



Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fines and Fees Report

Pursuant to Proviso 117.69

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Introduction

In compliance with Proviso 117.69, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) must provide the General Assembly with information regarding fines and fees that were charged and collected in Fiscal Year 2025–26. Furthermore, this report must be posted on the agency’s website by September first. See Proviso 117.69 below:

117.69. (GP: Fines and Fees Report) In order to promote accountability and transparency, each state agency must provide and 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 that state agency in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the code section, regulation, or proviso 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 source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable, 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 must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.

Office of Career Readiness

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Reg. 43-259 – Adult Education Reg. 43-237.1 – Adult Education Program	\$27,030	A \$275 (\$350 for GCDF students) registration fee per registrant for Adult Education Summer Academy through the College of Charleston.	NA	NA
Reg. 43-259 – Adult Education Reg. 43-237.1 – Adult Education Program	\$299,272.08	Each GED subtest cost students \$37.50 (OAE's share of that amount received is \$7.50 per subtest). There are four subtests.	NA	NA
Reg. 43-259 – Adult Education Reg. 43-237.1 – Adult Education Program	\$291,204.91	\$10 walk-in fee/\$10 online and credit card fee per request for preparation of duplicate high school diplomas; and GED duplicate diplomas or transcripts. \$20 research fee charged to employers or third-party vendors to verify if an individual completed a GED or TASC diploma.	NA	NA

The Office of Career Readiness - Adult Education section developed six courses that are offered each summer for local adult education practitioners. These graduate level training courses offered through the College of Charleston support the development and expansion of adult education services across the state. To help cover cost of the process, a registration fee is charged. The registration fee per participant was \$275 (\$350 for GCDF students). A total of 100 local staff could participate. These courses also count towards program staff re-certification

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Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$0	\$75 fee per Career and Technology Education (CTE) educator who must complete the state trade exam in the industry or trade area for certification purposes. The fees cover the cost of administration and assessment of the trade.	NA	NA
Reg. 43-52 – Application for Teaching Credential	\$854,876.51	Application fees to cover the costs of evaluating and processing educator certifications. Fees include the \$105 initial application fee, a \$10 fee for a duplicate copy of the official certificate, and the \$35 application fee for the first issuance of the Retired Educator certificate. Fees for participants in the non-certified teacher pilot. The registration fee is \$105.	NA	NA

Office of Educator Services

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Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$121,965	Fees for participants in the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) to attend required training components. Fees include a \$250 registration fee per registrant for the costs of the pre-service and in-service training programs, a \$100 registration fee for the costs of a participant to attend a make-up seminar due to absence, and a \$50 fee for the grading of alternate assignments for any participant seeking an additional opportunity to complete training successfully.	NA	NA

Office of General Counsel

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S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(B). Freedom of Information Act	\$12,514.50	FOIA and Data Requests.	NA	NA

Office of Health and Nutrition – Medicaid Services Program

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Proviso 1.8– SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$104,405	Fee collected to offset SCDE cost of administering the School District Administrative Claiming Program as set forth in Memoranda of Agreement with the SCDE and with each participating school district.	NA	NA

Office of Information Technology

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Proviso 1.8– SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$17,253.70	Fees were collected to offset SCDE costs of the preparation and provision of files for research data requests.	NA	NA
Proviso 1.8– SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$60,425	PowerSchool Test Server Fee	NA	NA

Office of Instructional Resources and Technology Strategy

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Reg. 43-71 – Free Textbooks	\$238,128.88	Fees collected from lost or damaged textbooks used to replace lost and damaged textbooks, maintain automated textbook inventory computer system; Textbook insurance policy; costs associated with textbook adoption and textbook auditing.	NA	NA

Office of Leadership Effectiveness

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S.C. Code Ann. § 59-24-80. School Administrators. Formal induction program for first year principals.	\$27,700	\$200 registration fee per registrant to cover costs of materials and supplies for the Principal Induction Program.	NA	NA
S.C. Code Ann. § 59-24-65. Principals' Executive Institute (PEI); program design task force; purpose; governing regulations; focus.	\$8,025	\$100 registration fee per registrant to cover costs of materials and supplies for the School Leadership Executive Institute.	NA	NA
Reg. 43-205 - Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads. Required Credentials for Professional Staff Members.	\$0	\$100 registration fee per registrant to cover costs of materials and supplies for the Institute for District Administrators.	NA	NA

Office of School Facilities

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Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$1,080	Fee collected to cover the costs of evaluating and processing the Chapter 1 Inspector applications in order to maintain the OSF Chapter 1 Inspector Registry.	NA	NA

Office of Student Intervention Services

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Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization and Proviso 117.106 - (GP: SCOIS Transfer)	\$2,972.60	SCOIS charges for brochures, pamphlets, posters, and site licenses. This revenue is used to pay for these items that are sold to the schools.	NA	NA

Office of Transportation

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S.C. Code Ann. § 59-67-420. Transportation of Pupils; School Buses. ARTICLE 3 Transportation by State or State Aid for	\$1,151,276.08	Fees collected from school districts for hazardous traffic route transportation.	NA	NA
Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$27,650.76	Bus route practice mileage considered deadhead miles. Fees collected are based on break-down of area, supervisor, miles, rate, and practice runs conducted.	NA	NA
S.C. Code Ann. § 59-67-510. Transportation of Pupils; School Buses. ARTICLE 3 Transportation by State or State Aid for Transportation - Use of transportation equipment for special events, Office of Adjutant General and armed services reserve component functions, and other educational purposes.	\$2,642,887.30	Fees collected from school districts for state bus permits for use of buses for trips and stops that are not state funded.	NA	NA

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Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization Transportation – Extent of transportation to be provided.	\$811,141.88	Fees collected from school districts from sale of bus fuel for use in district vehicles.	NA	NA
Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$216,788.83	Fees collected from vehicle insurance claims.	NA	NA
Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$238,484.88	Fees collected from school districts from vandalism incidents.	NA	NA

Office of Virtual Education

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Reg. 43-248 – South Carolina Virtual School Program	\$128,300	Fee collected from districts/schools to provide course(s) to a class of students enrolled in that course during a specific period of the day.	NA	NA
Proviso 1.8 – SDE: Revenue Authorization	\$819,665	Registration fees collected to offset costs of instructional materials, instructor fees, and course development for VirtualSC Professional Development online professional development courses.	NA	NA