program or requirement, by up to a percentage equal to the~~
 27 ~~percentage reduction in the actual amount appropriated to the Local Government Fund as compared to the amount required to be~~
 28 ~~appropriated pursuant to Section 6-27-30. Excluded from said reductions are Administrative Law Judges and their offices, Court of~~
 29 ~~Appeals and their offices, Circuit and Family Courts and their offices, Magistrates and their offices, Masters in Equity and their~~
 30 ~~offices, Probate Courts and their offices, Public Defenders and their offices, Solicitors and their offices, and the Supreme Court and~~
 31 ~~their offices, and assessment for indigent medical care pursuant to Section 44-6-146 of the 1976 Code.~~

32 **113.8.** (AS-TREAS: Agricultural Use Exemption) A county shall have its portion of the Aid to Subdivisions, Local Government
 33 Fund withheld if the county imposes any additional requirements for an agricultural use exemption for a landowner's timberland
 34 beyond what is required by Section 12-43-230(a) and Section 12-43-232 of the 1976 Code.
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SECTION 117 - X900 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

117.1. (GP: Revenues, Deposits Credited to General Fund) For the current fiscal year, except as hereinafter specifically provided, all general state revenues derived from taxation, licenses, fees, or from any other source whatsoever, and all institutional and departmental revenues or collections, including income from taxes, licenses, fees, the sale of commodities and services, and income derived from any other departmental or institutional source of activity, must be remitted to the State Treasurer at least once each week, when practical, and must be credited, unless otherwise directed by law, to the General Fund of the State. Each institution, department or agency, in remitting such income to the State Treasurer, shall attach with each such remittance a report or statement, showing in detail the sources itemized according to standard budget classification from which such income was derived, and shall, at the same time, forward a copy of such report or statement to the Comptroller General and the Executive Budget Office. In order to facilitate the immediate deposit of collections, refunds of such collections by state institutions where properly approved by the authorities of same, may be made in accordance with directions from the State Comptroller General and State Treasurer. General fund appropriations herein made for the support of the public school system of the State must be greater than or equal to the revenues derived from the General Retail Sales Tax, the Soft Drinks Tax, and the state's portion of the Alcoholic Liquors Tax and Cable Television Fees as forecasted in the general fund revenue estimate of the Board of Economic Advisors as accounted for in the Statement of Revenues of this act. Appropriations in this act for the support of the public school system shall include the following:

- Department of Education;
- State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education;
- Educational Television Commission;
- Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School;
- School for the Deaf and the Blind;
- John de la Howe School;
- Debt Service on Capital Improvement Bonds Applicable to Above Agencies;
- Debt Service on School Bonds;
- Other School Purposes.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as diminishing the educational funding requirements of this section.

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 ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, and for other purposes specifically designated.

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, ~~2020~~ 2021, and ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022, and "prior fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020, and ending June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

117.4. (GP: Descriptive Proviso Titles) Descriptive proviso titles listed in this act are for purposes of identification only and are not to be considered part of the official text.

1 **117.5.** (GP: Judicial & Involuntary Commitment, Defense of Indigents) It is the responsibility of all agencies, departments and
2 institutions of state government, to provide at no cost and as a part of the regular services of the agency, department or institutions
3 such services as are necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 52, Title 44 (Involuntary Commitment), Article 7, Chapter 17,
4 Title 44 of the 1976 Code (Judicial Commitment), Chapter 3, Title 17 of the 1976 Code (Defense of Indigents), and Article 1, Chapter
5 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code (Death Penalty), as amended, upon request of the Judicial Department and/or the appropriate court. To
6 this end, state agencies are directed to furnish to the Judicial Department a list of their employees who are competent to serve as
7 court examiners. The Judicial Department shall forward a copy of this list to the appropriate courts, and the courts shall utilize the
8 services of such state employees whenever feasible. State employees shall receive no additional compensation for performing such
9 services. For the purpose of interpreting this section, employees of the Medical University of South Carolina and individuals serving
10 an internship or residency as an academic requirement or employees who are not full-time state employees and who are not
11 performing duties as state employees are not considered state employees.

12 **117.6.** (GP: Case Service Billing Payments Prior Year) Agencies appropriated case services funds who routinely receive prior
13 year case service billings after the old fiscal year has been officially closed are authorized to pay these case service obligations with
14 current funds. This authorization does not apply to billings on hand that have been through a timely agency payment approval
15 process when the old fiscal year closes.

16 **117.7.** (GP: Fee Increases) (A) No state agency, department, board, committee, commission, or authority, may increase an
17 existing fee for performing any duty, responsibility, or function unless the fee for performing the particular duty, responsibility, or
18 function is authorized by statutory law and set by regulation except as provided in this paragraph.

19 (B) This paragraph does not apply to:

- 20 (1) state-supported governmental health care facilities;
- 21 (2) state-supported schools, colleges, and universities;
- 22 (3) educational, entertainment, recreational, cultural, and training programs;
- 23 (4) the State Board of Financial Institutions;
- 24 (5) sales by state agencies of goods or tangible products produced for or by these agencies;
- 25 (6) charges by state agencies for room and board provided on state-owned property;
- 26 (7) application fees for recreational activities sponsored by state agencies and conducted on a draw or lottery basis;
- 27 (8) court fees or fines levied in a judicial or adjudicatory proceeding;
- 28 (9) the South Carolina Public Service Authority or the South Carolina Ports Authority.

29 (C) This paragraph does not prohibit a state agency, department, board, committee, or commission from increasing fees for
30 services provided to other state agencies, departments, boards, committees, commissions, political subdivisions, or fees for health
31 care and laboratory services regardless of whether the fee is set by statute.

32 (D) Statutory law for purposes of this paragraph does not include regulations promulgated pursuant to the State Administrative
33 Procedures Act.

34 **117.8.** (GP: State Institutions - Revenues & Income) The University of South Carolina, Clemson University, the Medical
35 University of South Carolina (including the Medical University Hospital), The Citadel, Winthrop University, South Carolina State
36 University, Francis Marion University, University of Charleston, Lander University, Coastal Carolina University, and the Wil Lou

1 Gray Opportunity School shall remit all revenues and income, collected at the respective institutions, to the State Treasurer according
2 to the terms of Proviso 117.1 of this act, but all such revenues or income so collected, except fees received as regular term tuition,
3 matriculation, and registration, shall be carried in a special continuing account by the State Treasurer, to the credit of the respective
4 institutions, and may be requisitioned by said institutions, in the manner prescribed in Section 11-3-185 of the 1976 Code, and
5 expended to fulfill the purpose for which such fees or income were levied, but no part of such income shall be used for permanent
6 improvements without the express written approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and the Joint Legislative Capital
7 Bond Review Committee; and it is further required that no such fee or income shall be charged in excess of the amount that is
8 necessary to supply the service, or fulfill the purpose for which such fee or income was charged. Notwithstanding other provisions
9 of this act, funds at state institutions of higher learning derived wholly from athletic or other student contests, from the activities of
10 student organizations, and from the operations of canteens and bookstores, and from approved Private Practice plans at institutions
11 and affiliated agencies may be retained at the institution and expended by the respective institutions only in accord with policies
12 established by the institution's Board of Trustees. Such funds shall be audited annually by the State but the provisions of this act
13 concerning unclassified personnel compensation, travel, equipment purchases and other purchasing regulations shall not apply to the
14 use of these funds.

15 **117.9.** (GP: Transfers of Appropriations) Agencies and institutions shall be authorized to transfer appropriations within programs
16 and within the agency with notification to the Executive Budget Office and Comptroller General. No such transfer may exceed
17 twenty percent of the program budget. Upon request, details of such transfers may be provided to members of the General Assembly
18 on an agency by agency basis. Transfers of appropriations from personal service accounts to other operating accounts or from other
19 operating accounts to personal service accounts may be restricted to any established standard level set by the State Fiscal
20 Accountability Authority upon formal approval by a majority of the members of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

21 **117.10.** (GP: Federal Funds - DHEC, DSS, DHHS - Disallowances) Amounts appropriated to the Department of Health and
22 Environmental Control, Department of Social Services and Department of Health and Human Services may be expended to cover
23 program operations of prior fiscal years where adjustment of such prior years are necessary under federal regulations or audit
24 exceptions. All disallowances or notices of disallowances by any federal agency of any costs claimed by these agencies shall be
25 submitted to the State Auditor, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, within five days of receipt
26 of such actions.

27 **117.11.** (GP: Fixed Student Fees) During the current fiscal year, student fees at the state institutions of higher learning shall be
28 fixed by the respective Boards of Trustees as follows:

29 (1) Fees applicable to student housing, dining halls, student health service, parking facility, laundries and all other personal
30 subsistence expenses shall be sufficient to fully cover the total direct operating and capital expenses of providing such facilities and
31 services over their expected useful life except those operating or capital expenses related to the removal of asbestos.

32 (2) Student activity fees may be fixed at such rates as the respective Boards shall deem reasonable and necessary.

33 **117.12.** (GP: Tech Educ. Colleges Student Activity Fees) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, funds at technical
34 education colleges derived wholly from the activities of student organizations and from the operations of canteens and bookstores
35 may be retained by the college and expended only in accord with policies established by the respective college's area commission
36 and approved by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

1 **117.13.** (GP: Discrimination Policy) It is the policy of the State of South Carolina to recruit, hire, train, and promote employees
2 without discrimination because of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion or physical disability. This policy is to apply to all
3 levels and phases of personnel within state government, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, compensation, benefits,
4 promotions, transfers, layoffs, recalls from layoffs, and educational, social, or recreational programs. It is the policy of the State to
5 take affirmative action to remove the disparate effects of past discrimination, if any, because of race, color, sex, national origin, age,
6 religion or physical disability.

7 Each state agency shall submit to the State Human Affairs Commission employment and filled vacancy data by race and sex by
8 October thirty-first, of each year.

9 In accordance with Section 1-13-110 of the 1976 Code, as amended, the Human Affairs Commission shall submit a report on the
10 status of state agencies' Affirmative Action Plans and Programs to the General Assembly by February first each year. This report
11 shall contain the total number of persons employed in each job group, by race and sex, at the end of the preceding reporting period,
12 a breakdown by race and sex of those hired or promoted from within the agency during the reporting period, and an indication of
13 whether affirmative action goals were achieved. For each job group referenced in the Human Affairs report, where the hiring of
14 personnel does not reflect the percentage goals established in the agency's affirmative action plan for the year in question, the state
15 agency shall submit a detailed explanation to the Human Affairs Commission by February fifteenth, explaining why goals were not
16 achieved.

17 The Human Affairs Commission shall review the explanations and notify the Department of Administration of any agency not in
18 satisfactory compliance with meeting its stated goals.

19 The Department of Administration shall notify any agency not in compliance that their request for additional appropriations for
20 the current appropriation cycle, may not be processed until such time as the Department of Administration, after consultation with
21 the Human Affairs Commission, is satisfied that the agency is making a good faith effort to comply with its affirmative action plan,
22 and that the compliance must be accomplished within a reasonable length of time to be determined by the mission and circumstances
23 of the agency. This requirement shall not affect additional appropriation requests for public assistance payments or aid to entities.
24 This section does not apply to those agencies that have been exempted from the reporting requirements of the Human Affairs
25 Commission.

26 **117.14.** (GP: FTE Management) In order to provide the necessary control over the number of employees, the Executive Budget
27 Office is hereby directed to maintain close supervision over the number of state employees, and to require specifically the following:

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

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

32 (a) That within thirty days of the passage of the Appropriation Act or by August first, whichever comes later, each agency
33 of the State must have established on the Executive Budget Office records all positions authorized in the Act. Each agency may,
34 upon notification to the Executive Budget Office, change the funding source of state FTE positions established on the Executive
35 Budget Office records as necessary to expend federal and other sources of personal service funds to conserve or stay within the state
36 appropriated personal service funds. No agency shall change funding sources that will cause the agency to exceed the authorized

1 number of state or total full-time equivalent positions. Each agency may transfer FTEs between programs as needed to accomplish
2 the agency mission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 (a) Upon request by an agency.

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

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

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

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

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

26 **117.15.** (GP: Allowance for Residences & Compensation Restrictions) That salaries paid to officers and employees of the State,
27 including its several boards, commissions, and institutions shall be in full for all services rendered, and no perquisites of office or of
28 employment shall be allowed in addition thereto, but such perquisites, commodities, services or other benefits shall be charged for
29 at the prevailing local value and without the purpose or effect of increasing the compensation of said officer or employee. The charge
30 for these items may be payroll deducted at the discretion of the Comptroller General or the chief financial officer at each agency
31 maintaining its own payroll system. This shall not apply to the Governor's Mansion, nor to guards at any of the state's penal
32 institutions and nurses and attendants at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and registered nurses providing clinical
33 care at the MUSC Medical Center, nor to the Superintendent and staff of John de la Howe School, nor to the cottage parents and staff
34 of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, nor to full-time or part-time staff who work after regular working hours in the SLED
35 Communications Center or Maintenance Area, nor to adult staff at the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics and the
36 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities who are required to stay on campus by the institution because of job requirements or

1 program participation. Any state institution of higher learning may provide complimentary membership privileges to employees
2 who work at their wellness centers. The presidents of those state institutions of higher learning authorized to provide on-campus
3 residential facilities for students may be permitted to occupy residences on the grounds of such institutions without charge.

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

6 That the following may be permitted to occupy residences owned by the respective departments without charge: the Farm Director,
7 Farm Managers, and Specialists employed at the Wateree River Correctional Institution; the South Carolina State Commission of
8 Forestry fire tower operators, forestry aides, and caretaker at central headquarters; the Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife
9 Management Area Personnel, Fish Hatchery Personnel, and Heritage Trust Personnel; the Department of Parks, Recreation and
10 Tourism field personnel in the State Parks Division; Director of Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School; President of the School for the
11 Deaf and the Blind; houseparents for the Commission for the Blind; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
12 personnel at the State Park Health Facility and Camp Burnt Gin; Residence Life Coordinators at Lander University; Residence Life
13 Directors, temporary and transition employees, student interns, and emergency personnel at Winthrop University; Farm
14 Superintendent at Winthrop University; Residence Hall Directors at the College of Charleston; the Department of Disabilities and
15 Special Needs' physicians and other professionals at Whitten Center, Clemson University Off-Campus Agricultural Staff and
16 Housing Area Coordinators; and TriCounty Technical College's Bridge to Clemson Resident and Area Directors; and housing
17 maintenance night supervisors, residence life directors, temporary and transition employees, and emergency medical personnel
18 occupying residences owned by the University of South Carolina. Except in the case of elected officials, the fair market rental value
19 of any residence furnished to a state employee shall be reported by the state agency furnishing the residence to the Agency Head
20 Salary Commission, and the Department of Administration by October first of each fiscal year.

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

1 employment. The names of all employees receiving monetary awards and the amounts received shall be reported annually to the
2 Department of Administration.

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

11 **117.16.** (GP: Universities & Colleges - Allowance for Presidents) Presidents of the University of South Carolina, Clemson
12 University, the Medical University of South Carolina, The Citadel, Winthrop University, South Carolina State University, Francis
13 Marion University, University of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University and Lander University must not be paid a fixed allowance
14 for personal expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their official duties. Reimbursements may be made to the
15 presidents from funds available to their respective institutions for any personal expenses incurred provided that all requests for
16 reimbursement are supported by properly documented vouchers processed through the normal accounting procedures of the
17 institutions.

18 **117.17.** (GP: Replacement of Personal Property) The Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections, Department
19 of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Continuum
20 of Care, Department of Social Services and School for the Deaf and the Blind may replace the personal property of an employee
21 which has been damaged or destroyed by a client while in custody of the agency. The replacement of personal property may be
22 made only if the loss has resulted from actions by the employee deemed to be appropriate and in the line of duty by the agency head
23 and if the damaged or destroyed item is found by the agency head to be reasonable in value, and necessary for the employee to carry
24 out the functions and duties of his employment. Replacement of damaged or destroyed items shall not exceed \$250 per item, per
25 incident. Each agency must have guidelines to insure the reasonableness of the replacement payments.

26 **117.18.** (GP: Business Expense Reimbursement) Agency heads and deputy commissioners or deputy directors designated by
27 agency heads may receive reimbursements for business expenses incurred while performing their official duties, provided that
28 receipts are presented when seeking reimbursement and justification is submitted to document the time, place, and purpose of the
29 expense as well as the names of the individuals involved. The Department of Administration shall promulgate regulations governing
30 these expenses.

31 **117.19.** (GP: Per Diem) The per diem allowance of all boards, commissions and committees shall be at the rate of \$35 per day.
32 No full-time officer or employee of the State shall draw any per diem allowance for service on such boards, commissions or
33 committees.

34 **117.20.** (GP: Travel - Subsistence Expenses & Mileage) Travel and subsistence expenses, whether paid from state appropriated,
35 federal, local or other funds, shall be allowed in accordance with the following provisions:

1 (A) Unless otherwise provided in paragraphs B through H of this section, all employees of the State of South Carolina or any
2 agency thereof including employees and members of the governing bodies of each technical college while traveling on the business
3 of the State shall, upon presentation of a paid receipt, be allowed reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for lodging, not to
4 exceed the current maximum lodging rates, excluding taxes, established by the U.S. General Services Administration. The lodging
5 reimbursement for employees of a school district must also conform to these rates when that employee's travel reimbursement is
6 paid by state funds that are transferred to the school district. Agencies may contract with lodging facilities to pay on behalf of an
7 employee. Failure to maintain proper control of direct payments for lodging may result in the revocation of the agency's authority
8 by the Comptroller General or the State Auditor. The employee shall also be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred in the
9 obtaining of meals except that such costs shall not exceed \$35 per day within the State of South Carolina. For travel outside of South
10 Carolina the maximum daily reimbursement for meals shall not exceed \$50. Agencies may contract with food or dining facilities to
11 pay for meals on behalf of employees in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Office of Comptroller General. It
12 shall be the responsibility of the agency head to monitor the charges for lodging which might be claimed by his employees in order
13 to determine that such charges are following maximum lodging rates as established by the U.S. General Services Administration.
14 Any exceptions must have the written approval of the agency head, taking into consideration location, purpose of travel or other
15 extenuating circumstances. The provisions of this item shall not apply to Section 42-3-40 of the 1976 Code, and when pertaining to
16 institutions of higher learning, for travel paid with funds other than General Funds.

17 (B) That employees of the State, when traveling outside the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico upon promotional business
18 for the State of South Carolina shall be entitled to actual expenses for both food and lodging.

19 (C) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller General, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Adjutant
20 General, Superintendent of Education and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be reimbursed actual expenses for subsistence.

21 (D) Non-legislative members of committees appointed pursuant to Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly whose
22 membership consists solely of members of the General Assembly or members of the General Assembly and other personnel who are
23 not employees of the State of South Carolina shall be allowed subsistence expenses of \$42 per day while traveling on official business,
24 unless otherwise designated by law. Members of such committees may opt to receive actual expenses incurred for lodging and actual
25 expenses incurred in the obtaining of meals in lieu of the allowable subsistence expense.

26 (E) Members of the state boards, commissions, or committees whose duties are not full-time and who are paid on a per diem
27 basis, shall be allowed reimbursement for actual expenses incurred at the rates provided in paragraph A and I of this section while
28 away from their places of residence on official business of the State. One person accompanying a handicapped member of a state
29 board, commission, or committee on official business of the State shall be allowed the same reimbursement for actual expenses
30 incurred at the rates provided in paragraph A through I of this section.

31 (F) No subsistence reimbursement shall be allowed to a Justice of the Supreme Court or Judge of the Court of Appeals while
32 traveling in the county of his official residence. When traveling on official business of said court within fifty miles outside the county
33 of his official residence, a Supreme Court Justice and a Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be allowed subsistence expenses in the
34 amount of \$42 per day plus such mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State. When traveling on
35 official business of said court fifty or more miles outside the county of his official residence, each Justice and Judge of the Court of
36 Appeals shall be allowed subsistence expenses in the amount as provided in this act for members of the General Assembly plus such

1 mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State. The Chief Justice, or such other person as the Chief
2 Justice designates, while attending the Conference of Chief Justices and one member of the Supreme Court while attending the
3 National Convention of Appellate Court Judges, and three Circuit Judges while attending the National Convention of State Trial
4 Judges shall be allowed actual subsistence and travel expenses.

5 Upon approval of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court Justices, Judges of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Judges, and Family Court
6 Judges shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred for all other official business requiring out-of-state expenses at the rate
7 provided in paragraph A of this section.

