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PART IB
OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT

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

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

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

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

- (1) is placed mostly parallel to the shoreline;
- (2) is designed to dissipate wave energy;
- (3) is designed to minimize scouring seaward of and adjacent to the device by permitting sand to move landward and seaward through the device;
- (4) the horizontal panels designed to dissipate wave energy can be deployed within one-hundred twenty hours or less and can be removed within one-hundred twenty hours or less;
- (5) does not negatively impact or inhibit sea turtle nesting or other fauna;
- (6) can be adjusted after initial deployment in response to fluctuations in beach elevations; and
- (7) otherwise prevents down-coast erosion, protects property, and limits negative impacts to public safety and welfare, beach access, and the health of the beach dune system.

34.58. *(DHEC: Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiative) In the current fiscal year, funds appropriated and authorized to the Department of Health and Environmental Control in the department's Beach Renourishment Fund shall be made available as state matching funds for Horry County Ocean Water Quality Outfall Initiatives. The department is 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*

credited 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.

50.13. (CMRC: Regional Economic Development Organizations) The Department of Commerce shall utilize \$5,000,000 appropriated in Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18 for Regional Economic Development Organizations to provide funds to the following economic development organizations and must be disbursed as follows:

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| (1) Upstate Alliance | \$ 750,000; |
| (2) Central SC Economic Development Alliance | \$ 750,000; |
| (3) North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA) | \$ 745,000; |
| (4) Charleston Regional Development Alliance | \$ 660,000; |
| (5) I-77 Alliance | \$ 660,000 <u>600,000</u> ; |
| (6) Economic Development Partnership | \$ 450,000; |
| (7) Southern Carolina Alliance | \$ 460,000; and |
| (8) The LINK Economic Alliance | \$ 385,000. |

Each dollar of state funds must be matched with one dollar of private funds. The organization receiving state funds must certify that the private funds are new dollars specifically designated for the purpose of matching state funds and have not been previously allocated or designated for economic development. No funds appropriated in this proviso may be used for routine operating costs of the organization as defined by the Department of Commerce.

The remaining ~~\$140,000~~ \$200,000 shall be provided to ~~Beaufort County~~ counties as follows, provided it ~~meets~~ they meet the requirements established above:

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| <u>(1) Beaufort County</u> | <u>\$ 140,000; and</u> |
| <u>(2) Lancaster County</u> | <u>\$ 60,000.</u> |

Upon receipt of the request for the funds and certification of the matching funds, the Department of Commerce shall disburse the funds to the requesting organization.

Funds 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 Secretary of Commerce on the expenditure of the funds and on the outcome measures.

Any unexpended, unallocated, or undistributed funds appropriated in prior fiscal years for Regional Economic Development Organizations shall first be made available to Regional Economic Development Organizations and any remainder shall be transferred to the Rural Infrastructure Fund at the Department of Commerce. If more than one alliance applies for the same funds, the funds will be distributed pro-rata.

54.5. (RIA: Statewide Water and Sewer Fund) The Rural Infrastructure Authority shall use the funds allocated for the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund to assist qualified infrastructure projects not eligible for the Rural Infrastructure Fund. The authority shall utilize the same procedures and guidelines established for the Rural Infrastructure Fund to select qualified projects for the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund. The authority may carry forward from the prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year, funds appropriated to the Statewide Water and Sewer Fund.

62.22. (SLED: Mandatory Meth Lab Reporting) If a municipal, county, or state governmental entity locates, finds, or seizes a methamphetamine laboratory or dumpsite within the State, the governmental entity shall report the incident within three business days to the State Law Enforcement Division.

The State Law Enforcement Division shall determine the reporting mechanism and is authorized to

request, receive, catalogue, classify, and maintain all information it determines necessary pertaining to the laboratory or dumpsite including, but not limited to, the location, the type of manufacturing method used, and suspect information. The State Law Enforcement Division shall maintain information related to these governmental reports on its website, which must be made available to the public, and is authorized to use funds appropriated for Meth Lab Clean Up towards the prudent maintenance of information reported.

