



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
District Chief Financial Officers

**FROM:** Betsy Carpentier  
Chief of Staff/COO

**DATE:** May 17, 2017

**RE:** New Fiscal Practices Legislation

On May 9, 2017, the Governor signed into law [Act 23 of 2017](#), which directs the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to work with superintendents and finance officers to develop and adopt a statewide program “identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions that, if uncorrected, could compromise the fiscal integrity of a school district.” Act 23 of 2017, *to be codified at S.C. Code Ann. § 59-20-90(A)(1) (2017)*.

The SCDE invites you to volunteer for consideration for appointment to the team developing the new statewide program on fiscal practices. The team selected will represent a range of district sizes and staff positions. Please use this [link](#) to send us nominations.

Certain practices are expressly listed in the law as being an issue, such as not maintaining a general reserve fund of at least one month of general fund operating expenditures. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-20-90(C)(2)(b) (2017). Please ensure that you and your staff become familiar with the general provisions of this law. Once the team has assisted in developing the overall statewide program, the SCDE will offer training for districts and their auditors on the new requirements and the system.