8 (G) No subsistence reimbursements are allowed to a Circuit Judge, a Family Court Judge, or an Administrative Law Judge while
9 holding court within the county in which he resides. While holding court or on other official business outside the county, within
10 fifty miles of his residence, a Circuit Court Judge, Family Court Judge, or an Administrative Law Judge is entitled to a subsistence
11 allowance in the amount of \$42 per day plus such mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State. While
12 holding court or on other official business at a location fifty miles or more from his residence, a Circuit Court, Family Court or
13 Administrative Law Judge is entitled to a subsistence allowance in the amount as provided in this act for members of the General
14 Assembly plus such mileage allowance for travel as is provided for other employees of the State.

15 (H) Any retired Justice, Circuit Court Judge or Family Court Judge or Master-in-Equity appointed by the Supreme Court to serve
16 as a Special Circuit Judge, Family Court Judge, Appeals Court Judge, or Acting Associate Justice shall serve without pay but shall
17 receive the same allowance for subsistence, expenses, and mileage as provided in Part I for Circuit Court Judges.

18 (I) No expense shall be allowed an employee either at his place of residence or at the official headquarters of the agency by
19 which he is employed except as provided in paragraph E, of this section. When an employee is assigned to work a particular territory
20 or district, and such territory or district and his official headquarters are in different localities or sections of the State, expenses may
21 be allowed for the necessary travel to his official headquarters. The members of the Workers' Compensation Commission may be
22 reimbursed at the regular mileage rate of one round trip each week from their respective homes to Columbia. No subsistence
23 reimbursement shall be allowed to a member of the Workers' Compensation Commission while traveling in the county of his official
24 residence. When traveling on official business of the commission outside the county of his official residence, a member of the
25 Workers' Compensation Commission shall be allowed subsistence expenses in the amount of \$42 per day. When traveling on official
26 business of the commission fifty or more miles outside the county of his official residence, each member shall be allowed a
27 subsistence allowance in the amount as provided in this act for members of the General Assembly. When out-of-state, members of
28 the Workers' Compensation Commission and the members of the Appellate Panel of the Department of Employment and Workforce
29 may claim the established amount of per diem, as stated in the General Appropriation Act, or actual expenses as deemed reasonable
30 by the Comptroller General. The members of the Appellate Panel of the Department of Employment and Workforce may be
31 reimbursed at the regular mileage rate when the member is on official business fifty miles or more outside of Columbia. The members
32 of the Appellate Panel of the Department of Employment and Workforce shall be allowed subsistence allowance in the amount as
33 provided in this act for members of the General Assembly when the member is on official business fifty miles or more outside of
34 Columbia.

35 (J) When an employee of the State shall use his or her personal automobile in traveling on necessary official business, a charge
36 to equal the standard business mileage rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service will be allowed for the use of such

1 automobile and the employee shall bear the expense of supplies and upkeep thereof. The standard business mileage rate used in this
2 calculation shall be the current rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. Whenever state provided motor pool vehicles are
3 reasonably available and their use is practical and an employee of the State shall request for his own benefit to use his or her personal
4 vehicle in traveling on necessary official business, a charge of four cents per mile less than the standard business mileage rate as
5 established by the Internal Revenue Service will be allocated for the use of such vehicle and the employee shall bear the expense of
6 supplies and upkeep thereof. The standard business mileage rate used in this calculation shall be the current rate established by the
7 Internal Revenue Service. When such travel is by a state-owned automobile, the State shall bear the expense of supplies and upkeep
8 thereof but no mileage will be allowed. Agencies and employees are directed to use state fueling facilities to the maximum extent
9 possible, when such use is cost beneficial to the State. When using commercial fueling facilities, operators of State-owned vehicles
10 are directed to use self-service pumps. In traveling on the business of the State, employees are required to use the most economical
11 mode of transportation, due consideration being given to urgency, schedules and like factors.

12 Mileage between an employee's home and his/her place of employment is not subject to reimbursement. However, when an
13 employee leaves on a business trip directly from his/her home, and does not go by the employee's headquarters, the employee shall
14 be eligible for reimbursement for actual mileage beginning at his/her residence.

15 (K) That a state agency may advance travel and subsistence expense monies to employees of that agency for the financing of
16 ordinary and necessary travel required in the conducting of the business of the agency. The Office of Comptroller General is directed
17 to develop and publish rules and regulations pertaining to the advancing of travel expenses and no state agency shall make such
18 advances except under the rules and regulations as published. All advances for travel and subsistence monies shall be repaid to the
19 agency within thirty days after the end of the trip or by July fifteenth, whichever comes first.

20 (L) That the state institutions of higher learning are authorized to reimburse reasonable relocation expenses for new employees
21 when such reimbursements are considered by the agency head to be essential to successful recruitment of professionally competent
22 staff members.

23 (M) The Office of Comptroller General is authorized to promulgate and publish rules and regulations governing travel and
24 subsistence payments.

25 (N) No state funds may be used to purchase first class airline tickets.

26 **117.21.** (GP: Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report) Each organization receiving a contribution in this act shall
27 render to the state agency making the contribution by November first of the fiscal year in which funds are received, an accounting
28 of how the state funds will be spent, goals to be accomplished, proposed measures to evaluate success in implementing and meeting
29 the goals, a copy of the adopted budget for the current year, and also a copy of the organization's most recent operating financial
30 statement. The funds appropriated in this act for contributions shall not be expended until the required financial statements are filed
31 with the appropriate state agency. No funds in this act shall be disbursed to organizations or purposes which practice discrimination
32 against persons by virtue of race, creed, color or national origin. The State Auditor shall review and audit, if necessary, the financial
33 structure and activities of each organization receiving contributions in this act and make a report to the General Assembly of such
34 review and/or audit, when requested to do so by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. From the funds an organization receives
35 from a state agency, for accountability purposes, by June thirtieth organizations receiving contributions in this act shall submit a
36 report to the state agency making the contribution that includes an accounting of how the funds were spent and the outcome measures

1 used to determine the success of the stated goals. State agencies receiving such data from organizations shall forward the information
2 to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

3 **117.22.** (GP: State-Owned Aircraft - Flight Logs) Each agency having in its custody one or more aircraft shall maintain a
4 continuing log on all flights, which in order to promote accountability and transparency shall be open for public inspection and shall
5 also be posted online. Any and all aircraft owned or operated by agencies of the State Government shall be used only for official
6 business. The Division of Aeronautics and other agencies owning and operating aircraft may furnish transportation to the Governor,
7 Constitutional Officers, members of the General Assembly, members of state boards, commissions, and agencies and their invitees
8 for official business only; no member of the General Assembly, no member of a state board, commission, or committee, and no state
9 official shall use any state-owned or operated aircraft unless the member or official files within twenty-four hours after the completion
10 of the flight with the agency that provided the flight a sworn statement certifying and describing the official nature of his trip; and
11 no member of the General Assembly, no member of a state board, commission or committee, and no state official shall be furnished
12 air transportation by a state agency unless such agency prepares and maintains in its files a sworn statement from the highest ranking
13 official of the agency or its designee certifying that the member's or state official's trip was in conjunction with the official business
14 of the agency. Official business shall not include routine transportation to and from meetings of the General Assembly or committee
15 meetings for which mileage is authorized. Official business also does not include attending a press conference, bill signing, or
16 political function.

17 All logs shall be signed by the parties using the flight and the signatures shall be maintained as part of the permanent record of
18 any agency. All passengers shall be listed on the flight log by their legal name; passengers flying with an appropriate official of
19 SLED or the Department of Commerce whose confidentiality must, in the opinion of SLED or the department, be protected shall be
20 listed in writing on the flight log as "Confidential Passenger SLED or the Department of Commerce (strike one)" and the appropriate
21 official of SLED or the department shall certify to the agency operating the aircraft the necessity for such confidentiality. The
22 Division of Aeronautics shall post its flight logs on its website within one working day of completion of trips.

23 Violation of the above provisions of this section is prima facie evidence of a violation of Section 8-13-700(A) of the 1976 Code
24 and shall subject a violating member of the General Assembly to the ethics procedure of his appropriate house and shall subject a
25 violating member of a state board, commission or committee, or a state official to the applicable ethics procedure relating to them as
26 provided by law. The above provisions do not apply to state-owned or operated aircraft when used by the Medical University of
27 South Carolina, nor to aircraft of the athletic department or the educational foundations of any state-supported institution of higher
28 education, nor to law enforcement officers when flying on state-owned aircraft in pursuit of fugitives, missing persons, or felons or
29 for investigation of gang, drug, or other violent crimes.

30 Aircraft owned by agencies of state government shall not be leased to individuals for their personal use.

31 **117.23.** (GP: Carry Forward) Each agency is authorized to carry forward unspent general fund appropriations from the prior
32 fiscal year into the current fiscal year, up to a maximum of ten percent of its original general fund appropriations less any
33 appropriation reductions for the current fiscal year. Agencies shall not withhold services in order to carry forward general funds.

34 This provision shall be suspended if necessary to avoid a fiscal year-end general fund deficit. For purposes of this proviso, the
35 amount of the general fund deficit shall be determined after first applying the Capital Reserve Fund provisions in Section

1 11-11-320(D) of the 1976 Code, and before any transfers from the General Reserve. The amount of general funds needed to avoid
2 a year-end deficit shall be reduced proportionately from each agency's carry forward amount.

3 Agencies which have separate general fund carry forward authority must exclude the amount carried forward by such separate
4 authority from their base for purposes of calculating the ten percent carry forward authorized herein. Any funds that are carried
5 forward as a result of this provision are not considered part of the base of appropriations for any succeeding years.

6 **117.24.** (GP: TEFRA-Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State Medicaid
7 Plan be amended to provide benefits for disabled children as allowed by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA)
8 option. State agencies, including but not limited to, the Department of Social Services - the Continuum of Care, the Department of
9 Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the
10 Department of Health and Human Services shall collectively review and identify existing state appropriations within their respective
11 budgets that can be used as state match to serve these children. Such funds shall be used effective January 1, 1995 to implement
12 TEFRA option benefits. Agencies providing services under the provisions of this paragraph must not spend less in the current fiscal
13 year than expended in the previous fiscal year.

14 **117.25.** (GP: Prison Industries) All agencies funded in this act, when procuring goods and services, shall first consider
15 contracting for services or purchasing goods and services through the Department of Corrections' Prison Industries Program. The
16 Department of Corrections shall furnish, upon request, to all agencies a catalogue of goods and services provided by Prison Industries.
17 The department is hereby directed to develop and market a catalogue of Prison Industries products for nationwide circulation.

18 **117.26.** (GP: Travel Report) Annually on November first, the Comptroller General shall issue a report on travel expenditures
19 for the prior fiscal year which shall be distributed to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the
20 Statehouse Press Room. The Comptroller General may use up to \$500 of general fund appropriations for the purpose of providing
21 copies to the media or the public upon request. The report must contain a listing for every agency receiving an appropriation in the
22 annual General Appropriations Act. The listing must show at a minimum the top ten percent of employees for whom travel expenses
23 and registration fees were paid within each agency, not to exceed twenty-five employees per agency. Agencies should include
24 position titles for each of the top twenty-five travelers for each agency. Expenditures must include state, federal and other sources
25 of funds. Expenditures for in-state and out-of-state registration fees (fees to attend conferences, teleconferences, workshops, or
26 seminars for training on a per person basis) must be shown as a separate subtotal within the grand total for the individual employees
27 and the agency as a whole. The list for each agency must be in rank order with the largest expenditure first and the name of the
28 employee must be shown with each amount. Agencies should include a brief summary of the type of travel the agency incurs. The
29 Comptroller General may provide additional information as deemed appropriate. The Comptroller General shall provide no
30 exceptions to this report in that the information contained is not considered confidential or restricted for economic development
31 purposes. However, further disclosure of detailed information shall be restricted as provided for by law.

32 **117.27.** (GP: School Technology Initiative) From the funds appropriated/authorized for the K-12 technology initiative, the
33 Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Administration, the State Library, the Educational Television
34 Commission, and a representative from the Education Oversight Committee, shall administer the K-12 technology initiative funds.
35 These funds are intended to provide technology, encourage effective use of technology in K-12 public schools throughout the state,
36 conduct cost/benefit analyses of the various technologies, and should, to the maximum extent possible, involve public-private sector

1 collaborative efforts. Funds may also be used to establish pilot projects for new technologies with selected school districts as part of
2 the evaluation process. K-12 technology initiative funds shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

3 **117.28.** (GP: State-Operated Day Care Facilities Fees) Any state agency receiving funding in this act and any higher education
4 institution, including four-year institutions, two-year institutions, and technical colleges, that operates an early childhood
5 development center or day care facility shall charge, at a minimum, fees that are comparable to those charged by private day care
6 facilities in the local community. The institution or agency shall not restrict enrollment in the center solely to the children of faculty,
7 staff, and students of the institution; nor shall fees be set at a lower level for faculty, staff, or students of the institution or agency.

8 **117.29.** (GP: Base Budget Analysis) Agencies' annual accountability reports for the prior fiscal year, as required in Section
9 1-1-810, must be accessible to the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and to the public on
10 or before September fifteenth, for the purpose of a zero-base budget analysis and in order to ensure that the Agency Head Salary
11 Commission has the accountability reports for use in a timely manner. Accountability Report guidelines shall require agencies to
12 identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures. The
13 Executive Budget Office is directed to develop a process for training agency leaders on the annual agency accountability report and
14 its use in financial, organizational, and accountability improvement. Until performance-based funding is fully implemented and
15 reported annually, the state supported colleges, universities and technical schools shall report in accordance with Section 59-101-350.

16 **117.30.** (GP: Collection on Dishonored Payments) In lieu of any other provision of law, any state agency may collect a service
17 charge as provided in Section 34-11-70 to cover the costs associated with the processing and collection of dishonored instruments or
18 electronic payments where any amount is not paid by the drawee due to insufficient funds on deposit with the bank or the person
19 upon which it was drawn when presented, or the instrument has an incorrect or insufficient signature on it. Such funds shall be
20 retained and expended by the agency in accordance with this purpose and any unused amount shall carry forward to the following
21 fiscal year.

22 **117.31.** (GP: State DNA Database) Funds collected by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, the Department of
23 Probation, Parole and Pardon, and Department of Juvenile Justice to process DNA samples must be remitted to the State Law
24 Enforcement Division to offset the expenses incurred to operate the State DNA Database program. SLED may retain, expend, and
25 carry forward these funds. Any carry forward funds resulting from the DNA Database program must be used solely to operate the
26 DNA Database program.

27 **117.32.** (GP: Voluntary Separation Incentive Program) State agencies may implement, in consultation with the Department of
28 Administration, a program to realign resources to include provisions for a separation incentive payment for employees which may
29 include the employer portion of health and dental benefits not to exceed one year. Employees participating in such program shall be
30 considered to have voluntarily quit their employment without good cause and be subject to the provisions of Section 41-35-120(1)
31 of the South Carolina Employment Security Law. Any program developed under this provision will involve voluntary participation
32 from employees and will be funded within existing appropriations. The program must be approved by the agency head and the
33 Director of the Human Resources Division based on ability to demonstrate recurring cost savings for realignment and/or permanent
34 downsizing. State agencies shall report the prior year's results to the Department of Administration by August fifteenth, of the
35 current fiscal year. The Department of Administration, upon request, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House
36 Ways and Means Committee on these results.

1 **117.33.** (GP: Debt Collection Reports) Each state agency shall provide to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House of
2 Representatives Ways and Means Committees and the Inspector General a report detailing the amount of its outstanding debt and all
3 methods it has used to collect that debt. This report is due by the last day of February for the previous calendar year. For purposes
4 of this provision, outstanding debt means a sum remaining due and owed to a state agency by a nongovernmental entity for more
5 than sixty calendar days.

6 **117.34.** (GP: State-Funded Libraries - Web Filters) (A) A library receiving state funds, directly, indirectly, by grant, or
7 otherwise, other than a library at an institution of higher learning, that has computers available for use by the public or students, or
8 both, must equip these computers with software incorporating web-filtering technology designed to eliminate or reduce the ability
9 of the computer to access sites displaying pornographic pictures or text. However, up to ten percent, and at least one, of the library's
10 computers must be unfiltered. Each library's governing officials shall determine the physical location of any unfiltered computer(s).
11 The library also must have a written policy providing sanctions against a person who instructs or demonstrates to another person
12 how to bypass this web-filtering technology.

13 (B) State funds intended for a library not in compliance with subsection (A) must be reduced by fifty percent. Funds resulting
14 from this reduction must be distributed among other libraries that are in compliance with subsection (A).

15 **117.35.** (GP: Tobacco Settlement Funds Carry Forward) State agencies are hereby authorized to retain and carry forward any
16 unexpended Tobacco Settlement Agreement funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and to expend such funds for
17 the same purpose.

18 **117.36.** (GP: Use Tax Exemption) For the current fiscal year there is exempt from the use tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 36,
19 Title 12 of the 1976 Code the sales price of tangible personal property purchased for use in private primary and secondary schools,
20 including kindergartens and early childhood education programs, which are exempt from income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3)
21 of the Internal Revenue Code. For the purposes of this item, the Internal Revenue Code means Internal Revenue Code as described
22 in Section 12-6-40 of the 1976 Code. This exemption applies for sales occurring after 1995. No refund is due any taxpayer of use
23 tax paid on sales exempted by this paragraph.

24 **117.37.** (GP: Personal Property Tax Relief Fund) If the Personal Property Tax Exemption Sales Tax is imposed in a county and
25 a sales tax rate of two percent of gross proceeds of sales is insufficient to offset the property tax not collected, sufficient amounts
26 must be credited to the Trust Fund for Tax Relief established pursuant to Section 11-11-150 of the 1976 Code to provide the
27 reimbursement to offset such a shortfall in the manner provided in Section 4-10-540(A) of the 1976 Code.

28 **117.38.** (GP: COG Annual Report) Each Council of Government shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the
29 House Ways and Means Committee by December first each year describing how the funds which they received from the State in the
30 prior fiscal year were expended.

31 **117.39.** (GP: South Carolina Recycling Initiative) To protect the public health and safety, protect and preserve the environment
32 of this State, and to recover resources which have the potential for usefulness in the most environmentally safe, economically feasible
33 and cost effective manner, state agencies shall purchase recycled steel unless the item cannot be acquired competitively at a
34 reasonable price.

1 **117.40.** (GP: Life and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships Waiver Exemption) Any provision in permanent law or in Part IB,
2 Section 117 of this act, except that which is specified for LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarships, that would require general fund
3 appropriations other than what is specified in Part IA of this act is waived for the current fiscal year.

4 **117.41.** (GP: Sole Source Procurements) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall evaluate and determine whether the
5 written determinations, explanations, and basis for sole source procurements, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 11-35-1560,
6 and emergency procurements, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 11-35-1570, are legitimate and valid reasons for awarding
7 noncompetitive contracts.

8 **117.42.** (GP: DMV Data) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide access, in compliance with all state and federal
9 privacy protection statutes, to the following data and reports without charge to the South Carolina Department of Transportation:

- 10 (1) all collision data and collision reports;
11 (2) registration information used for toll enforcement; and
12 (3) driver records of employees or prospective employees.

13 **117.43.** (GP: Parking Fees) State agencies shall not impose additional parking fees or increases in current fees for state
14 employees during the current fiscal year. This provision does not apply to any college or university.

15 **117.44.** (GP: Facility Rental Fee) The Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Governor's School for Science and
16 Mathematics, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, and John de la Howe School are authorized to charge, collect, expend and carry
17 forward fees charged for facility and equipment rental and registration.

18 **117.45.** (GP: Insurance Claims) Any insurance reimbursement to an agency may be used to offset expenses related to the claim.
19 These funds may be retained, expended, and carried forward.

20 **117.46.** (GP: Organizational Charts) All agencies, departments and institutions of state government shall furnish to the Human
21 Resources Division (1) a current personnel organizational chart annually no later than September first of the current fiscal year, or
22 upon the request of the division and (2) notification of any change to the agency's organizational structure which impacts an
23 employee's grievance rights within thirty days of such change. The organizational chart shall be in a form prescribed by the Human
24 Resources Division showing all authorized positions, class title, class code, position number and indications as to whether such
25 positions are filled or vacant. In addition, the organizational chart shall clearly identify those employees who are exempt from the
26 State Employee Grievance Procedure Act.