A governmental entity that fails to report information to the State Law Enforcement Division pursuant to this proviso is ineligible to receive public safety grants that are funded through the South Carolina Public Safety Coordinating Council pursuant to Section 23-6-520(2) of the 1976 Code.

62.23. (SLED: First Responder PTSD Treatment) From the funds provided for First Responder PTSD Treatment, the State Law Enforcement Division shall distribute fifty percent to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program to reimburse law enforcement officers who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-pocket expenses not covered through worker's compensation claims and/or other insurance and can also be utilized to provide services through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program. The State Law Enforcement Division shall distribute fifty percent to the South Carolina State Firefighters Association for the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Team to reimburse firefighters and emergency medical technicians who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-pocket expenses not covered through worker's compensation claims and/or other insurance and can also be utilized to provide services through the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Team. The State Law Enforcement Division shall promulgate any administrative regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

84.12. (DOT: CTC Project Expansion) Of the funds distributed to County Transportation Committees (CTC), no more than twenty percent may be utilized for ancillary initiatives that improve the areas adjacent to roads under their jurisdiction for economic development or safety purposes. Ancillary initiatives may include, but are not limited to, drainage improvements, signage, lighting, sidewalks and other safety or economic-development related projects. If a CTC expends funds pursuant to this provision, the CTC must document the anticipated results on economic development or safety relative to the project.

93.27. (DOA: State Victim Assistance Program) A county or municipality may retain carry forward funds that were collected 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 more than \$25,000 or ten percent of funds collected in the prior fiscal year, whichever is higher. If a county or municipality does 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 (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 that the funds are received then the county or municipality shall remit any unspent funds that are greater than the allowed carried forward funds, regardless of the year collected, to the State Victim Assistance Program (SVAP) with the Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year. All funds must be accounted for in the annual audit for each county or municipality.

SOVA shall offer training and technical assistance to each municipality and county annually on acceptable use of both priority one and priority two funds and funds available for competitive bid.

SOVA is authorized to transfer to the State Victim Assistance Program housed in the Department of

Public Safety any state funds deemed available under SOVA authority to be placed in the competitive bid process.

The State Victim Assistance Program shall offer any funds remitted to it to non-profit organizations that provide direct victim services on a competitive bid process. These funds may be used by the non-profit for administrative costs and victim services.

98.7. (TREAS: Withheld Accommodations Tax Revenues) Before noncompliant expenditures and penalties withheld pursuant to Sections 6-4-35(B)(1)(a) and (b) are reallocated, the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee must certify to the Office of State Treasurer that the time period for an appeal of the committee's action to the Administrative Law Court has expired or that the action of the committee has been upheld or overturned by the Administrative Law Court. Noncompliant expenditures and penalties withheld must be reallocated annually after August first. Allocations withheld must be reallocated proportionately based on the most recent completed fiscal year's total statewide collections of the accommodations tax revenue according to the Office of State Treasurer records. Each annual reallocation of withheld funds to non-offending counties and municipalities must be calculated separately then combined if necessary. Each reallocation to a county or municipality calculated less than a dollar must be transferred to the General Fund of the State.

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

If the State Treasurer receives an audit report from either a county or municipality that contains a significant finding related to court fine reports or remittances to the Office of State Treasurer, the requirements of Proviso 117.51 shall be followed if an amount due is specified, otherwise the State Treasurer shall withhold twenty-five percent of all state payments to the county or municipality until the estimated deficiency has been satisfied.

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

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

98.12. (TREAS: Municipality Accommodations Tax Withholdings) If the State Treasurer is withholding accommodations tax revenue distributions to a municipality due to an expenditure the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee determined to be in noncompliance, then the municipality may refund an amount equivalent to the amount determined to be in noncompliance to the municipality's accommodations tax fund from the municipality's general fund. If the municipality certifies to the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee that the amount has been refunded, the State Treasurer shall refund the withheld funds to the municipality's general fund. The expenditure of funds refunded to the municipality's accommodations tax fund and any subsequent expenditures are subject to review by the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee. Prior to notification to the State Treasurer of noncompliance by a municipality, the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee must notify the municipality if an expenditure is found to be in noncompliance. If the committee informs the municipality of an expenditure determined to be in noncompliance and the municipality does not refund the noncompliant

amount, the committee shall certify the noncompliance to the State Treasurer. If the committee determines an expenditure of any refunded amount to be in noncompliance, the municipality may not refund an equivalent amount in order to avoid future withholdings.

