

A photograph of two female students in a science classroom. They are both looking through microscopes on a lab bench. The student on the left is wearing a green plaid shirt, and the student on the right is wearing a red shirt. There are other microscopes and lab equipment visible on the bench. The background shows a bright, modern classroom with large windows.

2023 K12 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

A classical statue of Lady Justice, blindfolded and holding scales, is the background for the left side of the slide. The statue is partially obscured by vertical color bands: yellow, grey, red, and olive green.

SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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POLICY & LEGISLATIVE

U P D A T E

- SCSBA ANNUAL PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING NEW STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS, COURT RULINGS AND MORE
- EMAILED TO SCSBA POLICY SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS ANNUAL PUBLICATION

- 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)

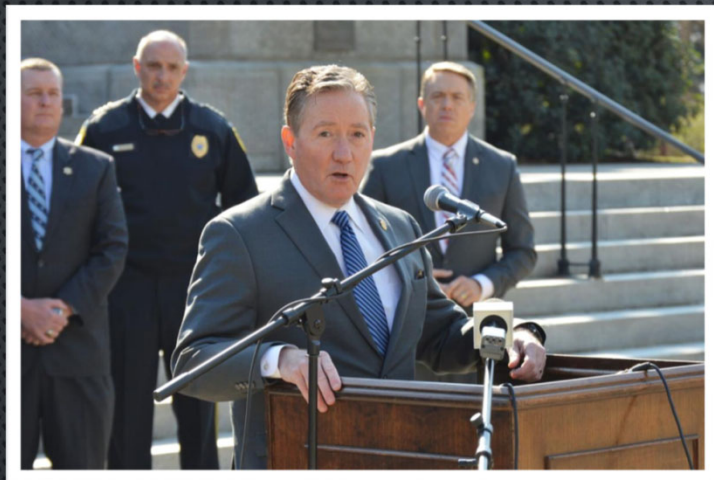
6 WEEKS PAID LEAVE
PRIMARY CAREGIVER
BIRTH, ADOPTION
2 WEEKS CO-PARENT
ALL FOSTER CHILD

"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)

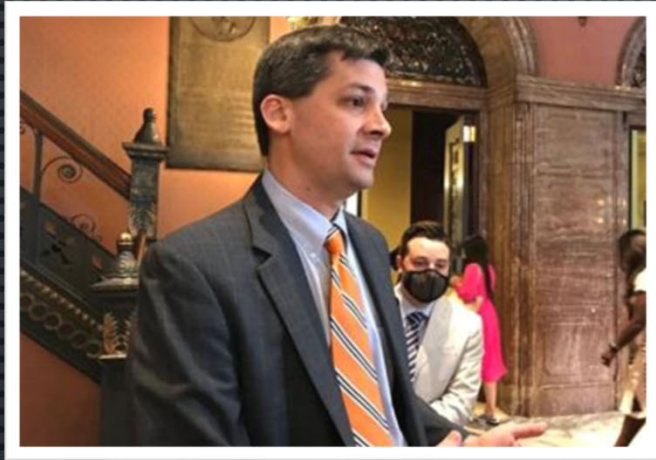
DELETES REQUIREMENT FOR
ANNUAL REAUTHORIZATION
PASSED IN 1999

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



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FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR
SCDE APPROVED
EDUCATIONAL GOODS AND
SERVICES

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES
FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS



ACCOUNTABILITY
MEASURES FOR NON
FULL-TIME STUDENTS

ACADEMIC PROGRESS MUST BE
ANNUALLY DOCUMENTED FOR
PARENTS AND PUBLIC
10-MEMBER REVIEW PANEL

OTHER

CHILD FOOD & NUTRITION
SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL 3312

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT ACT
HOUSE BILL 3726

MILITARY TEMPORARY REMOTE
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT ACT
HOUSE 3797

S.C ATHLETIC TRAINER
ACT
SENATE BILL 397

SUNSCREEN IN
SCHOOLS
SENATE BILL 256

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING
SENATE BILL 284

- 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





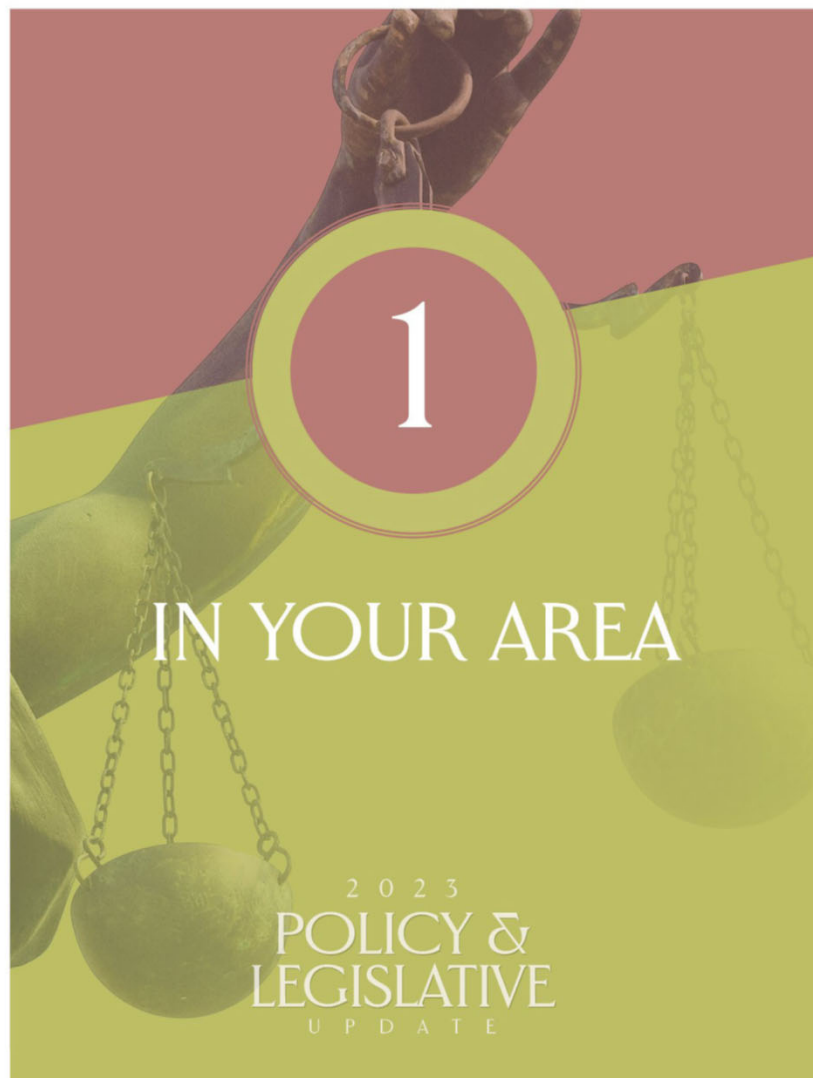
NEW PROVISOS OF NOTE

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





The Honorable John Scott

OPEN SENATE SEATS



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