27 **117.47.** (GP: Agencies Affected by Restructuring) Upon restructuring of state agencies by the General Assembly the Department
28 of Administration is directed to work with affected State agencies in order to phase-in operations of restructured organizations during
29 the current fiscal year. Restructured organizations should be operating entirely under the revised structure no later than December
30 thirty-first, of the current fiscal year, unless otherwise directed by law. The department is further directed to work with the affected
31 agencies in order to identify and facilitate the transfer of any portion of their operations, including transfer of funds during the current
32 fiscal year, which is affected by the restructured organization adopted by the General Assembly, but which has not already been
33 accomplished herein. Until sufficient changes can be made to the State's accounting system and the appointment of appropriate
34 agency heads, the Comptroller General and the State Treasurer shall allow those agencies affected by restructuring to continue
35 processing documents within the account structure existing on June thirtieth, of the prior fiscal year. Restructured agencies shall
36 make all the necessary accounting adjustments to complete the transition to the new account structure as soon as possible, but no

1 later than December thirty-first, of the current fiscal year, unless otherwise directed by law. The Executive Budget Office is directed
2 to prepare the subsequent detail budget to conform Part IA and corresponding provisos in this act to any restructuring changes that
3 are ratified.

4 **117.48.** (GP: Agency Administrative Support Collaboration) It is the intent of the General Assembly that state agencies continue
5 to actively pursue cost savings measures through collaborative efforts and where feasible may combine administrative support
6 functions with other agencies in order to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

7 **117.49.** (GP: Assessment Audit / Crime Victim Funds) If the State Auditor finds that any county treasurer, municipal treasurer,
8 county clerk of court, magistrate, or municipal court has not properly allocated revenue generated from court fines, fines, and
9 assessments to the crime victim funds or has not properly expended crime victim funds, pursuant to Sections 14-1-206(B) and (D),
10 14-1-207(B) and (D), 14-1-208(B) and (D), and 14-1-211(B) of the 1976 Code, the State Auditor shall notify the State Department
11 of Crime Victim Compensation. The State Department of Crime Victim Compensation is authorized to conduct an audit which shall
12 include both a programmatic review and financial audit of any entity or nonprofit organization receiving victim assistance funding
13 based on the referrals from the State Auditor or complaints of a specific nature received by the State Department of Crime Victim
14 Compensation to ensure that crime victim funds are expended in accordance with the law. Guidelines for the expenditure of these
15 funds shall be developed by the Victim Services Coordinating Council. The Victim Services Coordinating Council shall develop
16 these guidelines to ensure any expenditure which meets the parameters of Article 15, Chapter 3, Title 16 is an allowable expenditure.
17 Any local entity or nonprofit organization that receives funding from revenue generated from crime victim funds is required to submit
18 their budget for the expenditure of these funds to the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation within thirty days of the
19 budget's approval by the governing body of the entity or nonprofit organization. Failure to comply with this provision shall cause
20 the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation to initiate a programmatic review and a financial audit of the entity's or
21 nonprofit organization's expenditures of victim assistance funds. Additionally, the Department of Crime Victim Compensation will
22 place the name of the noncompliant entity or nonprofit organization on their website where it shall remain until such time as they are
23 in compliance with the terms of this proviso. Any entity or nonprofit organization receiving victim assistance funding must cooperate
24 and provide expenditure/program data requested by the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation. If the State Department
25 of Crime Victim Compensation finds an error, the entity or nonprofit organization has ninety days to rectify the error. An error
26 constitutes an entity or nonprofit organization spending victim assistance funding on unauthorized items as determined by the State
27 Department of Crime Victim Compensation. If the entity or nonprofit organization fails to cooperate with the programmatic review
28 and financial audit or to rectify the error within ninety days, the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation shall assess and
29 collect a penalty in the amount of the unauthorized expenditure plus \$1,500 against the entity or nonprofit organization for improper
30 expenditures. This penalty plus \$1,500 must be paid within thirty days of the notification by the State Department of Crime
31 Victim Compensation to the entity or nonprofit organization that they are in noncompliance with the provisions of this proviso.
32 All penalties received by the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation shall be credited to the General Fund of the State. If
33 the penalty is not received by the State Department of Crime Victim Compensation within thirty days of the notification, the political
34 subdivision will deduct the amount of the penalty from the entity or nonprofit organization's subsequent fiscal year appropriation.

35 **117.50.** (GP: H.L. Hunley Museum Location) The General Assembly approves the Patriots Point Development Authority as the
36 permanent site of the H.L. Hunley Museum. This approval is contingent upon the negotiation and execution of necessary contracts

1 between the State of South Carolina and the Patriots Point Development Authority. The Hunley Commission is directed to expend
2 funds from its account to negotiate and execute contracts on behalf of the State of South Carolina.

3 **117.51.** (GP: Secure Juvenile Confinement) The Attorney General shall review the interpretation of the current policies of the
4 Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections regarding secure juvenile confinement that the departments indicate
5 may jeopardize federal grant funds. The departments may not implement any changes to the current policies regarding secure juvenile
6 confinement until the Attorney General considers the departments' interpretation of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
7 Prevention Act in regard to the secure holding of juveniles for more than six hours in adult detention facilities that also serve as
8 forty-eight-hour juvenile holdover facilities. The Attorney General will determine if the departments' interpretation is fair and
9 equitable and how the local governments and the Department of Juvenile Justice would be impacted, to include any financial
10 considerations.

11 **117.52.** (GP: ISCEDC Funding Transfer) The departments of Mental Health, Disabilities and Special Needs, and Juvenile Justice
12 are directed to transfer a total of \$1,199,456 in funds to the Department of Social Services for the support of the Interagency System
13 for Caring for Emotionally Disturbed Children. Funding transfers shall be in the following amounts: Department of Mental Health
14 - \$595,000, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs - \$379,456, and Department of Juvenile Justice - \$225,000. The transfer
15 of funds shall be accomplished by September thirtieth of the current fiscal year.

16 **117.53.** (GP: Employee Bonuses) State agencies and institutions are allowed to spend state, federal, and other sources of revenue
17 to provide selected employees lump sum bonuses, not to exceed three thousand dollars per year, based on objective guidelines
18 established by the Department of Administration. Payment of these bonuses is not a part of the employee's base salary and is not
19 earnable compensation for purposes of employee and employer contributions to respective retirement systems. Employees earning
20 \$100,000 or more shall not be eligible to receive bonuses under this provision. The employing agency must report this information
21 on or before August thirty-first of each year and must include the total amount and source of the bonus received by the employee
22 during the preceding fiscal year (July first through June thirtieth). The Human Resources Division of the Department of
23 Administration shall formulate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the reporting provisions of this proviso. Copies
24 of the reports shall be made available to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and
25 Means Committee, upon request.

26 **117.54.** (GP: FEMA Flexibility) Any appropriation designated as the state share for a federally declared disaster may be carried
27 forward and used for the same purpose by the Emergency Management Division of the Adjutant General's Office in the event of
28 additional federally declared disasters. Unallocated funds from established state accounts may be used as the state share in any
29 federally declared disaster. These funds may also be used during a Governor's state of emergency to augment existing state
30 appropriations of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD). When these funds are used during a Governor's
31 state of emergency, the allocation of those funds following the event will be determined by the Governor based on the
32 recommendation of the Adjutant General and the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

33 In the event there is a federally declared disaster and state match funds are unavailable, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority
34 may borrow from any internal account or accounts necessary to maximize federal matching funds through the Emergency
35 Management Division. Any such borrowing must be reported to the General Assembly within five days. Funds borrowed from
36 accounts shall be replenished by the General Assembly as soon as practicable.

1 **117.55.** (GP: Respiratory Syncytial Virus Prescription Sales and Use Tax Exemption) The effective date of the exemption from
2 sales and use tax of prescription medicines used to prevent respiratory syncytial virus shall be January 1, 1999. No refund of sales
3 and use taxes may be claimed as a result of this provision.

4 **117.56.** (GP: Year-End Financial Statements - Penalties) Agencies, institutions, and other reporting entities required to submit
5 annual audited financial statements for inclusion in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report must submit final audited
6 financial statements to the Comptroller General not later than October first for those with fiscal year-end June thirtieth. The South
7 Carolina Retirement Systems, Insurance Benefits, and Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Funds administered by the South
8 Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority must submit their final audited financial statements no later than October fifteenth. For
9 institutions and reporting entities with fiscal year-ends other than June thirtieth, final audited financial statements must be submitted
10 to the Comptroller General within 120 days of that fiscal year-end. The Comptroller General shall provide a written report of each
11 agency, institution, or other reporting entity not in compliance with this provision to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by
12 November thirtieth.

13 **117.57.** (GP: Purchase Card Incentive Rebates) In addition to the Purchase Card Rebate deposited in the general fund, any
14 incentive rebate premium received by an agency from the Purchase Card Program may be retained and used by the agency to support
15 its operations.

16 **117.58.** (GP: Sex Offender Monitoring and Supervision) The funds appropriated to the Department of Probation, Parole and
17 Pardon Services in Part IA, Section 66, Program II.A.2. for the Sex Offender Monitoring Program and to the Department of Juvenile
18 Justice in Part IA, Section 67, Program III.A. Special Item: Sex Offender Monitoring are to be used and expended only for GPS
19 monitoring programs of the departments. In cases of limited funds, monitoring of "Jessie's Law" offenders shall take precedence
20 over all other GPS programs of the departments. Funds appropriated for this program may not be used for any other purpose or
21 transferred to any other program. Unexpended funds appropriated for Sex Offender Monitoring may be carried forward and used
22 for the same purpose. The departments are directed to submit a report to the General Assembly by January fifteenth each year
23 accounting for the expenditure of the funds including any carry-forward funding; the total costs and per-day costs for equipment,
24 supervision, and monitoring; the total number of staff assigned to the activity and the average agent caseloads; the amount of funds
25 collected from sex offenders for both intensive supervision and electronic monitoring; and the anticipated fiscal needs for the
26 upcoming fiscal year. The report shall also include, but not be limited to, data regarding the number of offenders sentenced to
27 electronic monitoring, including the number sentenced for life; the number of alert notifications received, investigated, and
28 prosecuted; and the number of offenders returned to prison as a result of electronic monitoring violations.

29 **117.59.** (GP: Viscosupplementation Therapies Sales and Use Tax Exemption) For the current fiscal year only, sales and use
30 taxes on viscosupplementation therapies shall be suspended. No refund or forgiveness of tax may be claimed as a result of this
31 provision.

32 **117.60.** (GP: CID & PCC Agency Head Salaries) All hiring salaries and salary increases for the agency heads of the Commission
33 on Indigent Defense and the Prosecution Coordination Commission shall be subject to all provisions related to agency heads covered
34 by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

35 **117.61.** (GP: Prosecutors and Defenders Public Service Incentive Program) The Office of Attorney General, the Commission
36 on Prosecution Coordination, and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall develop and implement a Prosecutors and Defenders

1 Public Service Incentive Program for attorneys employed by the Office of Attorney General, the Commission on Prosecution
2 Coordination, the Commission on Indigent Defense, a Circuit Solicitor's Office or a Circuit Public Defender's Office.

3 After more than three years of continuous service as a full-time attorney with any of these entities, qualifying attorneys may be
4 reimbursed up to \$1,000 for payments made in the prior calendar year on outstanding law school loans. Reimbursements for law
5 school loan payments may be increased by up to \$1,000 for each additional year of continuous service; however, such reimbursements
6 shall not exceed \$5,000 in any year. The amount of law school loan payment reimbursement in any calendar year shall not exceed
7 the amount of principal and interest paid on the loan in the prior calendar year. Reimbursements under the program may continue
8 until all outstanding law school loans are satisfied; however, such reimbursements shall not exceed \$40,000 per qualifying attorney.
9 Reimbursements shall be adjusted if necessary so as not to exceed appropriations for the program.

10 The Prosecutors and Defenders Public Service Incentive Program must be administered by the Commission on Prosecution
11 Coordination, which shall pay for the cost of administration within the funds appropriated.

12 The Office of Attorney General, the Commission on Prosecution Coordination, and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall
13 each compile a report that includes, but is not limited to, the number of applicants and the impact of the program on attracting and
14 retaining attorneys. The Commission on Prosecution Coordination shall also compile a report that includes, but is not limited to, the
15 cost of administering the program as well as the amount of reimbursements per agency or entity. Such reports shall be submitted to
16 the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by April first.

17 Unexpended program funds from the prior fiscal year may be carried forward into the current fiscal year to be used for the same
18 purpose.

19 **117.62.** (GP: Attorney Dues) Agencies and offices of the State of South Carolina that employ attorneys are authorized, if they
20 so decide, to use other appropriated funds, including General Fund carry forward funds, to pay the costs of mandatory dues owed to
21 the South Carolina Bar Association.

22 **117.63.** (GP: Critical Employee Recruitment and Retention) State agencies are allowed to spend state, federal, and other sources
23 of revenue to provide lump sum bonuses to aid in recruiting and retaining workers in critical needs jobs which provide services that
24 directly impact the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The employee bonus amount shall be approved by the State Human
25 Resources Director based on State Human Resources guidelines, and shall not exceed \$10,000 per year. Payment of these bonuses
26 is not a part of the employee's base salary and is not earnable compensation for purposes of employee and employer contributions
27 to respective retirement systems. These bonuses shall, however, be considered earnings for determining if an employee who has
28 returned to work after retirement is subject to the earning limitation imposed in either Section 9-1-1790(A)(1) or Section 9-11-
29 (4)(a)(i).

30 These agencies may also provide paid educational leave for any employee in a FTE position deemed critical by the Department of
31 Administration to attend class while enrolled in degree programs that are related to the agency's mission. All such leave is at the
32 agency head's discretion.

33 These agencies may enter into an agreement with individuals employed in critical needs positions to repay them for their
34 outstanding student loans associated with completion of a relevant degree. Agencies may pay these employees up to twenty percent
35 or \$7,500, whichever is less, of their outstanding student loan each year over a five-year period. Payments will be made directly to

1 the employee at the end of each year of employment. The agency will be responsible for verifying the principal balance of the
2 employee's student loan prior to issuing payments.

3 Agencies are also authorized to allow tuition reimbursement from a maximum of ten credit hours per semester; allow probationary
4 employees to participate in tuition programs; and provide tuition prepayment instead of tuition reimbursement for employees willing
5 to pursue a degree in a healthcare program. An agency may pay up to fifty percent of an employee's tuition through tuition
6 prepayment. The remaining tuition could be reimbursed to the employee after successful completion of the class.

7 The Department of Administration shall approve of the designation of critical needs positions applicable to this provision using
8 guidelines that include, but are not limited to: 1) the difficulty recruiting for the positions as reflected by data such as the vacancy
9 rate maintained, the average time to fill, the lack of sufficient qualified applicants, and other objective factors; 2) the difficulty
10 retaining employees in the positions as shown by turnover data; 3) justification by the state agency that the position is critical to the
11 core mission of the agency and directly impacts the health, safety and welfare of the public; and 4) assurances from the state agency
12 that there are sufficient existing funds available to pay for items under this provision.

13 Healthcare employees in approved critical needs positions working on a practicum or required clinical experience towards
14 completion of a healthcare degree may be allowed to complete these requirements at their state agency or another state agency at the
15 discretion of the agency head. This field placement at another state agency may be considered work time for participating employees.

16 State agencies must report to the Department of Administration by August 31st of each year any expenditure under this provision.
17 The Department of Administration shall compile a report of the responses and submit them to the Chairman of the Senate Finance
18 Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by October 1st of each year.

19 **117.64.** (GP: Governor's Budget Certification) The annual Executive Budget proposed by the Governor must be certified by the
20 Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office or his designee in the same manner as the House Ways and Means and Senate
21 Finance Committee versions of the budget bill are certified.

22 **117.65.** (GP: Voluntary Furlough) Agency heads may institute a voluntary employee furlough program of not more than ninety
23 days per fiscal year. During this voluntary furlough, the state employees shall be entitled to participate in the same state benefits as
24 otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits which require employer and employee
25 contributions, the state agencies, institutions and departments will be responsible for making both employer and employee
26 contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the
27 employee remains solely responsible for making those contributions. In the event an agency's reduction is due solely to the General
28 Assembly transferring or deleting a program, this provision does not apply.

29 **117.66.** (GP: Governor's Security Detail) The State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Public Safety, and the
30 Department of Natural Resources shall provide a security detail to the Governor in a manner agreed to by the State Law Enforcement
31 Division, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Office of Governor. Reimbursement to the
32 State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Natural Resources to offset the cost of the
33 security detail for the Governor shall be made in an amount agreed to by the State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of
34 Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Office of Governor from funds appropriated to the Office of Governor
35 for this purpose. Law enforcement officers assigned to security detail for the Governor shall only perform services related to security
36 and shall not provide any unrelated service during the assignment.

1 **117.67.** (GP: Reduction in Force Antidiscrimination) In the event of a reduction in force implemented by a state agency or
2 institution, the state agency or institution must comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or any other applicable federal
3 or state antidiscrimination laws.

4 **117.68.** (GP: Reduction in Force/Agency Head Furlough) In the event a reduction in force is implemented by a state agency or
5 institution of higher learning, the agency head shall be required to take five days furlough in the current fiscal year. If more than one
6 reduction in force plan is implemented in a fiscal year, the mandatory agency head furlough is only required for the initial plan. The
7 agency head will retain all responsibilities and authority during the furlough. All monies saved from this furlough may be retained
8 by that agency and expended at the discretion of the agency head. During this furlough, the agency head shall be entitled to participate
9 in the same state benefits as otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits which require
10 employer and employee contributions, the state agency will be responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if
11 coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the agency head
12 remains solely responsible for making those contributions.

13 Placement of an agency head on furlough under this provision does not constitute a grievance or appeal under the State Employee
14 Grievance Procedure Act. In the event the reduction for the state agency or institution of higher learning is due solely to the General
15 Assembly transferring or deleting a program, this provision does not apply. Agencies may allocate the agency head's reduction in
16 pay over the balance of the fiscal year for payroll purposes regardless of the pay period within which the furlough occurs. The
17 Department of Administration shall promulgate guidelines and policies, as necessary, to implement the provisions of this proviso.
18 State agencies shall report information regarding furloughs to the Department of Administration.

19 For purposes of this provision, agency head includes the president of a technical college as defined by Section 59-103-5 of the
20 1976 Code.

21 The agency head of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall not be required to take this mandatory
22 furlough based solely on the implementation of a reduction in force plan by a technical college.

23 An agency head shall not be required to take this mandatory furlough based solely on reductions in force implemented as a result
24 of federal budget cuts or reorganization to accomplish organizational efficiencies.

25 **117.69.** (GP: Printed Report Requirements) (A) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, state supported institutions of higher learning
26 shall not be required to submit printed reports mandated by Sections 2-47-40, 2-47-50, and 59-103-110 of the 1976 Code, and shall
27 instead only submit the documents electronically.

28 Submission of the plans or reports required by Sections 59-101-350, 59-103-30, 59-103-45(4), and 59-103-160(D) shall be waived
29 for the current fiscal year, except institutions of higher learning must continue to report student pass rates on professional
30 examinations, and data elements otherwise required for the Commission on Higher Education Management Information System.
31 The commission, in consultation with institutions, shall take further action to reduce data reporting burdens as possible.

32 (B) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the Department of Agriculture shall not be required to submit printed reports mandated by
33 Section 46-49-10 of the 1976 Code. The department shall provide these reports electronically and shall use any monetary savings
34 for K5-12 agricultural education programs.

1 (C) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the Department of Health and Human Services shall not be required to provide printed
2 copies of the Medicaid Annual Report required pursuant to Section 44-6-80 of the 1976 Code and shall instead only submit the
3 documents electronically.

4 (D) For Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22, the Department of Transportation shall not be required to submit printed reports or
5 publications mandated by Sections 1-11-58, 2-47-55, and 58-17-1450 of the 1976 Code.

6 The Department of Transportation may combine their Annual Report and Mass Transit Report into their Annual Accountability
7 Report.

8 **117.70.** (GP: IMD Operations) The Department of Health and Human Services shall produce an annual report on
9 Medicaid-funded out-of-home placements and associated expenditures which shall be provided to the Chairman of the Senate
10 Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor no later than November first each year.

11 **117.71.** (GP: Fines and Fees Report) In order to promote accountability and transparency, each state agency must provide and
12 release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of fines and fees that were charged and collected by
13 that state agency in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the code section, regulation, or proviso
14 that authorized the fines and fees to be charged, collected, or received; (2) the amount of the fine or fee; (3) the amount received by
15 source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if
16 applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable,
17 and the authority by which the transfer took place, as well as the name of the entity to which the funds were transferred. The report
18 must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance
19 Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized
20 for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.