102.5. (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.

102.6. (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.

102.7. (RFAO: 911 Advisory Committee) For the current fiscal year, the Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall appoint an individual with technical or operational knowledge of E-911 systems to the South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee, which formerly had an appointment of a director of a division of the State Budget and Control Board, ex officio. In addition to the members designated to serve on the advisory committee, the Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office may appoint a designee to serve on the advisory committee on his behalf.

102.8. (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.

105.1. (SFAA-AUD: Annual Audit of Federal Programs) Each state agency receiving federal funds subject to the audit requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations shall remit to the State Auditor an amount representing an equitable portion of the expense of contracting with a nationally recognized CPA firm to conduct a portion of the audit of the State's federal financial assistance.

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.

108.6. (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2) of the 1976 Code, an employer premium increase of ~~0-8~~ 3.3 percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent for each tier (subscriber, subscriber/spouse, subscriber/children, full family) will result for the standard State Health Plan in Plan Year ~~2017~~ 2018. Copayments for participants of the State Health Plan in Plan Year ~~2017~~ 2018 shall not be increased. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2017~~ 2018 to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

113.1. (AS-TREAS: Veterans' Affairs-Aid to Counties) In the allocation of the appropriation in Part IA, Section 113, as adjusted for "Aid to County Veteran Offices," each county shall receive an effective annual amount equal to one hundred percent of the amount allocated to it for the prior fiscal year plus an amount equivalent to base pay increases for state employees, less any adjustments made for budget reductions. This allocation shall be distributed on a quarterly basis to the County Treasurer who will handle and distribute these monies for the sole benefit and use of the County Veterans' Affairs Offices.

113.2. (AS-TREAS: Quarterly Distributions) For Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18, one quarter of the amount appropriated in Part IA for Aid to Subdivisions-Local Government Fund shall be distributed as soon after the beginning of each quarter as practical with the four distributions together totaling the Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18 Part IA appropriation for the Local Government Fund.

113.3. (AS-TREAS: Salary Supplements) The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113, for Aid Cnty-Clerks of Court, Aid Cnty-Probate Judges, Aid Cnty-Coroners, and Aid Cnty-Sheriffs shall be distributed by the State Treasurer to each county treasurer equally on a quarterly basis, and shall be used as a salary supplement for each clerk of court, probate judge, county coroner, and county sheriff. The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113 for Aid Cnty-Register of Deeds, shall be equally distributed by the State Treasurer to the appropriate county treasurer on a quarterly basis, and shall be used as a salary supplement for registers of deeds.

The amount appropriated in Part IA, Section 113, for Aid Cnty-Auditors and Aid Cnty-Treasurers, shall be equally distributed to each county auditor and county treasurer as a salary supplement in addition to any amounts presently being provided by the county for these positions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amount appropriated by the county as salaries for these positions shall not be reduced as a result of the appropriation and that such appropriation shall not disqualify each county auditor and each county treasurer for salary increases that they might otherwise receive from county

funds in the future. The salary supplement for each county auditor and county treasurer shall be paid in accordance with the schedule and method of payment established for state employees.

The amounts appropriated in Part IA, Section 113 for Clerks of Court, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, Register of Deeds, Coroners, Auditors, and Treasurers shall be exempt from any across the board cut mandated by the Executive Budget Office or General Assembly. However, the governing body of a county may reduce the expenditures in the operation of the offices of these officials without any required corresponding reduction in the county's state aid to subdivisions distribution. However, any reduction in these officials' budgets must be made in consultation with the affected official.

