



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Public Information Officers

FROM: Phillip Cease
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DATE: July 16, 2024

RE: FY 2024-25 Budget Provisos

With the signing of [H.5100](#), the General Appropriations Bill for FY 2024-25, the following provisos were updated or newly included in the budget. This is not a comprehensive list of all proviso changes, but instead provides a look at some of the more substantial changes in provisos such as proviso [FY 2024-25](#).

1.3(SDE: State Aid to Classrooms) – This proviso updates the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule and the projected total pupil count and per pupil funding. It adds a provision that school districts shall report monthly fund balances to the Department of Education. The State Department of Education Office of Finance has provided [guidance on this new provision](#). It mandates that the State Department of Education will review the child count data for school districts and conduct a focus review of a District's special education population if the percentage of enrolled students with IEPs is outside of the typical percentage range.

1.75(SDE: ESSER Funds) – This proviso was included in last year's budget but was amended to require the Department to distribute a list of cooperative purchasing agreements that school districts may join, participate in, or use at their discretion to maximize the impact of district ESSER fund allocations. This list will be published by August 1st.

1.78(SDE: Funding for Schools Safety) – This proviso was included in last year's budget. It continues the School Safety Grant which allows public school districts and charter school districts to apply for grant funding to pay for school safety upgrades. More information will be released by the Department on this in the coming weeks.

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1.85(SDE: Education Data Dashboard) – This proviso was included in last year’s budget but was amended to require the Department to withhold ten percent of all state payments to districts or charter school authorizers that fail to submit expenditure data to the Education Oversight Committee for the Education Data Dashboard until the district or authorizer provides the data.

1.103(SDE: Anti-Bullying/School Safety) – This is a new proviso that requires the State Board of Education to adopt a model policy that would prohibit access to personal electronic devices by students during the school day. The Department has sent out a [Cell Phone Survey Results and Policy Development memo](#) about this.

1.111(SDE: School Nurses Unencumbered Time) – This is a new proviso that requires the Department to work with school districts to encourage them, where practical, to include school nurses in the unencumbered time requirements found in Section 59-5-63. A memo will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

1.113(SDE: Strategic Compensation Pilot) – This is a new proviso that requires the Department to establish a strategic compensation pilot for certified teachers. More guidance will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

1.114(SDE: 4K Teachers) - This is a new proviso that requires the Department to work with school districts to encourage them, where practical, to include 4K teachers in the unencumbered time requirements found in Section 59-5-63. A memo will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

1.115(SDE: Child Nutrition Program) – This is a new proviso that prohibits schools that serve school breakfast and/or school lunch from charging a reduced-price payment. This proviso is contingent on funding from EIA surplus. A memo will be sent out about this in the coming weeks.

1.116(SDE: School Mapping Data Program) – This is a new proviso that requires the Department to contract with a vendor to map each public school in the state. These maps will help first responders have an accurate map of the schools and surrounding area in an emergency.

1.118(SDE: Interscholastic athletics) – This is a new proviso that allows students who attended independent schools to try out for, and if selected, participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered by the district. Some of the requirements for an individual student to participate in that particular sport are (a) the student must reside within the attendance zone of the public school, (b) the independent school which the student attends does not offer the particular sport for the student’s gender, and (c) the student pays for all sports-specific fees charged by the public school. Please review the entire proviso for all the requirements.

1.120(SDE: Student Physical Privacy) – This is a new proviso that requires that all South Carolina school districts must designate multi-occupancy restrooms and changing facilities for

use only by members of one sex and prohibits students of the opposite sex from using the same bathrooms, changing facilities, overnight sleeping quarters, shared bathrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms.

1A.9(SDE-EIA: Teacher Supplies) – This proviso was included in last year’s budget but was amended to raise the teacher stipend from \$350 to \$400.