21 **117.72.** (GP: Mandatory Furlough) In a fiscal year in which the general funds appropriated for a state agency are less than the
22 general funds appropriated for that agency in the prior fiscal year, or whenever the General Assembly or the Executive Budget Office
23 implements a midyear across-the-board budget reduction, and agency heads institute a mandatory employee furlough program, in
24 determining which employees must participate in the program, agency heads should give consideration to furloughs for contract
25 employees, post-TERI employees, and TERI employees before other employees. During this mandatory furlough, the state
26 employees shall be entitled to participate in the same state benefits as otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries.
27 As to those benefits which require employer and employee contributions, the state agencies, institutions, and departments will be
28 responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those
29 benefits which require only employee contributions, the employee remains solely responsible for making those contributions. In the
30 event an agency's reduction is due solely to the General Assembly transferring or deleting a program, this provision does not apply.

31 **117.73.** (GP: Reduction In Force) In a fiscal year in which the general funds appropriated for a state agency are less than the
32 general funds appropriated for that agency in the prior fiscal year, or whenever the General Assembly or the Executive Budget Office
33 implements a midyear across-the-board budget reduction, and agency heads must make reductions in force, agency heads should
34 give consideration to reductions of contract employees, post-TERI employees, and TERI employees before other employees. In the
35 event an agency's reduction is due solely to the General Assembly transferring or deleting a program, this provision does not apply.

1 **117.74.** (GP: Cost Savings When Filling Vacancies Created by Retirements) During the current fiscal year, whenever classified
2 FTEs become vacant because of employee retirements, it is the intent of the General Assembly that state agencies should realize
3 personnel costs savings of at least twenty-five percent in the aggregate when managing these vacant positions. Prior to filling a
4 classified FTE which has become vacant because of a retirement, an agency must review and determine the appropriate salary for
5 the position as well as determine whether the agency can manage without filling the position or by delay in filling the position. Prior
6 to filling the vacant FTE, agencies must follow all laws and regulations concerning posting and competitive solicitation and
7 consideration of applicants. No agency shall enter into any agreement with any employee that violates the terms of this proviso.

8 **117.75.** (GP: Information Technology for Health Care) From the funds appropriated and awarded to the South Carolina
9 Department of Health and Human Services for the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009,
10 the department shall advance the use of health information technology and health information exchange to improve quality and
11 efficiency of health care and to decrease the costs of health care. In order to facilitate the qualification of Medicare and/or Medicaid
12 eligible providers and hospitals for incentive payments for meaningful health information technology (HIT) use, a health care
13 organization participating in the South Carolina Health Information Exchange (SCHIE) or a Regional Health Information
14 Organization (RHIO) or a hospital system health information exchange (HIE) that participates in SCHIE may release patient records
15 and medical information, including the results of any laboratory or other tests ordered or requested by an authorized health care
16 provider within the scope of his or her license or practice act, to another health information organization that requests the information
17 via a HIE for treatment purposes with or without express written consent or authorization from the patient. A health information
18 organization that receives or views this information from a patient's electronic health record or incorporates this information into the
19 health information organization's electronic medical record for the patient in providing treatment is considered an authorized person
20 for purposes of 42 C.F.R. 493.2 and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments.

21 **117.76.** (GP: Broadband Spectrum Lease) The General Assembly must approve any exercise of the Middle Band Segment
22 Channel recapture provisions contained in the Educational Broadband Service Spectrum Lease Agreements if the exercise of the
23 recapture provisions would result in a decrease in payments received by the State. The Educational Television Commission assumes
24 management and administration of the lease and receives lease payments directly. The Educational Television Commission shall
25 retain and expend funds received pursuant to the lease for agency operations. The commission shall be authorized to carry forward
26 unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year. In the event of a default by the current lease holder, the
27 Educational Television Commission is authorized to use contingent funds up until such time as a new lease can be negotiated by the
28 State and the Educational Television Commission.

29 **117.77.** (GP: Reduction in Compensation) For the current fiscal year, no state agency or political subdivision of this state may
30 decrease the compensation of an employee, including dismissal, suspension, or demotion, solely because the employee gave sworn
31 testimony regarding alleged wrongdoing to a standing committee, subcommittee of a standing committee, or study committee of the
32 Senate or the House of Representatives. This proviso shall apply regardless of when the alleged wrongdoing occurred.

33 **117.78.** (GP: Deficit Monitoring) It is the responsibility of each state agency, department, and institution to operate within the
34 limits of its authorized appropriations. All agencies, departments, and institutions are to budget, allocate and manage its authorized
35 appropriations in a way to avoid an operating deficit for the fiscal year.

1 If at the end of each quarterly deficit monitoring review by the Executive Budget Office, it is determined by either the Executive
2 Budget Office or a state agency, department, or institution that the likelihood of a deficit for the current fiscal year exists, the state
3 agency shall notify the General Assembly within fifteen days of this determination and shall further request the Executive Budget
4 Office to work with it to develop a plan to avoid the deficit. Within fifteen days of the deficit avoidance plan being completed, the
5 Executive Budget Office shall either request the General Assembly to recognize the deficit if it determines the deficit avoidance plan
6 will not be sufficient to avoid a deficit or notify the General Assembly of how the deficit will be avoided based on the deficit
7 avoidance plan if the Executive Budget Office determines the plan will be sufficient to avoid a deficit.

8 Upon notification from the Executive Budget Office that an agency will run a deficit and requesting that it be recognized, the
9 General Assembly, by joint resolution, may make a finding that the cause of, or likelihood of, a deficit is unavoidable due to factors
10 which are outside the control of the state agency, department, or institution, and recognize the deficit. Any legislation to recognize
11 a deficit must be in a separate joint resolution enacted for the sole purpose of recognizing the deficit of a particular state agency,
12 department, or institution. A deficit may only be recognized by an affirmative vote of each branch of the General Assembly.

13 If the General Assembly recognizes the deficit, then the actual deficit at the close of the fiscal year must be reduced as necessary
14 from surplus revenues or surplus funds available at the close of the fiscal year in which the deficit occurs and from funds available
15 in the General Reserve Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund, as required by the Constitution of this State.

16 Once a deficit has been recognized by the General Assembly, the state agency, department, or institution shall limit travel and
17 conference attendance to that which is deemed essential by the director of the agency, department, or institution. In addition, the
18 General Assembly, when recognizing a deficit may direct that any pay increases and purchases of equipment and vehicles must be
19 approved by the Executive Budget Office.

20 **117.79.** (GP: Commuting Costs) State government employees who use a permanently assigned agency or state-owned vehicle
21 to commute from their permanently assigned work location to and from the employee's home must reimburse the agency in which
22 they are employed for commuting use in accordance with IRS regulations based on guidance from the Office of Comptroller General
23 which must use the Cents per mile Rule, unless they are exempted from such reimbursement by applicable IRS regulations. These
24 permanently assigned vehicles must be clearly marked as a state or agency vehicle through the use of permanent state-government
25 license plates and either state or agency seal decals unless the vehicle is used primarily in undercover operations. This requirement
26 does not apply to a vehicle used by an employee for the purpose of a special travel assignment, for active certified law enforcement
27 officers authorized to carry firearms, execute warrants, and make arrests, for Constitutional Officers, or for Department of
28 Transportation employees on call for emergency maintenance.

29 **117.80.** (GP: Bank Account Transparency and Accountability) Each state agency, except state institutions of higher learning,
30 which has composite reservoir bank accounts or any other accounts containing public funds which are not included in the Comptroller
31 General's South Carolina Enterprise Information System shall prepare a report for each account disclosing every transaction of the
32 account in the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by October first of each
33 fiscal year. The report shall include the name(s) and title(s) of each person authorized to sign checks or make withdrawals from each
34 account, the name and title of each person responsible for reconciling each account, the beginning and year-end balance of funds in
35 each account, and data related to both deposits and expenditures of each account. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the
36 date, amount, and source of each deposit transaction and the date, name of the payee, the transaction amount, and a description of

1 the goods or services purchased for each expenditure transaction. To facilitate review, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority
2 shall prescribe a common format for the report which agencies must use. In order to promote accountability and transparency, a link
3 to the report shall be posted on the Comptroller General's website as well as the agency's homepage.

4 When the State Auditor conducts or contracts for an audit of a state agency, accounts of the agency subject to this proviso must be
5 included as part of the review.

6 If an agency determines that the release of the information required in this provision would be detrimental to the state or the
7 agency, the agency may petition the State Fiscal Accountability Authority to grant the agency an exemption from the reporting
8 requirements for the detrimental portion. The meeting to determine whether an exemption should be granted shall be closed.
9 However, the exemption may only be granted upon a majority vote of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority in a public meeting.

10 **117.81.** (GP: Websites) All agencies, departments, and institutions of state government shall be responsible for providing on its
11 Internet website a link to the Internet website of any agency, other than the individual agency, department, or institution, that posts
12 on its Internet website that agency, department, or institution's monthly state procurement card statements or monthly reports
13 containing all or substantially all the same information contained in the monthly state procurement card statements. The link must
14 be to the specific webpage or section on the website of the agency where the state procurement card information for the state agency,
15 department, or institution can be found. The information posted may not contain the state procurement card number. Any
16 information that is expressly prohibited from public disclosure by federal or state law or regulation must be redacted from any posting
17 required by this section.

18 **117.82.** (GP: Regulations) For the current fiscal year, if a state agency proposes a regulation that levies or increases a fee, fine,
19 or that otherwise generates revenues, the title to the Joint Resolution which proposes the regulation must indicate that a fee, fine, or
20 revenue source is being proposed.

21 **117.83.** (GP: Joint Children's Committee) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Revenue is directed to reduce the rate
22 of interest paid on eligible refunds by one percentage point. Of the revenue resulting from this reduction, \$300,000 shall be
23 transferred to the Senate for the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children to provide the report, research, and other
24 operating expenses as directed in Section 63-1-50 of the 1976 Code. Funds transferred to the University of South Carolina for the
25 Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children shall be maintained in a separate and distinct account. A detailed report of all
26 expenditures shall be made to the Executive Budget Office within thirty days of the close each fiscal quarter, and the Executive
27 Budget Office shall distribute this information to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House
28 Ways and Means Committee. The remaining revenue resulting from this reduction shall be transferred to the Department of Juvenile
29 Justice to be used for mentoring or alternatives to incarceration programs. Unexpended funds authorized by this provision may be
30 retained and carried forward by the Senate or the Department of Juvenile Justice, respectively, and used for the same purposes. The
31 rate of reduction authorized in this provision shall be in addition to the reduction authorized in Proviso 41.2.

32 **117.84.** (GP: Civil Conspiracy Defense Costs) For the current fiscal year, for any claim that has not reached a judgment, if a
33 state or local government employee or former state or local government employee ("government employee") is personally sued for
34 civil conspiracy based in part upon a personnel or employment action or decision regarding an employee, the court must, prior to
35 trial, make a final determination whether the action or decision giving rise to the suit was made by the government employee within
36 the scope of their official duty. If the court finds that the government employee was acting outside the scope of the employee's

1 official duties, the government shall not thereafter expend any funds to pay or defend the claim. If the court finds the government
2 employee was acting within the scope of their official duties, the employee is immune from suit, liability, and damages with respect
3 to the civil conspiracy claim. The government may only expend funds to defend the claim if the determination is that the employee
4 was acting within the scope of their official duties. Nothing in this proviso prevents an insurance provider from defending and
5 paying, respectively, any claims that the provider has contractually agreed to defend and pay.

6 **117.85.** (GP: Recovery Audits) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall contract with one or more firms to conduct
7 recovery audits of payments made by all state agencies to vendors for goods and services. The audits must be designed to detect,
8 document, and recover overpayments and erroneous payments to the vendors and to recommend improved financial and operational
9 practices and procedures. A state agency shall pay, from recovered monies received, the recovery audit firm responsible for obtaining
10 for the agency a reimbursement or payment from a vendor a negotiated fee not to exceed twenty percent of the funds recovered by
11 that firm.

12 Unless otherwise restricted by law, funds recovered, less the cost of recovery, shall be remitted to a special fund subject to
13 appropriation by the General Assembly. Agencies may recover costs that are documented to be directly related to implementation
14 of this provision.

15 Recovery audits apply only to payments made more than one hundred eighty days prior to the date the audit is initiated and shall
16 cover at least three complete fiscal years.

17 All information provided under a contract must be treated as confidential by the recovery audit firm. A violation of this provision
18 shall result in the forfeiture by the firm of all compensation under the contract and to the same sanctions and penalties that would
19 apply to that disclosure.

20 Each state agency shall participate in this recovery audit program and shall cooperate and provide the recovery audit firm with all
21 information necessary for the audit in a timely manner. All vendors that provide goods or services to a state agency shall cooperate
22 with the recovery audit firm in its audit.

23 A state agency shall expend or return to the federal government any federal money that is recovered through a recovery audit
24 conducted under this provision. Payments to the recovery audit firm from the federal share of recovered funds shall be solely from
25 the federal portion as allowed by the federal agency.

26 In addition to performing the recovery audits, the recovery audit firm may conduct an analysis of contracts and pricing structures,
27 as determined and directed by the Executive Director of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or her or his designee, to identify
28 and recommend future cost-savings and improved state agency financial operations going forward. A state agency shall pay the
29 recovery audit firm responsible for obtaining the agency actual cost-savings a fee as authorized by the contract with the recovery
30 audit firm.

31 The recovery audit firm shall provide reports to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority detailing its findings, the causes for the
32 overpayments and erroneous payments, future cost-savings opportunities and its recommendations for strengthening state operations
33 and/or state contracts to prevent improper payments in the future.

34 For purposes of this proviso, the term “vendor” or “vendors” includes, but is not limited to, sellers, suppliers, service providers,
35 other providers, contractors and third party administrators; the term “overpayments and erroneous payments” includes, but is not

1 limited to, overpayments, duplicate payments, erroneous payments, and rebates, discounts and credits not received; and the term
2 “state agency” or “state agencies” includes all state agencies, boards, commissions, institutions and institutions of higher education.

3 The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall provide copies, including electronic form copies, of final reports received from a
4 firm under contract to: the Governor; the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; the Chairman of the House Ways and Means
5 Committee; and the state auditor’s office. Not later than January first of each year, the board shall issue a report to the General
6 Assembly summarizing the contents of all reports received under this provision during the prior fiscal year.

7 **117.86.** (GP: Means Test) All agencies providing Healthcare Services are directed to identify standards and criteria for means
8 testing on all programs provided, where allowed by Federal guidelines. Once a consistent criteria has been established within an
9 agency, they shall implement their respective plans. Each agency shall report all criteria and fiscal data to the Chairman of the Senate
10 Finance Committee and to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January first.

11 **117.87.** (GP: Agency Reduction Management) The General Assembly encourages state agencies, in the event agencies are
12 assessed a base reduction, to endeavor to realize savings through: (1) payroll management, including, but not limited to, furloughs,
13 reductions in employee compensation, and instituting a hiring freeze; (2) eliminate administrative overhead cost that does not directly
14 impact the agency’s mission; and as a final option (3) reductions to programmatic funding.

15 **117.88.** (GP: WIA Service Advertising) For the current fiscal year, the Workforce Investment Boards may promote outreach for
16 their services via billboard, bus placard, newspapers, or radio in all workforce investment areas. This outreach may not be limited
17 to e-mail, online, or other internet-based outreach, publicity, or other promotions. Workforce investment boards must adhere to all
18 state procurement policies and procedures when utilizing outreach for the services provided by the Workforce Investment Act.

19 **117.89.** (GP: WIA Training Marketability Evaluation) (A) For the current fiscal year, the Department of Employment and
20 Workforce shall submit a report that demonstrates how funds were expended in the prior fiscal year to provide marketable work
21 skills training. The report shall include, but not be limited to the total number of local training recipients, a description of the training
22 area in which each recipient participated, and the number and percentage of participants in each training area that, upon completion
23 of training, have become employed in the field in which they were trained. The report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the
24 Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways
25 and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee on or before November sixteenth.

26 (B) Also, the report must specifically describe any restructuring or realignment of agency functions, and any changes in staffing
27 levels or service. The report must detail information on employees terminated, hired, re-hired, reassigned, or reclassified by program
28 area and location. Further, the report must describe efforts made by the agency to reassign or retrain employees who were terminated
29 for positions for which the department hired new employees.

30 **117.90.** (GP: Victims Assistance Transfer) The Department of Corrections shall transfer \$20,500 each month to the Office of
31 Attorney General for distribution through the State Victims Assistance Program.

32 **117.91.** (GP: DOC & PPP Potential Consolidation Plan) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections and the
33 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, the directors of the departments may collaborate and develop a plan to
34 consolidate the functions of the departments.

35 **117.92.** (GP: USC Greenville Medical School) It is the intent of the General Assembly that during the current fiscal year, no
36 general funds shall be appropriated for the new medical school at the University of South Carolina in Greenville. In addition, no

1 state funds may be transferred from state earmarked or restricted funds held by the University of South Carolina to the medical school
2 except for grants, contributions, contractual payments, and tuition and required fees for students attending the new medical school at
3 the University of South Carolina in Greenville that are specifically designated for the medical school at the University of South
4 Carolina in Greenville.

5 **117.93.** (GP: BabyNet Quarterly Reports) The School for the Deaf and Blind, the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs,
6 the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Social Services shall each
7 provide on a common template, a quarterly report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of
8 Senate Finance outlining all programs provided by them for BabyNet; all federal funds received and expended on BabyNet and all
9 state funds expended on BabyNet. Each entity and agency shall report on its share of the state's ongoing maintenance of effort as
10 defined by the US Department of Education under IDEA Part C.

11 **117.94.** (GP: Single Audit Schedule of Federal Expenditures) To ensure timely completion of the of the Statewide Single Audit,
12 state agencies which do not receive a separate audit of federal expenditures, must submit to the Office of the State Auditor a schedule
13 of federal program expenditures in a format prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, no later than August fifteenth of each year.

14 **117.95.** (GP: Prohibits Local Government Fund Public Funded Lobbyists) All local governmental entities including, but not
15 limited to, counties, municipalities, and associations are prohibited from using taxpayer funds received from the Local Government
16 Fund to compensate employees for lobbying activities engaged in on behalf of such governmental entity.

17 **117.96.** (GP: School Construction Development Impact Fee Assessment Prohibition) Governmental entities are prohibited from
18 assessing South Carolina Development Impact Fees on the construction of new elementary, middle, or secondary schools. If a
19 governmental entity violates this prohibition it shall have its Aid to Subdivisions Allocation reduced by the amount of the impact
20 fee.

21 **117.97.** (GP: Prohibit Use of State Aircraft for Athletic Recruitment) Institutions of higher learning may use the state aircraft
22 operated by the Division of Aeronautics for the purpose of athletic recruiting, provided that they reimburse the Division of
23 Aeronautics for all flight hours on an at cost basis, using non-general funds.

24 To ensure availability of the aircraft for purposes of economic development, the Department of Commerce shall have first right of
25 refusal in the event of scheduling conflicts with athletic recruiting flights.

26 **117.98.** (GP: Recreational Activities) Two counties that receive an allocation from the Local Government Fund may enter into
27 a Memorandum of Understanding in order to provide recreational activities and projects that benefit the citizens of both counties.

28 **117.99.** (GP: Technology and Remediation) The funds appropriated to the Department of Administration for the Division of
29 Information Security shall be used to develop and implement a statewide information security program. A portion of the nonrecurring
30 funds may be used for enterprise technology and remediation, and distributed to state agencies to address the State's most serious
31 information security vulnerabilities as determined by the Division of Information Security and the Division of Technology
32 Operations. Funds appropriated for Enterprise Technology and Remediation shall be excluded from the Department of
33 Administration's base budget calculation of any across-the-board agency base reduction mandated by the Executive Budget Office
34 or the General Assembly. Unexpended Enterprise Technology and Remediation funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal
35 year and used for the same purpose.