113.4. (AS-TREAS: Legislative Delegations) In the current fiscal year, a county government must fund its legislative delegation 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 must be deducted from the responsible county's Aid to Subdivisions allocation and forwarded to the legislative delegation of the county. Additionally, the responsible county's remaining Aid to Subdivisions allotment must be reduced by twenty-five percent of the shortfall amount, which sum must be forwarded to the legislative delegation to be used for its administrative costs.

113.5. (AS-TREAS: LGF) For Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18, the provisions of Section 6-27-30 and Section 6-27-50 of the 1976 Code are suspended.

113.6. (AS-TREAS: Transparency-Political Subdivision Appropriation of Funds) (A) A political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may not:

(1) appropriate money to any entity unless that appropriation appears as a separate and distinct line item in the political subdivision's budget or in an amendment to the political subdivision's budget;

(2) except in cases of emergency or unforeseen circumstances, donate funds to a nonprofit organization unless the amounts donated are appropriated on a separate and distinct line item in the political subdivision's budget or an amendment to the political subdivision's budget that includes the names of the entities to which the donations are being made. In the case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances, a political subdivision may donate funds to a nonprofit organization if the amount and purpose of the proposed donation and the nature of the emergency or unforeseen circumstances necessitating the donation are announced in open session at a public meeting held by the governing body of the political subdivision and the funds are not delivered to the organization for five days following the announced intent to make the donation; or

(3) accept any funds from nongovernmental and inter-governmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, accredited and enlisted by the United Nations to assist in the implementation of its policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world without posting the following on the political subdivision's website for ten days:

- (a) a full and detailed list of the funding program, including a designation that the funding program is associated with Agenda 21,
- (b) the amount of funds involved,
- (c) every mandate or requirement or action that will result from the grant or funding program's implementation,
- (d) any and all projected costs to the political subdivision, business, or individual associated with the grant or funding program, and

(e) the stated goals and expected results of the grant or funding program.

(B) A political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may not appropriate money to any entity without the requirement that the entity provides at the end of the fiscal year a detailed description of the purposes for which the money was used.

113.7. (AS-TREAS: Political Subdivision Flexibility) For Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18, a political subdivision receiving aid from the Local Government Fund may reduce its support to any state mandated program or requirement, by up to a percentage equal to the percentage reduction in the actual amount appropriated to the Local Government Fund as compared to the amount required to be appropriated pursuant to Section 6-27-30. Excluded from said reductions are Administrative Law Judges and their offices, Court of Appeals and their offices, Circuit and Family Courts and their offices, Magistrates and their offices, Masters-in-Equity and their offices, Probate Courts and their offices, Public Defenders and their offices, Solicitors and their offices, and the Supreme Court and their offices, and assessment for indigent medical care pursuant to Section 44-6-146 of the 1976 Code.

113.8. (AS-TREAS: Agricultural Use Exemption) A county shall have its portion of the Aid to Subdivisions, Local Government Fund withheld if the county imposes any additional requirements for an agricultural use exemption for a landowner's timberland beyond what is required by Section 12-43-230(a) and Section 12-43-232 of the 1976 Code.

117.100. (GP: Prohibits Local Government Fund Public Funded Lobbyists) All local governmental entities including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, and associations are prohibited from using taxpayer funds received from the Local Government Fund to compensate employees for lobbying activities engaged in on behalf of such governmental entity.

117.108 (GP: Remittance of Court Fee and Fine Money) County and city treasurers are required to remit to the State Treasurer set percentages of revenues generated by assessments imposed by 14-1-206(A), 14-1-207(A), 14-1-208(A). This remittance is required on a monthly basis by the 15th day of each month.

Should a county and/or city treasurer fail to make the required remittance, the SC Criminal Justice Academy shall cease providing services to all law enforcement officers of all law enforcement agencies encompassed within the political subdivision if they have failed to make remittance for two consecutive months in a fiscal year. The finance director shall certify by July first, under oath, that the county and/or city has remitted all funds or the SC Criminal Justice Academy shall withhold services until such time as remittance is made.

