SCSBA Annual publication highlighting new state laws, regulations, court rulings and more

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• 125th Session SC General Assembly
• 1st Year of Two-Year Session
• Bills Carry Over into 2024 Session
• Hundreds of K12 Bills Filed During the 2023 Session
• 14 K12 Bills Signed into Law
• 8 Local Bills
• Budget Provisos of Note
2023-2024 STATE APPROPRIATIONS
(EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023)

- $324.3M State Aid to Classrooms
- Mandated $2,500 increase in every pay cell of the state minimum salary schedule
  - $40,000 to $42,000
- $121.5M health insurance premium increase & $40.1M retirement employer contribution increase
- $17.3M bus driver pay increase
6 WEEKS PAID PARENTAL LEAVE
(EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2023)

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PRIMARY CAREGIVER
BIRTH, ADOPTION
2 WEEKS CO-PARENT
ALL FOSTER CHILD

“ELIGIBLE SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO
PPL TO THE SAME EXTENT
AS STATE EMPLOYEES”

LOCAL DISTRICTS
DIRECTED TO FUND PPL

PPL DOES NOT INCLUDE
HOLIDAYS, VACATION
DAYS ON DISTRICT
CALENDAR
RUNS CONCURRENTLY W/
FMLA
LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS
(EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2023)

**Amends Authorizing Use of EPI Pen Law**
Local school boards may authorize nurses, others to administer lifesaving medications to anyone experiencing a medical emergency.

**Meds Administered on School Property, Events**
Lifesaving meds determined by DHEC and SCDE and publish training guidelines & training.

**Schools May Maintain a Stock Supply of Meds**
Prescribed by physician, DHEC.

**Districts, Schools Exempt Criminal, Civil Liability for Injuries**
CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY
(EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2023)

- Operated by SLED
- Housed in former school in Lexington County
- SC joins other states in this effort
- Center to ensure consistent statewide safety practices & responses that are consistently evaluated, improved & updated
- Center to provide training, education and expertise in school safety & targeted violence
- SLED may incorporate all existing personnel to participate in center
GAVIN’S LAW: SEXTORTION
(EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2023)

- Named in honor of Rep. Brandon Guffey’s son
- Creates as criminal offenses: sexual extortion & aggravated felony extortion
- Establishes penalties
- Districts directed to collaborate with SCDE, SLED and Attorney General to implement policy
- Policy to educate and notify students of new law with adequate notice to students, parents & personnel
FIRST STEPS PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION
(EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2023)

DELETES REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL REAUTHORIZATION PASSED IN 1999

REVISED MEMBERSHIP, POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE & LOCAL FIRST STEPS BOARDS

CHANGE DIRECTS LOCAL BOARDS TO APPOINT ONE OF ITS EMPLOYEES TO SERVE ON LOCAL BOARD

FOIA APPLIES TO MEETINGS, ELECTION AND RECORDS PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND
(EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2023)

- Provides $6,000 in public funds via online account known as ESTF for eligible education expenses (public private or other)
- Sets criteria for qualifying students & annually caps number of students
- $2 million allocated to SCDE to set up program in 2023
- Eligible schools defined as SC public school (not charter schools) or independent school that chooses to participate
ESTF CONTINUE ...

Funds can be used for SCDE approved educational goods and services

Accountability measures for full-time students

Academic progress must be annually documented for parents and public 10-member review panel

Accountability measures for non full-time students
• **K12 Budget provisos of note**

• **Must be reviewed every year**
AMENDED PROVISOS OF NOTE

1.3 SDE: State Aid to Classrooms (formally State aid to districts)
   Budget line roll-ups

1.68 SDE: Student Meals
   No alternative meals

1.81 Capital Funding for Schools
   $10M Consolidation
   $20M Safety Upgrades

1A.9 SDE-EIA:
   Teacher Supplies
   $300 to $350
NEW PROVISOS OF NOTE

1.102 SDE: ByteDance Ltd. Application Prohibition
No TikTok on School Devices

1.104 SDE: Cash for Admissions
Payment option for admission events

1A.70 SDE-EIA: Instructional Materials
Instructional funds for high school students
CPR and AED defibrillators

1.105 SDE: Read to Succeed Endorsement
Suspends endorsement certain educators
• Local laws
• State law that applies to one district
• Must pass General Assembly if supported by local legislative delegation
LOCAL LAWS OF NOTE

Consolidation of Barnwell County School Districts
Senate bill 654

Repeal of cash reserve limits for Dorchester County districts
House bill 3254

Changes Dorchester two board elections from at-large districts to single-member districts in 2024
House bill 3961

Eliminates petition signatures to run for Williamsburg County School Board
Senate bill 360
OPEN SENATE SEATS

The Honorable John Scott

Sen. Marlon Kimpson

Rep. Wendell Gilliard
Rep. Deon Tedder
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