1 **117.100.** (GP: Data Breach Notification) (A) An agency of this State owning or licensing computerized data or other data that
2 includes personal identifying information shall disclose any breach of the security of the system following discovery or notification
3 of the breach in the security of the data to any resident of this State whose personal identifying information was, or is reasonably
4 believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person. In determining whether information has been acquired, or is reasonably
5 believed to have been acquired, by an unauthorized person or a person without valid authorization, the agency may consider the
6 following factors, among others:

7 (1) indications that the information is in the physical possession and control of an unauthorized person, such as a lost or
8 stolen computer or other device containing information;

9 (2) indications that the information has been viewed, downloaded, or copied; or

10 (3) indications that the information was used by an unauthorized person, such as fraudulent accounts opened or instances of
11 reported identity theft.

12 (B) An agency maintaining computerized data or other data that includes personal identifying information that the agency does
13 not own shall notify the owner or licensee of the information of a breach of the security of the data immediately following discovery,
14 if the personal identifying information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.

15 (C) The disclosure requirements of subsections (A) and (B) must be made in the most expedient time possible and without
16 unreasonable delay; however, the notification required by this section may be delayed if a law enforcement agency determines that
17 the notification impedes a criminal investigation and must be made after the law enforcement agency determines that it no longer
18 compromises the investigation. A delay in notification shall not exceed seventy-two hours after discovery, unless the agency requests
19 and the attorney general grants, in writing, additional delays of up to seventy-two hours each upon a determination that such
20 notification impedes a criminal investigation.

21 (D) For purposes of this section:

22 (1) “Agency” means any agency, department, board, commission, committee, or institution of higher learning of the State
23 or a political subdivision of it.

24 (2) “Breach of the security of the system” means unauthorized access to and acquisition of computerized data that was not
25 rendered unusable through encryption, redaction, or other methods that compromise the security, confidentiality, or integrity of
26 personal identifying information maintained by the agency, when illegal use of the information has occurred or is reasonably likely
27 to occur or use of the information creates a material risk of harm to the consumer. Good faith acquisition of personal identifying
28 information by an employee or agent of the agency for the purposes of the agency is not a breach of the security of the system if the
29 personal identifying information is not used or subject to further unauthorized disclosure.

30 (3) “Consumer reporting agency” means any person which, for monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative nonprofit basis,
31 regularly engages in whole or in part in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other information
32 on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties, and which uses any means or facility of interstate
33 commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing consumer reports. A list of consumer reporting agencies shall be compiled by
34 the Department of Consumer Affairs and furnished upon request to the agency required to make a notification under this section.

1 (4) "Personal identifying information" means the first name or first initial and last name in combination with and linked to
2 any one or more of the following data elements that relate to a resident of this State, when the data elements are neither encrypted
3 nor redacted or when the data elements are encrypted with an encryption key and the encryption key that has also been acquired:

- 4 (a) social security number;
- 5 (b) driver's license number or state identification card number issued instead of a driver's license;
- 6 (c) financial account number, or credit card or debit card number in combination with any required security code, access
7 code, or password that would permit access to a resident's financial account; or
- 8 (d) other numbers or information which may be used to access a person's financial accounts or numbers or information
9 issued by a governmental or regulatory entity that uniquely will identify an individual.

10 The term does not include information that is lawfully obtained from publicly available information, or from federal, state, or local
11 government records lawfully made available to the general public.

12 (E) The notice required by this section may be provided by:

- 13 (1) written notice;
- 14 (2) electronic notice, if the agency's primary method of communication with the individual is by electronic means, the
15 person to whom notice is required has expressly consented to receiving said notice in electronic form, or is consistent with the
16 provisions regarding electronic records and signatures set forth in Section 7001 of Title 15 USC and Chapter 6, Title 26 of the 1976
17 Code;

- 18 (3) telephonic notice; or
- 19 (4) substitute notice, if the agency demonstrates that the cost of providing notice exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars
20 or that the affected class of subject persons to be notified exceeds five hundred thousand or the agency has insufficient contact
21 information. Substitute notice consists of:

- 22 (a) e-mail notice when the agency has an e-mail address for the subject persons;
- 23 (b) conspicuous posting of the notice on the agency's website page, if the agency maintains one; or
- 24 (c) notification to major statewide media.

25 Regardless of the method by which notice is provided, such notice shall include contact information for the agency making the
26 notification and a description of the categories of information that were, or are reasonably believed to have been, acquired by a person
27 without valid authorization, including specification of which of the elements of personal information and private information were,
28 or are reasonably believed to have been, so acquired.

29 (F) A resident of this State who is injured by a violation of this section, in addition to and cumulative of all other rights and
30 remedies available at law, may:

- 31 (1) institute a civil action to recover damages;
- 32 (2) seek an injunction to enforce compliance; and
- 33 (3) recover attorney's fees and court costs, if successful.

34 (G) An agency that knowingly and willfully violates this section is subject to an administrative fine up to one thousand dollars
35 for each resident whose information was accessible by reason of the breach, the amount to be decided by the Department of Consumer
36 Affairs.

1 (H) If the agency provides notice to more than one thousand persons at one time pursuant to this section, the agency shall notify,
2 without unreasonable delay, the Consumer Protection Division of the Department of Consumer Affairs and all consumer reporting
3 agencies that compile and maintain files on a nationwide basis, as defined in 15 USC Section 1681a(p), of the timing, distribution,
4 and content of the notice.

5 **117.101.** (GP: State Ports Authority Property) If the State Ports Authority has not completed the sale of its real property on Daniel
6 Island, except for the dredge disposal cells that are needed in connection with the construction of the North Charleston terminal on
7 the Charleston Naval Complex and for harbor deepening and for channel and berth maintenance, by June 30, 2020, the authority
8 must transfer the property to the Department of Administration. The authority shall sell the real property under terms and conditions
9 it considers most advantageous to the authority and the State of South Carolina.

10 **117.102** (GP: Remittance of Court Fee and Fine Money) County and city treasurers are required to remit to the State Treasurer
11 set percentages of revenues generated by assessments imposed by 14-1-206(A), 14-1-207(A), 14-1-208(A). This remittance is
12 required on a monthly basis by the 15th day of each month.

13 Should a county and/or city treasurer fail to make the required remittance, the SC Criminal Justice Academy shall cease providing
14 services to all law enforcement officers of all law enforcement agencies encompassed within the political subdivision if they have
15 failed to make remittance for two consecutive months in a fiscal year. The finance director shall certify by July first, under oath, that
16 the county and/or city has remitted all funds or the SC Criminal Justice Academy shall withhold services until such time as remittance
17 is made.

18 **117.103.** (GP: Detailed Expenditure/Revenue Reports PCC/CID) The Prosecution Coordination Commission and the Commission
19 on Indigent Defense shall provide detailed expenditure reports and associated revenue streams for each individual circuit, revenue
20 streams shall include, but not be limited to, state funds, local funds, Federal funds, and also nongovernmental sources of funds, by
21 no later than September first, on the prior fiscal year, to the appropriate commission. The commissions shall then provide the
22 Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a combined report by
23 September fifteenth of the current fiscal year.

24 **117.104.** (GP: South Carolina Welcome Centers) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of
25 Transportation shall maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that provides that the Department of Parks, Recreation and
26 Tourism shall control operations of all South Carolina Welcome Centers. The MOU shall include replacement, renovation and
27 maintenance of the facilities, daily operations, and grounds maintenance and upkeep and shall clearly define responsibility for
28 additional portions of Welcome Centers to include paving and sidewalks. The Department of Transportation shall transfer to the
29 Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism the amount of \$3,563,560 less any state funds appropriated by the General Assembly
30 for the same purpose. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism assumes responsibility for this amount and the timing of
31 the transfer of these funds shall be defined as part of the MOU. The funds transferred to the Department of Parks, Recreation and
32 Tourism shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund and these funds shall be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the
33 current fiscal year and be expended for the same purposes.

34 **117.105.** (GP: Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project Accountability) Qualifying organizations applying for General
35 Funds provided as a special item in this act and titled Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention must include in its application a

1 proposed annual budget and agreement to provide quarterly reports to the grantor state agency detailing the expenditure of funds and
 2 the project's accomplishments which shall include:

3 (1) Financial:

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

6 (b) Operational costs identified in the application;

7 (c) One-time costs over \$500 for such items as supplies;

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

10 (2) Description of program and curriculum to be used;

11 (3) Description of training;

12 (4) Schedule and brief description of project activities for each quarter;

13 (5) Participation reports on the following:

14 (a) Number of persons who participated;

15 (b) Total number of hours provided;

16 (c) Number of train the trainer events;

17 (d) Other data regarding the activities of the project;

18 (6) Description of the project evaluation to be used;

19 (7) Copy of latest completed independent financial audit and agency's response to any audit exceptions;

20 (8) Qualifications of project personnel;

21 (9) Best Practices to be used; and

22 (10) Evidence Based Curriculum.

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

25 Unexpended funds for Continuation of Teen Pregnancy Prevention projects under the Department of Social Services or under the
 26 Department of Health and Environmental Control shall be carried forward for the purpose of fulfilling the department's contractual
 27 agreement.

28 ~~117.106. (GP: Charleston & Dorchester County Sound Barriers) From the funds authorized to the Department of Transportation,~~
 29 ~~the department shall take the appropriate measures to allow the counties of Charleston and Dorchester to construct sound barriers in~~
 30 ~~the department's easements along Interstate 26 within the borders of Charleston County and along Dorchester Road within Dorchester~~
 31 ~~County, provided, no funds appropriated or authorized in Part IA to the Department of Transportation, any other section of this act,~~
 32 ~~any Federal Funds, unless otherwise agreed to by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization or Council or Governments for use~~
 33 ~~of a portion of their annual federal allocation, or any Other Funds, shall be used in the construction of the sound barriers, and only~~
 34 ~~local dollars shall be used in the construction of sound barriers. The sound barriers must meet the state and federal noise abatement~~
 35 ~~guidelines and must be constructed to meet any and all state and federal regulations. Consistent with the requirements of Section~~
 36 ~~57-25-190 (E) of the 1976 Code, or regulations adopted pursuant thereto, including construction by a local government in a state~~

1 right of way, the owner of a legally erected and maintained billboard shall have the option to relocate such billboard sign to another
 2 location as close as practicable to the sign being relocated or adjust the height or angle of the billboard sign to a height or angle that
 3 restores the visibility of the billboard sign to the same or comparable visibility as before construction of a sound barrier. Costs for
 4 re-location or alteration of a billboard due to sound barrier installation by a local government in a state right of way shall be paid by
 5 the local government. The provisions of Section 39-14-10 et seq. of the 1976 Code will apply regarding any compensation to be
 6 paid by local governments for billboard signs which cannot be relocated or altered.

7 **117.107.** (GP: Information Technology and Information Security Plans) (A) By August first of the current fiscal year, all state
 8 agencies must submit an information technology plan and an information security plan to the Department of Administration. State
 9 agencies must submit updates to their plans if there are changes following initial submission. Changes that would necessitate an
 10 updated plan include, but are not limited to, changes in response to technological advancements, changes in legislation, regulation
 11 or compliance requirements, newly identified funding sources, or new issues relating to information technology management or
 12 business requirements.

13 The information technology plans required by this section shall be in the form and level of detail required by the department
 14 and shall include at least: (1) the information technology objectives of the state agency; (2) an inventory of the state agency's
 15 information technology; (3) any performance measures used by the state agency for implementing its information technology
 16 objectives; (4) how the state agency's development of information technology coordinates with other governmental entities; (5) the
 17 state agency's budget plans for information technology for the coming fiscal year which must include: (a) all fixed, recurring
 18 information technology costs, regardless of funding sources; (b) new information technology expenditures for services, hardware
 19 upgrades/replacements and software purchases, regardless of funding sources; (c) new information technology projects, regardless
 20 of funding sources; and (d) FTE counts, temporary personnel counts, and salary information and position descriptions for all
 21 information technology personnel, regardless of funding sources; and (6) the state agency's need for appropriations for information
 22 technology.

23 The information security plans required by this section shall be in the form and level of detail required by the division and shall
 24 include at least: (1) the information security objectives of the state agency; (2) an inventory of the state agency's information security
 25 technology; (3) a profile of the state agency's compliance with security policies established by the division; (4) a profile of the state
 26 agency's sensitive data and a description of applicable state and federal privacy requirements; (5) a profile of risk management and
 27 other measures taken by the state agency to protect its data from unauthorized access and disclosure; (6) the state agency's budget
 28 plans for information security for the coming fiscal year which must include: (a) all fixed, recurring information security technology
 29 costs, regardless of funding sources; (b) new information security expenditures for services hardware upgrades/replacements and
 30 software purchases, regardless of funding sources; (c) new information security projects, regardless of funding sources; and (d) FTE
 31 counts, temporary personnel counts, and salary information and position descriptions for all information security personnel,
 32 regardless of funding sources; and (7) the state agency's need for appropriations for information security.

33 (B) The director of the Department of Administration should seek advice from private and public sector resources on the efficient
 34 use of information technology and best practices.

35 (C) The Judicial Department, Legislative Department, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political
 36 subdivisions and quasi-governmental bodies are specifically exempt from the requirements as provided in this proviso.

1 **117.108.** (GP: SCOIS Transfer) For the current fiscal year, the South Carolina Occupational Information System, its authority
2 and responsibilities, to include the collections of user fees that must be used to operate the program, shall continue to be transferred
3 from the Department of Employment and Workforce to the Department of Education.

4 **117.109.** (GP: Child Fatality Review) The agencies specified shall implement the following recommendations contained in the
5 Legislative Audit Council's October 2014 report "A Review of Child Welfare Services at the Department of Social Services":

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

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

10 (3) The Department of Social Services shall ensure that it includes child fatality statistics from all relevant sources when
11 reporting to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. These sources shall include, but not be limited to, law enforcement
12 agencies and the Department of Health and Environmental Control;

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

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

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

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

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

27 **117.110.** (GP: Refugee Resettlement Program) No state funds shall be expended to assist in the United States Refugee
28 Resettlement Program unless the county council of the county where the resettlement is to occur approves the relocation.

29 **117.111.** (GP: Family Planning Funds) (A) Notwithstanding any other law, federal family planning funds and state family
30 planning funds shall be awarded to eligible individuals, organizations, or entities applying to be family planning contractors in the
31 following order of descending priority:

32 (1) public entities that provide family planning services, including state, county, and local community health clinics and
33 federally qualified health centers;

34 (2) nonpublic entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health services, as described in 42 U.S.C.
35 254b(b)(1)(A), in addition to family planning services; and

1 (3) nonpublic entities that provide family planning services but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventive health
2 services.

3 (B) Family planning funds must be distributed in compliance with federal law to ensure distribution in a manner that does not
4 severely limit or eliminate access to family planning services in any region of the State.

5 (C) Any department, agency, board, commission, office, or other instrumentality of the State that distributes family planning
6 funds shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly listing any family planning contractors that fall under item (A)(3), and
7 the amount of federal or state family planning funds they received. The report shall provide a detailed explanation of how it was
8 determined that there were an insufficient number of eligible individuals, organizations, or entities in items (A)(1) and (A)(2) to
9 prevent a significant reduction in family planning services in each region of the State where (A)(3) contractors are located.

10 **117.112.** (GP: Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Implementation) To ensure the uniform implementation of the
11 Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan developed pursuant to the Restructuring Act of 2014 and designed to improve the
12 State's ability to provide reliable, secure, cost-efficient, and innovative information technology services and infrastructure, state
13 agencies are directed as follows:

14 (1) Agencies shall use the shared services from the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations as those
15 services become available and in a sequence to be determined by the division. Agencies shall coordinate with the division to
16 accomplish a strategic transition to the shared services environment. Shared services include, but are not limited to, mainframe
17 services, application hosting, servers, storage, network services, desktop services, and disaster recovery services. The State Chief
18 Information Officer may grant an exception, to be revisited on a periodic basis, if the division determines that it cannot immediately
19 satisfy the technical or security capabilities required to support the agency in question;

20 (2) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall comply with the
21 rules, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the Division of Technology Operations;

22 (3) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall participate and
23 comply with decisions determined by the information technology governance advisory groups.

24 (4) With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget submission, agencies shall submit all information technology budget
25 requests to the Executive Budget Office and the Division of Technology Operations. The Executive Budget Office and the Division
26 of Technology Operations shall jointly review the budget requests and recommend for funding consideration only those proposals
27 that fit into the overall Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan.

28 (5) With the consultation and approval of the Division of Technology Operations, agencies must create an information
29 technology plan for purchases that exceed \$50,000 to ensure compliance with the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan
30 and the standards defined by the division.

31 (6) Agencies shall develop a three-year strategic plan for information technology, updated annually, for the Division of
32 Technology Operations, that shall be approved by the Chief Information Officer, that sets forth: (a) operational and project priorities;
33 (b) budget summaries; (c) planned projects and procurements; (d) staffing plans; (e) security initiatives; and (f) risks, issues, and
34 concerns with the agency's information technology.

35 (7) Agencies shall enter information technology costs into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) as
36 directed by the Division of Technology Operations and SCEIS.

1 The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of
2 the House Ways and Means Committee regarding agency compliance no later than December thirty-first of each calendar year.

3 The Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions and
4 quasi-governmental bodies are specifically exempt from the requirements as provided in this provision.

5 **117.113.** (GP: Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee Reauthorization) There is established for the current fiscal year the South
6 Carolina Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee. The oversight committee shall be composed of eleven members, two of whom
7 shall be members of the Senate, both appointed by the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and one being the Chair of the Senate
8 Judiciary Committee or his designee; two of whom shall be members of the Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and
9 one appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; two of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives,
10 both appointed by the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and one being the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee or his
11 designee; two of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one
12 appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; one of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate
13 Judiciary Committee from the general public at large; one of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee
14 from the general public at large; and one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. Provided, however, that in making
15 appointments to the oversight committee, race, gender, and other demographic factors should be considered to assure
16 nondiscrimination, inclusion, and representation to the greatest extent of all segments of the population of the State. The members
17 of the general public appointed by the chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees must be representative of all citizens of
18 this State and must not be members of the General Assembly.

19 The oversight committee must meet as soon as practicable after appointment and organize itself by electing one of its members as
20 chair and such other officers as the oversight committee may consider necessary. Thereafter, the oversight committee must meet at
21 the call of the chair or by a majority of the members. A quorum consists of seven members.

22 The oversight committee shall have the following powers and duties:

23 (1) to review the implementation of the recommendations made in the Sentencing Reform Commission report of February
24 2010, including, but not limited to:

25 (a) the plan required from the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services on the parole board training and other
26 goals identified in Section 24-21-10;

27 (b) the report from the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services on its goals and the development of
28 assessment tools consistent with evidence-based practices;

29 (c) the report from the Office of Pretrial Intervention Coordinator in the Commission on Prosecution Coordination on
30 diversion programs required by the provisions of Article 11, Chapter 22, Title 17; and

31 (d) the report from the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services on:

32 (i) the number and percentage of individuals placed on administrative sanctions and the number and percentage of
33 individuals who have earned compliance credits; and

34 (ii) the number and percentage of probationers and parolees whose supervision has been revoked for violations of
35 conditions or for convictions of new offenses;

1 (2) to request data similar to the information contained in the report required by Section 17-22-1120 from private organizations
2 for which programs are operated through a court and that divert individuals from prosecution, incarceration, or confinement, such as
3 diversion from incarceration for failure to pay child support, and for which programs are sanctioned by, coordinated with, or funded
4 by federal, state, or local governmental agencies;

5 (3) (a) to calculate:

6 (i) any state expenditures that have been avoided by reductions in the revocation rate as calculated by the Department
7 of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and reported under Sections 24-21-450 and 24-21-680; and

8 (ii) any state expenditures that have been avoided by reductions in the new felony offense conviction rate as
9 calculated by the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services and reported under Sections 24-21-450 and 24-21-680;

10 (b) to develop rules and regulations for calculating the savings in item (3)(a), which shall account at a minimum for the
11 variable costs averted, such as food and medical expenses, and also to consider fixed expenditures that are avoided if larger numbers
12 of potential inmates are avoided;

13 (c) on or before December first, to report the calculations made pursuant to item (3)(a) to the President of the Senate, the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, and the Governor. The report also
15 shall recommend whether or not to appropriate up to thirty-five percent of any state expenditures that are avoided as calculated in
16 item (3)(a) to the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. With respect to the recommended appropriations in this item
17 (c), none of the calculated savings shall be recommended for appropriation for that fiscal year if there is an increase in the percentage
18 of individuals supervised by the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services who are convicted of a new felony offense as
19 calculated in subitem (3)(a)(ii);

20 (d) any funds appropriated during this fiscal year pursuant to the recommendations in item (c) shall be used to supplement,
21 not replace, any other state appropriations to the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services;

22 (e) funds received through appropriations pursuant to this item shall be used by the Department of Probation, Parole and
23 Pardon Services for the following purposes:

24 (i) implementation of evidence-based practices;

25 (ii) increasing the availability of risk reduction programs and interventions, including substance abuse treatment
26 programs, for supervised individuals; or

27 (iii) grants to nonprofit victim services organizations to partner with the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon
28 Services and courts to assist victims and increase the amount of restitution collected from offenders;

29 (4) to submit to the General Assembly, on an annual basis, the oversight committee's evaluation of the implementation of the
30 recommendations of the Sentencing Reform Commission report of February 2010;

31 (5) to make reports and recommendations to the General Assembly on matters relating to the powers and duties set forth in
32 this section, including recommendations on transfers of funding based on the success or failure of implementation of the
33 recommendations; and

34 (6) to undertake such additional studies or evaluations as the oversight committee considers necessary to provide sentencing
35 reform information and analysis.