117.109. (GP: Detailed Expenditure/Revenue Reports PCC/CID) The Prosecution Coordination Commission and the Commission on Indigent Defense shall provide detailed expenditure reports and associated revenue streams for each individual circuit, revenue streams shall include, but not be limited to, state funds, local funds, Federal funds, and also nongovernmental sources of funds, by no later than September first, on the prior fiscal year, to the appropriate commission. The commissions shall then provide the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a combined report by September fifteenth of the current fiscal year.

117.121. (GP: Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan Implementation) To ensure the uniform implementation of the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan developed pursuant to the Restructuring Act of 2014 and designed to improve the State's ability to provide reliable, secure,

cost-efficient, and innovative information technology services and infrastructure, state agencies are directed as follows:

(1) Agencies shall use the shared services from the Department of Administration, Division of Technology Operations as those services become available and in a sequence to be determined by the division. Agencies shall coordinate with the division to accomplish a strategic transition to the shared services environment. Shared services include, but are not limited to, mainframe services, application hosting, servers, storage, network services, desktop services, and disaster recovery services. The State Chief Information Officer may grant an exception, to be revisited on a periodic basis, if the division determines that it cannot immediately satisfy the technical or security capabilities required to support the agency in question;

(2) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall comply with the rules, standards, plans, policies, and directives of the Division of Technology Operations;

(3) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, agencies shall participate and comply with decisions determined by the information technology governance advisory groups.

(4) With regard to the annual Appropriations Act budget submission, agencies shall submit all information technology budget requests to the Executive Budget Office and the Division of Technology Operations. The Executive Budget Office and the Division of Technology Operations shall jointly review the budget requests and recommend for funding consideration only those proposals that fit into the overall Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan.

(5) With the consultation and approval of the Division of Technology Operations, agencies must create an information technology plan for purchases that exceed \$50,000 to ensure compliance with the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan and the standards defined by the division.

(6) Agencies shall develop a three-year strategic plan for information technology, updated annually, for the Division of Technology Operations, that shall be approved by the Chief Information Officer, that sets forth: (a) operational and project priorities; (b) budget summaries; (c) planned projects and procurements; (d) staffing plans; (e) security initiatives; and (f) risks, issues, and concerns with the agency's information technology.

(7) Agencies shall enter information technology costs into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) as directed by the Division of Technology Operations and SCEIS.

The Department of Administration shall provide a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee regarding agency compliance no later than December thirty-first of each calendar year.

The Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, public institutions of higher learning, technical colleges, political subdivisions and quasi-governmental bodies are specifically exempt from the requirements as provided in this provision.

117.128. (GP: Retail Facilities Revitalization Act Repeal Suspension) The repeal of Chapter 34 of Title 6 of the 1976 Code as specified in Act 285 of 2006 as to sites for which written notification of election of mode of credit has been provided to the Department of Revenue prior to July 1, 2016 and for which a building permit has been issued prior to July 1, 2016, is suspended for Fiscal Year ~~2016-17~~ 2017-18.

117.132. (GP: Funds Exempt from Budget Reduction Calculations) The ~~General Reserve Fund~~, funds designated in F310, Section 107, Capital and General Reserve Fund Funds, funds designated in V040,

Section 112, Debt service, funds designated in X220, Section 113, Aid to Subdivisions - State Treasurer for the Local Government Fund, and funds designated in X500, Section 115, Tax Relief Trust Fund shall be excluded from the calculation of any across-the-board base reduction mandated by the Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office or the General Assembly and shall not be subject to any such reduction.