1 The oversight committee members are entitled to such mileage, subsistence, and per diem as authorized by law for members of
2 boards, committees, and commissions while in the performance of the duties for which appointed. These expenses shall be paid
3 from the general fund of the State on warrants duly signed by the chair of the oversight committee and payable by the authorities
4 from which a member is appointed.

5 The oversight committee is encouraged to apply for and may expend grants, gifts, or federal funds it receives from other sources
6 to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

7 The oversight committee must use clerical and professional employees of the General Assembly for its staff, who must be made
8 available to the oversight committee.

9 The oversight committee may employ or retain other professional staff, upon the determination of the necessity for other staff by
10 the oversight committee.

11 The oversight committee may employ consultants to assist in the evaluations and, when necessary, the implementation of the
12 recommendations of the Sentencing Reform Commission report of February 2010.

13 **117.114.** (GP: State Employee Leave Donation) In the event of a medical emergency, a state employee may make a written
14 request to the employing agency that a specified number of hours of his accrued annual and/or sick leave be transferred from his
15 annual and/or sick leave account to a specific leave recipient rather than to a leave pool account, subject to the approval of the agency
16 director. An employee with less than fifteen days in his sick leave account may not transfer any sick leave to the recipient, and an
17 employee with more than fifteen days in his sick leave account may transfer sick leave to the recipient if he retains a minimum of
18 fifteen days in his own sick leave account. Once leave of an employee has been transferred to the recipient, it may not be restored
19 or returned to the leave donor. For purposes of this provision, a medical emergency is defined under IRS Revenue Ruling 90-29 as
20 a medical condition of the employee or a family member that will require the prolonged absence of the employee from duty and will
21 result in a substantial loss of income to the employee because the employee will have exhausted all paid leave available apart from
22 the leave-sharing plan.

23 **117.115.** (GP: State Engineer) The State Engineer is an office located within the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, all
24 references to the contrary notwithstanding.

25 **117.116.** (GP: Retail Facilities Revitalization Act Repeal Suspension) The repeal of Chapter 34 of Title 6 of the 1976 Code as
26 specified in Act 285 of 2006 as to sites for which written notification of election of mode of credit has been provided to the
27 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
28 Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22.

29 **117.117.** (GP: Funds Exempt from Budget Reduction Calculations) The funds designated in F310, Section 107, Capital Reserve
30 Fund, funds designated in V040, Section 112, Debt service, funds designated in X220, Section 113, Aid to Subdivisions - State
31 Treasurer for the Local Government Fund, and funds designated in X500, Section 115, Tax Relief Trust Fund shall be excluded from
32 the calculation of any across-the-board base reduction mandated by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office or
33 the General Assembly and shall not be subject to any such reduction.

34 **117.118.** (GP: BabyNet) From funds available in the current fiscal year for budgetary analysis and oversight, the Executive
35 Budget Office shall conduct an inventory of all BabyNet-related spending, which shall be submitted to the Governor, the Chairman
36 of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than July 15, ~~2019~~ 2021.

1 All affected agencies shall support the Executive Budget Office in this effort by providing information upon request, so that the first
2 recommendation of the Legislative Audit Council's 2011 report on BabyNet may be implemented.

3 **117.119.** (GP: South Carolina Telemedicine Network) From the funds appropriated to the Medical University of South Carolina
4 for the MUSC Hospital Authority for Telemedicine and the funds appropriated and authorized for the Department of Health and
5 Human Services, the agencies must continue the development of the South Carolina Statewide Telemedicine Network. The South
6 Carolina Telehealth Alliance shall submit a proposal to the MUSC Hospital Authority and the Department of Health and Human
7 Services to determine which hospitals, clinics, schools or other entities are best suited for Telemedicine partnerships.

8 (A) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop or continue a program to leverage the use of teaching hospitals
9 to provide rural physician coverage by expanding the use of Telemedicine, to include new applications such as School Based
10 Telehealth, and Tele-ICU. The department shall also amend its policy related to reimbursement for telemedicine to add Act 301
11 Behavioral Health Centers as a referring site for covered telemedicine services.

12 (B) During the current fiscal year the Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with the MUSC Hospital Authority
13 in the amount of \$5,000,000 to lead the development and operation of a statewide, open access South Carolina Telemedicine
14 Network. MUSC Hospital Authority will provide Department of Health and Human Services with all information and materials
15 requested by the department necessary to seek federal medical assistance for this contract. The MUSC Hospital Authority shall
16 contract with each Regional Support Hub to ensure funding and support of strategic plans submitted by the Regional Support Hubs
17 and approved by both the MUSC Hospital Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services. Institutions and other
18 entities participating in the network must be afforded the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the development of any annual
19 refining to the initiative's strategic plan. Working with the department, the MUSC Hospital Authority shall collaborate with Palmetto
20 Care Connections to pursue this goal. No less than \$1,000,000 of these funds shall be allocated toward support of Palmetto Care
21 Connections and other hospitals in South Carolina. The MUSC Hospital Authority must provide the department with quarterly
22 reports regarding the funds allocation and progress of telemedicine transformation efforts and networks. These reports must include
23 an itemization of the ultimate recipients of these funds, whether vendors, grantees, specific participating institutions, or the Medical
24 University of South Carolina, and must distinguish between funds allocation to the university as a participating institution as opposed
25 to those retained and used by the university in its capacity as the administering entity for the network.

26 ~~(C) The Department of Health and Human Services and the Public Employee Benefit Authority shall each review federal additions~~
27 ~~to telehealth coverage established under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, and~~
28 ~~other recent federal legislation and/or regulation. No later than October 1, 2019, both of these agencies shall submit a report to the~~
29 ~~Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on how they~~
30 ~~intend to broaden their service-based coverage to align with these federal changes and to improve the sustainability of telehealth~~
31 ~~services.~~

32 ~~**117.120.** (GP: Distribution Facility) The State Ports Authority shall be considered a distribution facility for the purpose of sales~~
33 ~~tax exemptions associated with the purchase of equipment and construction materials.~~

34 **117.121.** (GP: Catastrophic Weather Event) (A) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a
35 residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015,
36 Hurricane Matthew of 2016, or Hurricane Florence of 2018, after the event and before June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022, is not considered an

1 improvement and does not require a re-appraisal. This provision only applies if as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the
2 improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block
3 Grant - Disaster Recovery program. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined
4 by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer
5 organization.

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

8 **117.122.** (GP: Prohibited Funding for Aborted Fetus Research) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, general funds
9 appropriated in this act may not be used to purchase fetal tissue obtained from an abortion to perform scientific or laboratory research
10 or other kinds of investigation conducted on fetal tissue.

11 **117.123.** (GP: SCRS & PORS Trust Fund) Unless otherwise provided in Paragraphs A through D of this provision, the funds
12 appropriated to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the South Carolina Retirement System Trust Fund and the Police
13 Officers' Retirement System Trust Fund in Part IA, Section 108 of this act shall be credited toward the contributions due from
14 participating employers in SCRS and PORS for Fiscal Year ~~2020-21~~ 2021-22. Each employer's credit shall be determined at the
15 same rate as calculated by PEBA for the pension funding allocation credit for Fiscal Year 2017-18. A participating employer shall
16 not receive a credit that exceeds the employer contributions due from the employer.

17 (A) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of special
18 purpose districts, joint authorities, or non-profit corporations; however, this provision does not apply to the South Carolina State
19 Ports Authority and the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

20 (B) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of
21 hospitals; however this provision does not apply to the Medical University Hospital Authority.

22 (C) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for covered employees of
23 participating associations or service organizations as defined in Section 9-1-10(11)(e) of the 1976 Code.

24 (D) From the funds available for allocation pursuant to this provision, no credits shall be issued for state employees who are
25 funded with federal funds. The Public Employee Benefits Authority shall collaborate with the Department of Administration,
26 Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to determine the amount of credit exclusion for federally-funded
27 employees of state agencies.

28 **117.124.** (GP: Retirement System Assets and Custodial Banking Relationship Transfer) In order to facilitate the transfer of
29 custodianship of the assets of the Retirement System to the Public Employee Benefit Authority and governance of the custodial
30 banking relationship to the Retirement System Investment Commission, all portions of contracts, agreements, and exemptions from
31 the Consolidated Procurement Code providing for and relating to custodial banking, general banking, accounting, or any other
32 ancillary services are transferred to, and devolved upon, the Public Employee Benefit Authority and the Retirement System
33 Investment Commission in accordance with the authority transferred to the respective agency.

34 **117.125.** (GP: Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment Plan) From the funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of
35 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Department of Health and Human Services in the current fiscal year, the agencies
36 shall establish a coalition of state agencies, providers and other related entities to combat the opioid epidemic in a collaborative

1 manner and ensure that appropriate services and treatments are made available statewide. This initiative should include efforts to
2 coordinate funding for the provision of treatment with an assessment of current programs and funding levels, to enhance available
3 prevention, treatment and recovery services; expand provider capacity; and enable workforce development for substance use disorder
4 services. General Funds appropriated to any state agency for Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment may be carried forward and
5 expended for the same purpose.

6 (A) The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the State Law Enforcement Division, and the Department of
7 Health and Human Services shall establish an advisory board with representation from both agencies, to provide both oversight and
8 administrative direction to the coalition. The advisory board may also include representation from the Department of Health and
9 Environmental Control, the Department of Mental Health, the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South
10 Carolina's School of Medicine, the Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Corrections, state and local
11 law enforcement agencies, the judicial branch, the South Carolina Hospital Association, the South Carolina Medical Association, the
12 South Carolina Primary Health Care Association, Behavioral Health Centers and other related entities. The advisory board must
13 consider recommendations made in the 2018 report by the South Carolina House of Representatives Opioid Abuse Prevention Study
14 Committee, as well as any recommendations made by the South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition related to substance use
15 disorders and create a plan to ensure implementation of appropriate recommendations.

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

18 (C) In consultation with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and the Medical University of South
19 Carolina Hospital Authority, the Department of Health and Human Services shall review and evaluate outcomes data from the
20 program for MAT services for prescription opioid dependency and addiction established by Act 97 of 2017 and expanded by Act
21 264 of 2018. Based on the success rate and ability to continue expansion of this model, the department may provide funding not to
22 exceed \$2,500,000 to continue and expand the program to additional providers that are necessary to ensure greater impact in
23 geographical areas of critical need. All medications proven to be effective in treating opioid addiction shall be considered as viable
24 options on a case by case basis to ensure the greatest level of success for individuals in the program.

25 ~~(D) In consultation with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the Department of Health and Human~~
26 ~~Services shall identify at least one county with a disproportionately high number and incidence of opioid-related overdoses and~~
27 ~~deaths to provide up to \$500,000 to develop a local continuum of substance and behavioral health service coordination within the~~
28 ~~target county and across the region.~~

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

34 ~~(F)~~ (E) In order to provide comprehensive treatment, from the point of incarceration, to individuals charged with criminal
35 offenses who suffer from any substance use disorder that is treatable with medication, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug
36 Abuse Services must solicit potential cooperation from law enforcement, the state's solicitors, Magistrate Courts and Circuit Courts,

1 to establish a diversion program in at least one judicial circuit. This program shall provide both behavioral and medical treatment,
2 consultations with peer support specialists, and continued supervision of participants who are released, which may include electronic
3 monitoring.

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

9 ~~(H) The advisory board shall provide a report on the success of the development of the plan and the implementation of~~
10 ~~recommendations to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, and~~
11 ~~the Governor no later than January 31, 2020. The report may also include proposals for amending existing recommendations or the~~
12 ~~establishment of new policies to combat the opioid epidemic.~~

13 **117.126.** (GP: SCEIS Data Entry Compliance) The Department of Administration shall develop and issue written SCEIS data
14 entry standards and guidelines for agency compliance. To ensure uniform compliance with these standards and guidelines, state
15 agencies shall comply with all SCEIS data entry rules, standards, plans, policies, directives, and guidelines established by the
16 Department of Administration.

17 The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of
18 the House Ways and Means Committee regarding agency compliance no later than December thirty-first of each calendar year.

19 **117.127.** (GP: Statewide Real Estate Plan Implementation) Pursuant to legislative intent expressed in Proviso 118.2 (Titling of
20 Real Property) of this Act to establish a comprehensive central real property and office facility management process to plan for the
21 needs of state government agencies; and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy in the use of state-owned, state-leased, and
22 commercial leased facilities, all state agencies are directed as follows:

23 (1) In the current occupation of state-owned and commercial facilities or prior to incurring an obligation to expend funds
24 through entering or renewing a lease for state-owned or commercial facilities, state agencies shall work in conjunction with the
25 Department of Administration to achieve uniform space standards in state-owned, state-leased, and commercial leased facilities
26 resulting over time in an overall target density of 210 square feet per person unless otherwise approved by the department.

27 (2) Prior to entering or renewing any contract for leasing real property, state agencies shall comply with the Department of
28 Administration's site selection criteria for state-owned, state-leased, or commercial leased space,

29 (3) State agencies shall record into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) all maintenance and operations
30 expenditures for state-owned and state-leased facilities in the manner prescribed by the Department of Administration.

31 (4) State agencies shall provide to the Department of Administration a list of all contracts related to facilities management,
32 maintenance, and support, and shall not renew or enter into any new contracts related to facilities management, maintenance or
33 support without prior approval from the Department of Administration.

34 (5) Under guidance and direction of the Department of Administration, state agencies shall annually report on and submit plans
35 to address ongoing and deferred maintenance for all state-owned real property.

1 (6) State agencies shall annually update and submit an inventory of state-owned facilities and land to the Department of
2 Administration by June 30 of each fiscal year in the manner prescribed by the department. Each submission shall include a portfolio
3 assessment with recommendations for any dispositions.

4 The Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions and
5 quasi-governmental bodies are generally exempt from the requirements of this proviso; provided, however, that public institutions
6 of higher learning and technical colleges shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (6) in its entirety, and the provisions of
7 paragraph (1) with respect to any facility or portion thereof used for administrative and office space.

8 The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of
9 the House Ways and Means Committee regarding compliance with this proviso no later than December 31 of each calendar year,
10 beginning December 31, 2018.

11 **117.128.** (GP: Statewide Administrative Services) The Department of Administration may provide consolidated administrative
12 services to all agencies to promote cost savings, process integrity and other efficiencies, and to reduce duplication, overlap and
13 redundancies, or any combination thereof and to provide for consistency in transactions and processes and to advance a statewide
14 approach to agency administration. Consolidated administrative services may include, but are not limited to: 1) financial and
15 accounting support, such as accounts payable and receivable processing, procurement processing, journal entry processing and
16 financial reporting assistance; 2) human resources administrative support, such as transaction processing and reporting, payroll
17 processing, and human resources training; and 3) budget support, such as budget transaction processing and budget reporting
18 assistance.

19 Agencies that receive twenty million dollars or less in total appropriations in the current fiscal year shall consult with the
20 Department of Administration to determine whether the use of consolidated administrative services offered by the department would
21 be beneficial to the agency. The Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, public institutions of higher learning and technical colleges
22 shall be exempt from the requirements of this provision.

23 The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of
24 the House Ways and Means Committee regarding agency utilization of administrative services offered by the department no later
25 than December 31, ~~2020~~ of the current fiscal year.

26 **117.129.** (GP: Mobile Device Protection Plan) With funds appropriated and authorized in the current fiscal year, the Department
27 of Administration in the current fiscal year, shall implement updated policies for protecting mobile devices including, but not limited
28 to, cellular phones, tablets and laptops. The department must also consider the potential consolidation of existing protection plans
29 as established by other state agencies, to ensure an effective and efficient statewide approach to a protection plan that covers all state
30 owned devices.

31 (A) The following factors shall be considered by the department as it reviews options for providing this protection, and to the
32 extent possible, the following components must be included in the updated plan:

- 33 (1) Protective cases and screens for all devices;
- 34 (2) Multi-year insurance coverage for both the device and the protective case;
- 35 (3) Zero deductible if possible to ensure cost savings to the department;
- 36 (4) Multiple claims per device should be allowable;

1 (5) Replacement policy if devices cannot be repaired; and

2 (6) Local pickup and delivery service for efficient repair and replacement where possible.

3 (B) Upon development of these policies and to follow the new mobile device purchasing policy for state agencies, the State Fiscal
4 Accountability Authority must establish a statewide contract for protecting all state owned, mobile devices that can be included in
5 one combined contract.

6 (C) The State Fiscal Accountability Authority must ensure that any contract developed for this purpose is awarded utilizing a
7 competitive approach in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code.

8 ~~117.130. (GP: State Flag Study Committee) There is created the South Carolina State Flag Study Committee charged with~~
9 ~~proposing an official, uniform design for the state flag based on historically accurate details and legislative adoptions. Membership~~
10 ~~of the study committee shall be comprised of five members as follows:~~

11 ~~— (1) the Director of the Department of Archives and History, or his designee, who shall serve as chairman;~~

12 ~~— (2) the Director of the Department of Administration, or his designee;~~

13 ~~— (3) one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;~~

14 ~~— (4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and~~

15 ~~— (5) one member appointed by the Governor.~~

16 ~~— The study committee shall provide a report including a proposed design to the General Assembly by June 30, 2021, at which time~~
17 ~~the study committee shall dissolve. Members of the study committee shall receive mileage, per diem, and subsistence as provided~~
18 ~~by law.~~

19 **117.131. (PSA: Board Meeting Coverage)** The South Carolina Public Service Authority must provide live-streamed coverage
20 whenever practicable of all meetings of the Board of Directors to ensure transparency and access for the public. The board meetings
21 shall be recorded and archived and made available on the South Carolina Public Service Authority's website. If a meeting cannot be
22 live-streamed, then the authority must make transcripts available on the authority's website within three business days.

23 **117.132. (GP: Criminal History Investigations)** (A) State agencies, state institutions and political subdivisions of the state are
24 authorized, as necessary to comply with internal revenue service Publication 1075, including amendments thereto and publications
25 replacing Publication 1075, to obtain state and national criminal history background checks and investigations performed by the
26 State Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on all employees and contractors with access to federal tax
27 information. The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to conduct fingerprint-based state and national background checks
28 for state agencies, state institutions and political subdivisions of the state which have access to federal tax information in order to
29 comply with Publication 1075.

30 (B) An employee or contractor of a state agency, state institution and political subdivision of the state with access to or that uses
31 federal tax information must:

32 (1) agree to a national background check and the release of all investigative records to the state agency, state institution or
33 political subdivision of the state for the purpose of verifying criminal history information for non-criminal justice purposes; and

34 (2) supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a state criminal history background check and investigation to be conducted
35 by the State Law Enforcement Division, and then submit to a national criminal history background check to be conducted by the
36 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1 (C) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a state agency, state institution or political subdivision of the state shall pay any
2 costs incurred to conduct background checks and investigations requested by the state agency. The state agency, state institution or
3 political subdivision of the state may require a person or entity contracting with the agency to pay the costs associated with the
4 background investigations for all employees of the contractor. The requirement may be a condition of the contract with the agency,
5 state institution or political subdivision of the state.

6 (D) Each state agency, state institution or political subdivision of the state required to conduct background checks and
7 investigations pursuant to this provision shall establish written policies concerning the implementation and use of the background
8 checks and investigations conducted pursuant to this provision.

9 **117.133.** (GP: Medical Marijuana Research) With funds provided in this fiscal year, the University of South Carolina College of
10 Pharmacy and the Medical University of South Carolina are authorized, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with federal
11 laws and regulations, to undertake the following actions: acquire pharmaceutical grade marijuana, marijuana extracts, semi-pure
12 isolates, and purified compounds, including, but not limited to, THC, CBD, CBO, cannabinal, and cannabigerol for use in research
13 and clinical trials to develop potential therapeutic agents for epilepsy, Dravet's Syndrome, chronic pain, cancer, reduction of nausea,
14 and vomiting induced by chemotherapy, glaucoma, obesity, multiple sclerosis, drug abuse, inflammation, and autoimmune disorders,
15 including encephalomyelitis.

16 The University of South Carolina and the Medical University of the South Carolina are further authorized to form collaborations,
17 agreements, and partnerships with other public and private entities in order to conduct this research and clinical trials, to the extent
18 permitted by and in accordance with federal laws and regulations, as well as to pursue both public and private funding. Further, the
19 University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina are directed to provide to the members of the South
20 Carolina General Assembly, on or before the first day of the 2021 legislative session, with a written summary of the actions they
21 have undertaken pursuant to this proviso and the material findings, if any, resulting from such activities.

22 **117.134.** (GP: Immigration Compliance Report) From the funds appropriated to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
23 (SLED), the agency shall publish the Immigration Compliance Report (ICR). SLED may conduct investigations necessary to ensure
24 the accuracy of information provided by counties and municipal governments within the ICR. Every agency of this State, and
25 political subdivisions thereof, shall provide documentation that SLED considers necessary for the publication of the ICR. The ICR
26 shall contain a list of county and municipal governments that SLED has certified to be compliant with Sections 17-13-170(E) and
27 23-3-1100 of the 1976 Code as well as compliance with any federal laws related to the presence of an unlawful person in the United
28 States in the previous fiscal year. The ICR must be provided to the General Assembly, the Governor, and the State Treasurer by
29 December thirty-first of the current fiscal year.

30 The State Treasurer shall withhold any remaining disbursement from the Local Government Fund to any county or municipality
31 that is not certified as "compliant" in the ICR; however, this requirement may not be imposed until the first publication of the ICR.

32 **117.135.** (GP: School Resource Officer Critical Needs) Any Class 1 law enforcement officer who retired under the Police Officers
33 Retirement System on or before December 31, 2017, may return to employment with a public school district as a critical needs
34 School Resource Officer without affecting the monthly retirement allowance that they are receiving from the Police Officers
35 Retirement System. The Law Enforcement Training Council must develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be
36 recertified and must not require recertification through basic training for those that have been inactive for a year or more.

~~117.136. (GP: Georgetown County Boat Ramps) The Department of Transportation shall transfer the remaining funds appropriated for the Sandy Island Boat Ramp in Proviso 118.17 (B), item 43(f), Act 101 of 2013 to the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Natural Resources shall credit the transfer to the Water Recreation Resource fund for use in Georgetown County and the transfer amount is not to be considered part of the annual allocation formula for Water Recreation Resource funds.~~

~~117.137. (GP: CDBG DR Flexibility) The Department of Commerce is directed to transfer any funds remaining from the appropriation it received through Act 97 of 2017 for 2015 Non CDBG Disaster Recovery to the Department of Administration which shall utilize these funds for any disaster recovery program.~~

117.138. (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-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.

117.139. (GP: Magistrates Compensation) Notwithstanding Proviso 117.109 (Employee Compensation), in the current fiscal year, the salary for each magistrate must be calculated using the same schedule and same circuit judge salary, at a minimum, as was in effect in Fiscal Year 2018-19.

~~117.140. (GP: Voting System Funds Transfer) The State Election Commission is directed to transfer any funds which have been appropriated to the commission for the purchase of a new statewide voting system or for the refurbishment of the current statewide voting system to the Department of Administration. The Department of Administration shall hold these funds and any other funds appropriated to the department for the same purpose in a separate account. This transfer requirement shall not apply to any federal funds granted to the State Election Commission. Any funds available to the State Election Commission or the Department of Administration shall be used in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to purchase a new statewide voting system.~~

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

117.142. (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.

117.143. (GP: Bridge Stabilization and Repair) The Department of Transportation and Santee Cooper are jointly directed to develop a detailed plan and cost estimate for stabilizing and repairing the US 15/US 301 bridge over Lake Marion for public pedestrian and bicycle traffic based on a study conducted by the Palmetto Conservation Foundation using the bridge as a connector

1 route for the Palmetto Trail. In developing this plan and cost estimate, the Department of Transportation and Santee Cooper shall
 2 include input from the Santee Cooper Counties Promotion Commission, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Clarendon
 3 and Orangeburg Counties, the Cities of Summerton and Santee and the Palmetto Conservation Foundation.

4 ~~117.144. (GP: Intrastate Motor Carrier Fee Collections) In the current fiscal year, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall consult~~
 5 ~~with the Department of Revenue and any association representing taxpayers subject to, or entities imposing, the road use fee pursuant~~
 6 ~~to Article 23, Chapter 37, Title 12 of the 1976 Code, to determine the most efficient manner to implement a standardized system~~
 7 ~~whereby the Department of Motor Vehicles collects all fees owed by commercial motor vehicles operating solely intrastate, including~~
 8 ~~fees imposed by local government. The system must allow a payment plan option to allow these commercial motor vehicles to pay~~
 9 ~~the infrastructure maintenance fee in multiple installments. The plan must include a fiscal impact statement, prepared by the Revenue~~
 10 ~~and Fiscal Affairs Office, detailing the costs associated with the plan. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall submit the plan for~~
 11 ~~the standardized system by December 1, 2019, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate~~
 12 ~~Transportation Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and~~
 13 ~~Public Works Committee.~~

14 **117.145. (GP: Offshore Oil)** For the current fiscal year, no funds appropriated or authorized to the Department of Health and
 15 Environmental Control, or to local governmental entities, including but not limited to counties, municipalities and special purpose
 16 districts, may be expended to approve a plan, permit, license application or other authorization for:

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

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

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

24 For purposes of this proviso:

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

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

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

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

33 **117.146. (GP: PSA Contracts for Contributions)** In the current fiscal year, the South Carolina Public Service Authority may not
 34 enter into any new contracts for contributions to the Executive Defined Benefit Plan or the Executive Retention Defined Contribution
 35 Plan.

~~117.147. (GP: Early Childhood Education Study Committee) There is established the Early Childhood Education Study Committee to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the best structure for coordinated early childhood services provided to children from birth to age 5 currently operating across multiple systems and funding streams for the purpose of improving the delivery of services, maximizing the number of children served, ensuring that all children are ready to enter school, and delivering cohesive high quality early childhood education, care and parental support to all children in South Carolina. The committee must solicit input from and consider the recommendations of affected constituencies, such as the report of the Office of First Steps Study Committee established pursuant to Act 287 of 2014, in the development of its report.~~

~~—Programs to be included in the study must include, but are not limited to: Head Start Collaboration Office, Office of Early Learning, ABC Childcare Program, Childcare Licensing Office, Childcare Resource and Referral Network, Child Early Reading Development & Education Program, BabyNet, Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC), and the Postpartum Newborn Home Visitation Program.~~

~~—The study committee shall be comprised of the following:~~

~~—1) Chairman of the Senate Family & Veterans' Services Committee, or their designee, who shall serve as Co-Chair;~~

~~—2) Chairman of the House of Representatives Education & Public Works Committee, or their designee, who shall serve as Co-Chair;~~

~~—3) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the Chairman of the Family & Veterans' Services Committee;~~

~~—4) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Education & Public Works Committee;~~

~~—5) Four members appointed by the Governor who must be representative of the population of the State and have skills, knowledge and interest in early childhood care, education and improving the school readiness of young children for success; and~~

~~—6) Chairman of the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, or their designee.~~

~~—Staff support shall be provided by the Senate Family & Veterans' Services Committee and the House of Representatives Education & Public Works Committee. Findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2019.~~

~~117.148. (GP: Authorization for Expenditure of COVID-19 Federal Funds) (A)(1) The State of South Carolina desires to procure professional grant management services for oversight and compliance of funds received through the 'Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act' (CARES Act) and any other available source of federal COVID-19 relief funds. It is intended that the procurement will result in a contract for professional grant management services that can assist the State with grant management to include, but not be limited to: understanding the requirements and funding streams related to the CARES Act and federal relief funds; creating a framework for grant management from application for funds to disbursement of funds to include the development of processes and controls, data collection, evaluation of requests, and reporting; and creating a system of monitoring for compliance and detecting possible fraud, waste, and abuse.~~

~~—(2) It is vital to the State's interest that a contract be awarded for such professional grant management services in the most expeditious manner possible and time is of the essence. Accordingly, this procurement should be done pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-35-1570 of the 1976 Code. The Executive Director of the South Carolina Department of Administration shall coordinate the process used to procure the professional grant management services needed and shall be responsible for the development of specifications to be included in any contract awarded. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall serve as the procuring officer~~

1 for the procurement process and is responsible for administrative duties related to the process and the contract awarded pursuant to
2 it. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall assign such personnel as requested by the Executive Director of the Department
3 of Administration to assist the Department of Administration in carrying out its duties under this act.

4 ~~—(B) State boards, commissions, agencies, departments, and institutions of higher learning are authorized to receive funds directly~~
5 ~~from the federal government in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Funds so received shall be expended for~~
6 ~~COVID-19 preparedness and response and in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations. Any state board, commission,~~
7 ~~agency, department, or institution of higher learning that receives funds must submit an expenditure plan to the Governor, the~~
8 ~~Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Beginning on June 1,~~
9 ~~2020, and on the first day of each month thereafter, the recipient shall provide a detailed accounting of the expenditure of all federal~~
10 ~~relief funds to the Governor and the General Assembly. The detailed accounting must be made available on the Governor's website.~~
11 ~~Unexpended funds, without limitation, may be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year and expended for the same purpose.~~

12 ~~—(C) The Governor is authorized to receive on behalf of the State of South Carolina federal funds designated for the Coronavirus~~
13 ~~Relief Fund.~~

14 ~~—(D) The Executive Budget Office shall establish the Coronavirus Relief Fund as a federal fund account separate and distinct from~~
15 ~~all other accounts. All federal appropriations received by the Governor pursuant to subsection (C), must be credited to the~~
16 ~~Coronavirus Relief Fund account. No other funds may be credited to this account and funds in the account may be expended only~~
17 ~~by appropriation or authorization by the General Assembly.~~

18 ~~—(E) Nothing herein limits any state board, commission, agency, department, or institution receiving funds from the Coronavirus~~
19 ~~Relief Fund from continuing to expend funds from other sources, including state appropriated funds, that are necessary to address~~
20 ~~the state's response to COVID-19. Any unexpended funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, without limitation, may be carried~~
21 ~~forward into the succeeding fiscal year and expended for the same purpose.~~

22 ~~—117.149. (GP: Mandatory Furlough Flexibility—COVID-19) (A) In order to provide maximum flexibility to a state agency or~~
23 ~~institution of higher learning during the state's COVID-19 response, an agency or institution experiencing significant decreases in~~
24 ~~revenue sources or significant unanticipated expenditures as a result of the COVID-19 response may implement a mandatory furlough~~
25 ~~subject to the review and approval of the Department of Administration Division of State Human Resources. Approved furloughs~~
26 ~~must comply with all federal laws. Implementation of furloughs should be in a manner similar to furloughs authorized in Chapter~~
27 ~~11, Title 8, exceptions may be approved by the Division of State Human Resources.~~

28 ~~—(B) During a furlough, affected employees shall be entitled to participate in the same state benefits as otherwise available to~~
29 ~~them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits that require employer and employee contributions including, but not~~
30 ~~limited to, contributions to the South Carolina Retirement System or the optional retirement program, the state agencies, institutions,~~
31 ~~and departments are responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted;~~
32 ~~and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the employee remains solely responsible for making those~~
33 ~~contributions.~~

34 ~~—(C) The division shall report to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of Senate~~
35 ~~Finance Committee, and the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee when any furloughs are implemented. This~~
36 ~~information also shall be published on the division's website.~~

~~117.150. (GP: Other Fund Flexibility to Maintain Critical Programs Impacted by COVID-19) In order to provide maximum flexibility to a state agency or institution of higher learning during the state's COVID-19 response, agencies and institutions are authorized to spend earmarked and restricted revenue sources to maintain critical programs impacted by the state's COVID-19 response. Any spending authorization for these purposes must receive the prior approval of the Executive Budget Office and must be reported to the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee. The Comptroller General is authorized to implement the procedures necessary to comply with this directive. This provision is provided notwithstanding any other provision of law restricting the use of earned revenue. Appropriation transfers may exceed twenty percent of the program budget upon approval of the Executive Budget Office in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.~~

~~117.151. (GP: Voluntary Support Payments to Employees Furloughed COVID-19) All voluntary support payments made by an employer to a furloughed employee as a result of the COVID-19 crisis shall be classified as a form of severance pay, are not wages, and are not subject to repayment by the furloughed employee. Any provision of law that conflicts with this section is suspended until July 31, 2020.~~

117.152. (GP: Statewide Strategic Personnel Budgeting) (A) To encourage consistency in human resources compensation decisions, support data driven decisions regarding expenditure of funds for personnel in state government, and improve the state's ability to recruit and retain top talent, all state agencies are directed as follows: With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget plan submission, agencies shall submit all human resources and personnel related budget requests to the Department of Administration's Executive Budget Office and Division of State Human Resources on or before September 1 of the current fiscal year. The Executive Budget Office and the Division of State Human Resources shall jointly review the budget requests and provide information and data to inform funding considerations. This information shall be submitted to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Agencies shall comply with all human resources rules, regulations, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the Division of State Human Resources. (B) The Judicial Department, Legislative Department, political subdivisions, and quasigovernmental bodies are exempt from the requirements of this provision.

117.153. (GP: Educational Fee Waivers for In-State Students) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated within this act, institutions of higher learning may offer up to, but may not exceed, an additional four percent of educational fee waivers allowed by law provided that additional waivers, if any, are limited exclusively to the benefit of undergraduate resident students whose family income is two hundred percent or less than federal poverty guidelines. Institutions utilizing this provision shall report the number and amount of additional waivers offered to undergraduate resident students to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee, House Education and Public Works Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Education Committee, Commission on Higher Education and the Governor on or before December 31st of the current fiscal year.

117.154. (GP: Meals in Emergency Operations) The cost of meals may be provided to state employees who are not permitted to leave their stations and are required to work during actual emergencies, emergency situation exercises, and when the Governor declares a state of emergency.

1 **SECTION 118 - X910 - STATEWIDE REVENUE**
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3 **118.1.** (SR: Year End Cutoff) Unless specifically authorized herein, the appropriations provided in Part IA of this act as ordinary
4 expenses of the State Government shall lapse on July 31, ~~2021~~ 2022. State agencies are required to submit all current fiscal year
5 input documents and all electronic workflow for accounts payable transactions to the Office of Comptroller General by July 14, ~~2021~~
6 2022. Appropriations for Permanent Improvements, now outstanding or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal
7 year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State
8 Fiscal Accountability Authority and Joint Bond Review Committee, toward the accomplishment of the purposes for which the
9 appropriations were provided. Appropriations for other specific purposes aside from ordinary operating expenses, now outstanding
10 or hereafter provided, shall lapse at the end of the second fiscal year in which such appropriations were provided, unless definite
11 commitments shall have been made, with the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, toward the accomplishment of
12 the purposes for which the appropriations were provided.

13 **118.2.** (SR: Titling of Real Property) It is the intent of the General Assembly to establish a comprehensive central property and
14 office facility management process to plan for the needs of state government agencies and to achieve maximum efficiency and
15 economy in the use of state owned or state leased real properties. The Department of Administration is directed to identify all state
16 owned properties whether titled in the name of the state or an agency or department, and all agencies and departments of state
17 government are upon request to provide the department all documents related to the title and acquisition of the real properties that
18 are occupied or used by the agency or titled in the name of the agency. Except for any properties where the department determines
19 title should not be in the name of the State because the properties are subject to reverter clauses or other restraints on the property,
20 or where the department determines the state would be best served by not receiving title, and with the exception of properties,
21 highways and roadways owned by the Department of Transportation, title of any property held by or acquired by a state agency or
22 department shall be titled in the name of the state under the control of the Department of Administration. Titling in the name of the
23 state shall not affect the operation or use of real property by an agency.

24 This provision applies to all state agencies and departments except: institutions of higher learning; the Public Service Authority;
25 the Ports Authority; the South Carolina Division of Public Railways; the MUSC Hospital Authority; the Myrtle Beach Air Force
26 Redevelopment Authority; the Department of Transportation; the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority, the
27 Trident Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority; the Area Commission of Tri-County Technical College; and the Charleston
28 Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority.

29 With respect to any past or future acquisition of real property, the application of this provision and prior comparable titling
30 provisions to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and real property under its ownership or control is subject to the
31 exemption adopted by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board on March 21, 2006.

32 This provision is comprehensive and supersedes any conflicting provisions concerning title and acquisition and disposition of state
33 owned real property whether in permanent law, temporary law or by provision elsewhere in this act.

34 The Department of Administration is directed to provide to the Department of Education, funds equal to the amount realized from
35 the sale of the Greenville Halton Road Bus Shop property for school bus maintenance shop relocations, construction, and shop
36 equipment.

1 **118.3.** (SR: Contingency Reserve Fund) (A) There is created in the State Treasury a fund separate and distinct from the general
2 fund of the State, the Capital Reserve Fund, and all other funds entitled the Contingency Reserve Fund. All general fund revenues
3 accumulated in a fiscal year in excess of general appropriations and supplemental appropriations must be credited to this fund.
4 Revenues credited to this fund in a fiscal year may be appropriated by the General Assembly. Upon determination by the Comptroller
5 General as to the amount to be deposited in the Contingency Reserve Fund, the Comptroller General shall notify the Board of
6 Economic Advisors and the board shall recognize that amount as surplus funds. Revenues in this fund may be appropriated only for
7 the purposes provided in subsection (B).

8 (B) (1) If the balance in the general reserve fund established pursuant to Section 36, Article III of the Constitution of this State
9 and Section 11-11-310 of the 1976 Code is less than the required balance, there must be appropriated to it all amounts in the
10 Contingency Reserve Fund up to the total necessary to replenish the general reserve fund. This amount does not replace or supplant
11 the minimum replenishment amount otherwise required to be made to the general reserve fund.

12 (2) After the appropriation of amounts required pursuant to item (1) of this subsection, any remaining balance may be
13 appropriated by the General Assembly as it deems appropriate.

14 **118.4.** (SR: Increased Enforced Collections Carry Forward) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to Proviso 90.16 in Part IB
15 of Act 291 of 2010 may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and shall be expended for the same
16 purposes.

17 **118.5.** (SR: Health Care Maintenance of Effort Funding) The revenue collected from the fifty cent cigarette surcharge and
18 deposited into the South Carolina Medicaid Reserve Fund established by Act 170 of 2010 and any other funds deposited into the
19 fund shall be deemed appropriated for use by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Medicaid program. Unexpended
20 funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.

21 **118.6.** (SR: Prohibits Public Funded Lobbyists) All state agencies and institutions are prohibited from using general fund
22 appropriations to compensate employees who engage in lobbying on behalf of the state agency or institution. The State Ethics
23 Commission shall require state agencies and institutions that report lobbying activities to the commission to certify that the lobbying
24 activities were not funded by general fund appropriations.

25 All state agencies and institutions are prohibited from entering into contracts using general fund appropriations to provide lobbying
26 services to the agency or institution.

27 **118.7.** (SR: Admissions Tax) For the current fiscal year, up to one hundred fourteen thousand dollars in admissions tax revenue
28 collected annually from all events held at a NASCAR sanctioned motor speedway or racetrack that hosts at least one race each year
29 featuring the preeminent NASCAR cup series must be rebated to the motorsports entertainment complex facility in the current fiscal
30 year to keep a NASCAR race at the motorsports entertainment complex facility. In addition, any sports facility that hosts at least
31 one preeminent Women's Tennis Association-sanctioned tournament or any sports facility that operates as the home venue for a
32 professional soccer team that participates in the United Soccer Leagues, second division or higher, must be rebated to the facility
33 half of its admissions tax revenue for the fiscal year and used by that facility for marketing the events held at the facility.

34 **118.8.** (SR: Agency Deficit Notice) The Comptroller General or the Executive Budget Office shall (1) provide written notice to
35 each member of the General Assembly when it makes a report concerning an agency, department, or institution that is expending

1 authorized appropriations at a rate which predicts or projects a general fund deficit for the agency, department, or institution, and (2)
2 make monthly progress reports concerning an agency's, department's, or institution's plan to reduce or eliminate the deficit.