117.138. *(GP: Catastrophic Weather Event) Any improvements made to real property or personal property used as a residence, such as a mobile home or manufactured housing unit, damaged during the catastrophic weather event in October 2015 or Hurricane Matthew of 2016, after the event and before June 30, 2018, is not considered an improvement and does not require a re-appraisal. This provision only applies if as a result of the catastrophic weather event, the improvements made to the property were funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery program. This provision also applies if, at the discretion of the county and using qualifications determined by the county, the improvements were made with the assistance of a volunteer organization active in disaster, or a similar volunteer organization.*

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

117.151. *(GP: SCRS & PORS Contribution Rates) If the employer contribution rates for the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) and the Police Officers' Retirement System (PORS) increase by more than one percentage point for Fiscal Year 2017-18, the funds appropriated to the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) for the South Carolina Retirement System Trust Fund and the Police Officers' Retirement System Trust Fund in Part IA, Section 108 of this act shall be credited toward the contributions due from participating employers in SCRS and PORS for Fiscal Year 2017-18. In no event shall a participating employer receive a credit that exceeds the employer contributions due from the employer.*

118.6. (SR: Prohibits Public Funded Lobbyists) All state agencies and institutions are prohibited from using general fund appropriations to compensate employees who engage in lobbying on behalf of the state agency or institution. The State Ethics Commission shall require state agencies and institutions that report lobbying activities to the commission to certify that the lobbying activities were not funded by general fund appropriations.

All state agencies and institutions are prohibited from entering into contracts using general fund appropriations to provide lobbying services to the agency or institution.

118.14. *(SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following sources:*

(1) \$28,496,108 from Fiscal Year 2016-17 unobligated general fund revenue as certified by the Board of Economic Advisors;

(2) \$16,183,789 from the Litigation Recovery Account;

(3) \$ 4,526,031 from the South Carolina Farm Aid Fund Lapse;

(4) \$ 7,879,103 from Fiscal Year 2016-17 (X440) Excess Homestead Exemption;

(5) \$13,397,132 from Fiscal Year 2016-17 Debt Service Lapse;

(6) \$ 6,640,817 from Fiscal Year 2016-17 (P400) S.C. Conservation Bank, Subfund 45D7 Carry

Forward; and

(7) \$17,800,000 redirected from Fiscal Year 2016-17 (D100) State Law Enforcement Division Forensic Building. The State Law Enforcement Division shall lapse to the General Fund the funds appropriated in Act 284 of 2016 by proviso 118.16, item (B)(31)(a) for a Forensic Building.

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2016-17 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2017-18 after September 1, 2017, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2016-17.

(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2017, for the purposes stated:

(1) F310 - General and Capital Reserve Funds

General Reserve Fund Contribution \$ 15,532,616

(2) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Statewide Coastal Beach Renourishment \$ 5,000,000

(2.1) The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall allocate the funds appropriated in item (2) for Statewide Coastal Beach Renourishment to local governments and state agencies for beach renourishment activities to repair damage caused by storm activity in 2015 and 2016 and to accelerate routine renourishment activities on beaches damaged by the storms. Local governments and state agencies shall make application for renourishment funds on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department and funds shall be allocated using a prioritization process developed by the department. The department shall report to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee on applications received and the process for prioritizing renourishment funding no later than September 1, 2017.

(3) P320 - Department of Commerce

(a) Closing Fund \$ 16,100,000

(b) LocateSC \$ 8,000,000

(c) Applied Research Centers \$ 2,000,000

(4) J020 - Department of Health and Human Services

Medical Contracts \$ 4,900,000

(5) J040 - Department of Health and Environmental Control

(a) Water Quality \$ 3,100,000

(b) Pinewood Site Leachate Recovery \$ 1,848,000

(6) J020 - Department of Health and Human Services

Rural Hospital Transformation Plan \$ 4,000,000

(6.1) The funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services in item (6) for the Rural Hospital Transformation Plan may only be utilized for site improvements associated with a hospital transformation plan approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(7) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