3 **118.9.** (SR: Tax Relief Reserve Fund) There is created the Tax Relief Reserve Fund, which shall be separate and distinct from
4 the General Fund. Interest accrued by the fund must remain in the fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on December
5 31, ~~2019~~ 2021, the State Treasurer shall transfer funds identified in this act from the General Fund to the Tax Relief Reserve Fund.
6 These funds may only be used to provide tax relief to businesses and individuals as provided by law. Funds within the Tax Relief
7 Reserve Fund shall be retained and carried forward to be used for the same purpose.

8 **118.10.** (SR: Tax Deduction for Consumer Protection Services) (A) In addition to the deductions allowed in Section 12-6-1140
9 of the 1976 Code, there is allowed a deduction in computing South Carolina taxable income of an individual the actual costs, but not
10 exceeding three hundred dollars for an individual taxpayer, and not exceeding one thousand dollars for a joint return or a return
11 claiming dependents, incurred by a taxpayer in the taxable year to purchase a monthly or annual contract or subscription for identity
12 theft protection and identity theft resolution services. The deduction allowed by this item may not be claimed by an individual if the
13 individual deducted the same actual costs as a business expense or if the taxpayer is enrolled in the identity theft protection and
14 identity theft resolution services offered free of charge by the State of South Carolina. For purposes of this item, 'identity theft
15 protection' means products and services designed to prevent an incident of identify fraud or identity theft or other protect the private
16 of a person' personal identifying information, as defined in Section 16-13-510(D), by precluding a third party from gaining
17 unauthorized acquisition of another's personal identifying information to obtain financial resources or other products, benefits or
18 services; and identity theft resolution services means products and services designed to assist persons whose personal identifying
19 information, as defined by Section 16-13-510(D), was obtained by a third party, whereby minimizing the effects of the identity fraud
20 or identity theft incident and restoring the person's identity to pre-theft status.

21 (B) The deduction provided in (A) is only allowed for taxpayers that filed a return with the Department of Revenue for any taxable
22 year after 1997 and before 2013, whether by paper or electronic transmission, or any person whose personally identifiable information
23 was contained on the return of another eligible person, including minor dependents.

24 (C) By March fifteenth of each year, the department shall issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing the
25 number of taxpayers claiming the deduction allowed by this item in the most recent tax year for which there is an accurate figure,
26 and the total monetary value of the deductions claimed pursuant to this item in that same year.

27 (D) The department shall prescribe the necessary forms to claim the deduction allowed by this section. The department may
28 require the taxpayer to provide proof of the actual costs and the taxpayer's eligibility.

29 **118.11.** (SR: Tobacco Settlement) (A) To the extent funds are available from payments received on behalf of the State by the
30 Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement ("MSA") in the current fiscal
31 year, the State Treasurer is authorized and directed, after transferring funds sufficient to cover the operating expenses of the Authority,
32 to transfer the remaining funds as follows:

33 (1) \$1,253,000 to the Attorney General's Office for Diligent Enforcement and Arbitration Litigation; \$450,000 to the State
34 Law Enforcement Division for Diligent Enforcement; and \$325,000 to the Department of Revenue for Diligent Enforcement, all to
35 enforce Chapter 47 of Title 11, the Tobacco Escrow Fund Act;

~~(2) The Attorney General's Office shall maintain a balance of \$1,253,000 in a fund for future tobacco arbitration. Attorney General funds in excess of \$1,253,000 may be utilized for information technology expenses and building infrastructure upgrades. These funds may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and utilized for the same purpose; and~~

~~(3) (2)~~ The remaining balance shall be transferred to a restricted account authorized solely for use by the Department of Health and Human Services for the Medicaid program. Earnings on this fund must be credited to the fund and balances may be carried forward from the prior fiscal year for the same purpose.

(B) The requirements of Section 11-11-170 of the 1976 Code shall be suspended for the current fiscal year.

118.12. (SR: One Dollar Appropriations) Funds appropriated in the amount of one dollar by this act shall not be disbursed. The Comptroller General shall adjust the affected agency's chart of accounts accordingly, if necessary.

118.13. (SR: Non-recurring Litigation Recovery Revenue) During the current fiscal year, if there is a recovery or an award in any litigation managed by the State through a party other than the Attorney General, or if a state tax audit results in a collection, any funds received in excess of twenty-five million dollars that are not likely to continue as recurring revenue and would have otherwise been credited to the General Fund shall be credited to the Litigation Recovery Account. The amount credited to this Litigation Recovery Account pursuant to this provision is deemed non-recurring revenue and must be expended only in the manner prescribed by law.

~~**118.14.** (SR: Taxpayer Rebate) In the event that amounts in excess of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 unobligated general fund revenue as certified by the Board of Economic Advisors become available due to increased income tax collections resulting from the lottery ticket redemption associated with the October 24, 2018 Mega Millions contest, the Comptroller General shall transfer such amounts in excess of the total certified unobligated general fund revenue up to \$61,400,000 to a Taxpayer Rebate Fund after the close of Fiscal Year 2018-19. To the extent sufficient funds are available, the Department of Revenue shall provide a fifty dollar refund to each individual income tax return filed for tax year 2018 that has at least a state individual income tax liability of fifty dollars, after credits, for returns filed on or before October 15, 2019. The Department of Revenue may prorate this amount based upon actual funds and eligible returns and is directed to issue these checks on December 2, 2019.~~

~~**118.15.** (SR: Farm Aid) There is created the 'South Carolina Farm Aid Fund'. This fund is separate and distinct from the general fund of the State and all other funds. Earnings on this fund must be credited to it. Revenues credited to this fund in a fiscal year must be used in that fiscal year to operate a grant program that provides financial assistance to farmers.~~

~~—To be eligible for a grant, the person must have:~~

~~—(1) experienced a verifiable loss of agricultural commodities of at least thirty percent as a result of the flooding occurring in the aftermath of Hurricanes Michael and Florence for which:~~

~~—(a) the Governor declared a state of emergency in the State for the county in which the farm is located; and~~

~~—(b) the United States Secretary of Agriculture issued a Secretarial Disaster Declaration for the county in which the farm is located;~~

~~—(2) a farm number issued by the Farm Service Agency;~~

~~—(3) signed an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, certifying that each fact of the loss presented by the person is accurate; and~~

~~—(4) a signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, certifying that no federal funds have been received for these specific disasters, and in the event that federal funds are received, the person will return all state monies received under this program.~~

1 ~~—The Department of Agriculture (department) shall administer the grant program authorized by this proviso. The Department of~~
 2 ~~Revenue shall assist the Department of Agriculture in the administration of the grant program by providing auditing services,~~
 3 ~~accounting services, and review and oversight of all financial aspects of the grant program. There is created the Farm Aid Advisory~~
 4 ~~Board to make recommendations to the department regarding the duties of the department in administering the grant program. The~~
 5 ~~Commissioner of Agriculture, or his designee, shall serve ex officio, as chairman of the board. Also, the Director of the Department~~
 6 ~~of Revenue, or his designee, the Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture of Clemson Public Service Activities, or his~~
 7 ~~designee, and the Vice President for Land Grant Services of South Carolina State Public Service Activities, or his designee, shall~~
 8 ~~serve on the board. The following additional members shall be appointed to the board:~~

9 ~~—(1) the Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one member representing the South Carolina Farm Bureau;~~

10 ~~—(2) the Commissioner of Agriculture shall appoint one member representing a farm credit association;~~

11 ~~—(3) the Director of the Department of Revenue shall appoint one member representing the crop insurance industry; and~~

12 ~~—(4) the Director of the Department of Revenue shall appoint one member who is an agricultural commodities producer.~~

13 ~~—By July twentieth of the current fiscal year, the board shall hold its initial meeting to recommend an application process by which~~
 14 ~~a person with a loss resulting from the flooding occurring in the aftermath of Hurricanes Michael and Florence may apply for a grant.~~
 15 ~~Upon adoption of an application process, the Department of Agriculture shall provide the Chairman of the House Ways and Means~~
 16 ~~Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a written copy of its application process within ten days after~~
 17 ~~its adoption. A person shall apply not later than forty five days after the adoption of the application process. The department must~~
 18 ~~ensure every person interested in applying for a grant has access to adequate resources to submit his application in a timely manner,~~
 19 ~~and upon request, the department must assist a person with the preparation of his application.~~

20 ~~—Each grant awarded by the department may not exceed twenty percent of the person's verifiable loss of agricultural commodities.~~
 21 ~~However, a person, including any grant made to a related person, may not receive grants aggregating more than one hundred thousand~~
 22 ~~dollars. Also, a person, including any grant made to a related person, may not receive grants that when combined with losses covered~~
 23 ~~by insurance, exceed one hundred percent of the actual loss. If a grant is made to a related person, the amount to be included in the~~
 24 ~~limits set by this proviso must be the amount of the grant multiplied by the person's ownership interest in the related person.~~
 25 ~~However, a person who shares an ownership interest with another person or entity may not be refused a grant solely because the~~
 26 ~~other person or related person has otherwise received the maximum grant amount, but in this case, the person's grant amount is~~
 27 ~~limited by the person's ownership interest.~~

28 ~~—If the total amount of grants allowed pursuant to this proviso exceeds the monies in the fund, then each person's grant must be~~
 29 ~~reduced proportionately.~~

30 ~~—To determine loss, the department:~~

31 ~~—(1) must measure the person's cumulative total loss of all affected agricultural commodities for the year in which the flooding~~
 32 ~~occurred against the person's expected production of all agricultural commodities affected by the flooding occurring in the aftermath~~
 33 ~~of Hurricanes Michael and Florence;~~

34 ~~—(2) shall use the person's applicable actual production history yield, as determined by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation,~~
 35 ~~to determine loss for insured agricultural commodities. In determining loss for uninsured agricultural commodities, the department~~

1 shall use the most recent year's county price and county yield, as applicable, as determined by the National Agriculture Statistics
2 Service, United States Department of Agriculture; and

3 ~~—(3) may require any documentation or proof it considers necessary to efficiently administer the grant program, including the~~
4 ~~ownership structure of each entity and the social security numbers of each owner. Minimally, in order to verify loss, the department~~
5 ~~shall require the submission of dated, signed, and continuous records. These records may include, but are not limited to, commercial~~
6 ~~receipts, settlement sheets, warehouse ledger sheets, pick records, load summaries, contemporaneous measurements, truck scale~~
7 ~~tickets, contemporaneous diaries, appraisals, ledgers of income, income statements of deposit slips, cash register tape, invoices for~~
8 ~~eustom harvesting, u pick records, and insurance documents.~~

9 ~~—Grant awards must be used for agricultural production expenses and losses due to the flooding which demonstrate an intent to~~
10 ~~continue the agricultural operation; however, awards may not be used to purchase new equipment. The department shall develop~~
11 ~~guidelines and procedures to ensure that funds are expended in the manner outlined in grant applications, and may require any~~
12 ~~documentation it determines necessary to verify the appropriate use of grant awards including receipts.~~

13 ~~—If the department determines that a person who received a grant provided inaccurate information, then the person shall refund the~~
14 ~~entire amount of the grant. If the department determines that a person who received a grant used the funds for ineligible expenses,~~
15 ~~then the person must refund the amount of the ineligible expenses. If the person does not refund the appropriate amount, the~~
16 ~~Department of Revenue shall utilize the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act to collect the money from the person.~~

17 ~~—The department shall coordinate the exchange of information between the USDA and the Department of Revenue to identify any~~
18 ~~person that received a Farm Aid grant for the flooding occurring in the aftermath of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and also~~
19 ~~received federal aid relief for the same disaster. Any person that is determined to have received grant funds from both the state and~~
20 ~~federal government, must immediately repay the state grant they received.~~

21 ~~—If the department determines that a person knowingly provided false information to obtain a grant pursuant to this proviso or~~
22 ~~knowingly used funds for ineligible expenses, the person shall be subject to prosecution pursuant to Section 16-13-240.~~

23 ~~—Within forty five days of the completion of the awarding of grants, but no later than the end of the fiscal year, the Farm Aid~~
24 ~~Advisory Board is dissolved. Any funds remaining in the fund upon dissolution shall lapse to the general fund.~~

25 ~~—The department may accept private funds, grants, and property to be used to make financial awards from the grant program.~~

26 ~~—The Department of Agriculture must administer the grant program authorized by this proviso using existing resources and funds.~~

27 ~~—If federal funds are allocated for persons that are otherwise eligible for a grant pursuant to this proviso before the current fiscal~~
28 ~~year begins, then the provisions of this proviso are not effective and no funds may be credited to the South Carolina Farm Aid Fund.~~

29 ~~—For purposes of this proviso:~~

30 ~~—(1) 'Agricultural commodities' means wheat, cotton, flax, corn, dry beans, oats, barley, rye, tobacco, rice, peanuts, soybeans,~~
31 ~~sugar beets, sugar cane, tomatoes, grain sorghum, sunflowers, raisins, oranges, sweet corn, dry peas, freezing and canning peas,~~
32 ~~forage, apples, grapes, potatoes, industrial hemp, timber and forests, nursery crops, citrus, and other fruits and vegetables, nuts, tame~~
33 ~~hay, native grass, aquacultural species including, but not limited to, any species of finfish, mollusk, crustacean, or other aquatic~~
34 ~~invertebrate, amphibian, reptile, or aquatic plant propagated or reared in a controlled or selected environment, excluding stored grain;~~

35 ~~—(2) 'Person' means any individual, trust, estate, partnership, receiver, association, company, limited liability company,~~
36 ~~corporation, or other entity or group;~~

1 ~~— (3) ‘Related person’ means any person, joint venture, or entity that has a direct or indirect ownership interest of a person or~~
 2 ~~legal entity; and~~

3 ~~— (4) ‘Department’ means the Department of Agriculture.~~

4 ~~— **118.16.** (SR: Accrual of Tax Payments) The Comptroller General is directed to accrue into Fiscal Year 2019-20 General Fund~~
 5 ~~revenues previously due for remittance to the Department of Revenue by April fifteenth or June fifteenth but allowed to be remitted~~
 6 ~~as late as July fifteenth pursuant to federal directive or the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-12 including, but not limited to,~~
 7 ~~individual and corporate income tax returns and quarterly estimated declarations.~~

8 **118.17.** (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated
 9 from the following sources:

10 1) \$103,451,091 from FY 2018-19 Contingency Reserve Fund;

11 2) \$671,514,950 from FY 2019-20 Contingency Reserve Fund;

12 3) \$125,239,577 from FY 2020-21 Debt Service lapse;

13 4) \$36,311,463 from projected FY 2020-21 general fund surplus.

14 Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specific fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall
 15 occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2020-21 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2021-
 16 22. This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2021-22 after September 1, 2021, following the
 17 Comptroller General’s close of the state’s books on Fiscal Year 2020-21.

18 (B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be
 19 fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, than any individual item may be partially funded in
 20 the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.

21 The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2021, for the purposes stated:

22 1) F310 – General Reserve Fund – General Reserve Fund Contribution \$18,723,614

23 2) H630 – Department of Education:

24 a. Instructional Materials \$100,000,000

25 b. Department Headquarters Relocation – Rent \$2,500,000

26 c. Department Headquarters Relocation - Moving Expenses \$2,500,000

27 3) L040 – Social Services

28 a. Caring for South Carolina's Children \$5,000,000

29 4) E240 – Adjutant General

30 a. Armory Revitalization \$3,000,000

31 b. PPE Warehouse \$1,000,000

32 c. Aiken Readiness Center \$15,000,000

33 d. Olympia Armory Repairs \$1,200,000

34 e. SCEMD - Phase 1 of 3 HVAC Replacements \$162,950

35 5) R060 – Office of Regulatory Staff

36 a. Statewide Broadband Funding \$30,000,000

- 1 6) R360 – Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
- 2 a. PTSD Treatment - FAST Program \$250,000
- 3 b. Sumter Landfill Search \$200,760
- 4 c. Urban Search & Rescue Task Force and Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team \$850,000
- 5 d. Local Fire Department Grants \$280,000
- 6 7) P240 – Department of Natural Resources
- 7 a. Law Enforcement Officer - Overtime Pay \$597,204
- 8 b. Agency Headquarters Relocation \$2,002,500
- 9 c. Marine Research Lab Shoreline Protection \$585,000
- 10 d. State Water Plan - Pee Dee and Broad River Basins \$2,995,000
- 11 8) J120 – Department of Mental Health
- 12 a. Medical Contract Grants \$2,000,000
- 13 9) H910 – Arts Commission
- 14 a. Greenville Cultural & Arts Center \$19,000,000
- 15 b. Sumter Opera House \$15,000,000
- 16 c. Cultural Arts and Theatre Center Grants \$450,000
- 17 10) L120 - Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe
- 18 a. L.S. Brice School Renovation \$5,827,112
- 19 11) P120 – Forestry Commission
- 20 a. Firefighting Equipment \$1,000,000
- 21 b. Expedited Equipment Replacement \$1,000,000
- 22 12) P160 – Department of Agriculture
- 23 a. Federal Hemp Farming Compliance \$1,100,000
- 24 b. Hemp Testing Equipment \$425,000
- 25 c. Operational Costs \$850,000
- 26 13) P280 – Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- 27 a. Hunting Island Lighthouse Repair \$1,000,000
- 28 b. Charles Towne Landing Animal Forest Enclosure Repairs and Upgrades \$500,000
- 29 c. Comfort Station/Rest Station Renovations \$500,000
- 30 d. Parks Revitalization Grants \$1,500,000
- 31 e. Sports Marketing Grants \$1,500,000
- 32 f. Columbia Convention Center \$15,000,000
- 33 14) P400 – Conservation Bank
- 34 a. Conservation Grant Funding \$7,500,000
- 35 15) E210 - Prosecution Coordination Commission
- 36 a. Case Management System \$10,200,000

- 1 16) D100 - State Law Enforcement Division
- 2 a. PTSD Treatment - FAST Program \$250,000
- 3 17) P450 – Rural Infrastructure Authority
- 4 a. Rural Infrastructure Fund \$3,129,944
- 5 b. Water and Sewer Regionalization Fund \$3,000,000
- 6 18) D500 – Department of Administration
- 7 a. Division of State Human Resources - Class & Compensation Reform \$500,000
- 8 b. Deferred Maintenance Projects \$6,198,000
- 9 19) E260 – Department of Veterans' Affairs
- 10 a. Office of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs \$452,500
- 11 20) N200 - Law Enforcement Training Council
- 12 a. Emergency Generator for Academy Main Building \$2,750,000
- 13 21) Department of Disabilities & Special Needs
- 14 a. South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative at Greenwood Genetic Center \$2,000,000
- 15 22) U300 – Division of Aeronautics
- 16 a. Exterior Roofing & Coating \$400,000
- 17 b. Surplus Equipment Acquisition \$20,000
- 18 23) Commission for the Blind
- 19 a. HVAC and Lighting Renovation \$5,101,685
- 20 24) H710 - Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
- 21 a. Security Cameras and Keyless Entry \$200,000
- 22 b. Classroom Security and Flooring \$300,000
- 23 25) H790 - Department of Archives & History
- 24 a. SC Revolutionary War Sestercentennial Commission \$1,460,000
- 25 b. SC African American Heritage Commission (SCAAHC) Green Book of South Carolina \$100,000
- 26 c. Historic Preservation and Community Development Grants \$1,000,000
- 27 26) N080 - Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services
- 28 a. Alston Wilkes Society \$750,000
- 29 27) Y140 - State Ports Authority
- 30 a. Jasper Ocean Terminal Port Facility Infrastructure Fund \$5,000,000
- 31 28) H060 - Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission
- 32 a. Student Information System \$200,000
- 33 29) J020 - Department of Health & Human Services
- 34 a. Medical Contract Grants \$2,000,000
- 35 30) K050 - Department of Public Safety
- 36 a. Local Law Enforcement Grants \$2,000,000

- 1 31) P320 - Department of Commerce
- 2 a. Small Business Relief Grant Program \$123,205,312
- 3 b. Closing Fund \$2,700,000
- 4 c. Locate-SC \$4,000,000
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END OF PART IB

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9 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of Part IA or Part IB of this act are suspended for Fiscal Year 2021-

10 22.

11 If any part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be

12 unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the

13 General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every part, section, subsection, paragraph,

14 subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other parts, sections,

15 subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid,

16 or otherwise ineffective.

17 Except as otherwise specifically provided, this act takes effect July 1, 2021.