(a) Parks, Recreational and Tourism Revitalizations \$ 6,175,000

(b) Parks Infrastructure Needs \$ 4,000,000

- (8) K050 - Department of Public Safety
Local Law Enforcement Grants \$ 1,450,000
- (9) P240 - Department of Natural Resources
Outreach Programs \$ 400,000
- (10) R360 - Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Grants to Local Fire Districts \$ 200,000
- (11) P320 - Department of Commerce
Military Base Task Force \$ 500,000
- (12) E240 - Office of Adjutant General
SC Military Museum \$ 660,000
- (13) P320 - Department of Commerce
2015 Flood - Non-CDBG - Disaster Recovery \$ 250,000
- (14) U300 - Division of Aeronautics
(a) Security System \$ 100,000
(b) Airline Recruitment and Retention \$ 150,000
- (15) D100 - State Law Enforcement Division
(a) Counter Terrorism/Arson Equipment \$ 448,000
(b) First Responder PTSD Treatment \$ 500,000
- (16) P160 - Department of Agriculture
Agribusiness Development \$ 250,000
- (17) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Hurricane Matthew Revenue Loss \$ 2,238,206
- (18) P400 - S.C. Conservation Bank
Conservation Bank Trust \$ 5,000,000
- (19) H730 - Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
Lander Equestrian Center PTSD Pilot \$ 200,000
- (20) L040 - Department of Social Services
Group Home Transition - Wraparound Services \$ 500,000
- (21) H750 - School for the Deaf and the Blind
Campus Facility Plan \$ 150,000
- (22) N080 - Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
Offender Education and Reentry Initiative \$ 50,000
- (23) R400 - Department of Motor Vehicles
(a) Annual Leave Payouts \$ 140,000
(b) Disaster Recovery Integration \$ 500,000
- (24) A170 - Legislative Services
IT Disaster Recovery \$ 500,000
- (25) H630 - Department of Education
GSAH - Core Switch Replacement \$ 60,000
- (26) H710 - Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
(a) Underground Utilities \$ 100,000
(b) HVAC \$ 80,000
- (27) E200 - Office of the Attorney General
ICAC Equipment, Training, and Operations \$ 150,000

- (28) E240 - Office of Adjutant General
(a) EMD-Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant and Enhanced Emergency Services \$ 580,000
(b) Shaw Airforce Base/City of Sumter Main Gate Refurbishment \$ 150,000
(c) SC State Guard Uniforms \$ 100,000
- (29) H870 - State Library
Building Maintenance \$ 90,000
- (30) R520 - State Ethics Commission
(a) Additional Office Space/Rent Increase \$ 15,000
(b) New Administrative Assistants Operating Expenses \$ 10,000
- (31) H790 - Department of Archives and History
(a) Conservation of South Carolina's Constitutions \$ 200,000
(b) Charleston Library Society Beaux Arts Building \$ 100,000
- (32) P320 - Department of Commerce
IT-ology/Coursepower \$ 300,000
- (33) E240 - Office of Adjutant General
Youth Challenge - POST Challenge \$ 500,000
- (34) Y140 - State Ports Authority
Jasper Ocean Terminal, Channel, and Supporting Infrastructure \$ 1,000,000
- (35) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Parks Recreation Development Fund \$ 3,000,000
- (36) P120 - Forestry Commission
Firefighter Safety and Public Protection - Equipment \$ 1,000,000
- (37) E240 - Office of Adjutant General
2014 Winter Storm Local Matching Funds \$ 1,677,193
- (37.1) The funds appropriated to the Office of Adjutant General in item (37) for 2014 Winter Storm Local Matching Funds, shall be disbursed to eligible counties and municipalities to offset storm cleanup expenses associated with the 2014 Winter Storm during states of emergency declared by Executive Orders 2014-06 and 2014-11. A county or municipality is eligible for disbursement if the county or municipality was eligible for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but was not reimbursed due to local match requirements. The amount reimbursed to each eligible county or municipality shall not exceed more than thirty-three percent of the county or municipality's remaining unreimbursed total non-federal aid share from the 2014 Winter Storm.
- (38) E240 - Office of Adjutant General
Town of Nichols Loan \$ 1
- (39) D100 - State Law Enforcement Division
(a) Forensics Equipment \$ 1
(b) Alcohol Enforcement/Narcotics Equipment \$ 1
- (40) E280 - Election Commission
Refresh of Current Statewide Voting System \$ 1
- (C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.