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Fiscal Year FY 2025-2026  
Agency Budget Plan

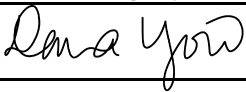
FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS  (FORM B1)	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS  (FORM B2)	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.
CAPITAL REQUESTS  (FORM C)	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.
	PROVISOS  (FORM D)	For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
<input type="checkbox"/>		Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency’s preferred contacts for this year’s budget process.

PRIMARY CONTACT:  SECONDARY CONTACT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2025-2026 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

SIGN/DATE:  TYPE/PRINT NAME:	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
	 9/26/2024	
	Dana Yow	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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**FORM D – PROVISO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	1.72
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	1.72. (SDE: Standards-Based Assessments Suspended)
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	EIA
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	N/A
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2025-2026? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Delete
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	South Carolina Department of Education
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>This year, the EOC established a special subcommittee to examine military readiness in K-12 public schools. One of the recommendations, which was adopted by the EOC, was:</p> <p><i>Support the removal of the state budget proviso that suspends the testing of social studies in grades 3-8 to promote the teaching of social studies and civics education.</i></p> <p><a href="#">Task Force Report</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.eoc.sc.gov/sites/eoc/files/Documents/Military%20Readiness%20Task%20Force.pdf">https://www.eoc.sc.gov/sites/eoc/files/Documents/Military%20Readiness%20Task%20Force.pdf</a></p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

## FISCAL IMPACT

Deleting the current proviso would require social studies testing to be resumed once in elementary and once in middle school

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

## PROPOSED PROVISO TEXT

~~**1.72. (SDE: Standards-Based Assessments Suspended) In the current fiscal year, the provisions of Section 59-18-325(C)(3) of the 1976 Code requiring science standards-based assessments of students in grade eight and social studies standards-based assessments of students in grades five and seven are suspended. Of the funds available due to the suspension of these assessments, \$500,000 must be used by the Department of Education to fund educator professional development regarding the South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards. The remainder of the funds shall be used to pay for industry certification/credentials as approved to measure College/Career Readiness for purposes of the state accountability system.**~~

*Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION

CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	<div>\$0</div> <div>What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.</div>
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ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	<div>None</div> <div>How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?</div>
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PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	<div>The agency receives no General funds, so there would be no impact. Any reduction would occur in the agency’s administrative budget.</div> <div>What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?</div>
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SUMMARY	<div> <div> The EOC receives a base appropriation amount of \$2,187,242 of EIA revenues. Of those funds, \$500,000, by proviso 1A.41, is allocated to the SC Autism Society. </div> <div> Proviso 1.85 in the 2024-25 Appropriations Act directs the EOC to produce an Education Dashboard; the agency currently receives \$3,605,978 in EIA funds for that purpose. Of those funds, \$1,250,000, by proviso 1.102, is allocated to SC Future Makers/Tallo. </div> <div> The EIA recurring balance would absorb any three percent reduction. The EOC would use its contingency fund to offset any shortfall in EIA revenues. Annually, the EOC sets aside 10 percent of the funds appropriated in a contingency fund to absorb any mid-year reduction in EIA revenues or to offset unexpected expenses. There would be no impact on service delivery. </div> </div>
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*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

## **AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS**

The agency makes efforts to run efficiently and plans to continue this practice as the duties of the agency expand. We have turned all available space in our office into office space and utilize an empty office in the Brown Building for storage.

Currently, the agency is reducing costs by procuring several evaluations using other state entities (currently contracted with Clemson University on Kindergarten Readiness Assessment review) or utilizing the services of retired district superintendents.

To further reduce costs, the agency contracted with the Department of Administration to perform financial and reporting functions in Fiscal Year 2020-21. In early 2021, the EOC added Human Resources and Benefits services to its shared service agreement with Department of Administration. This shared service arrangement continues to reduce expenses by allowing staff to dedicate resources elsewhere.

*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*

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## FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

<b>TITLE</b>	Shared Services: Finance, Accounting, Procurement, Human Resources, and Benefits Services
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	\$31,100
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td></tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Other</td></tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	<p>The Department of Administration began providing finance and accounting services, procurement services, budgetary services to the EOC at an annual cost of \$30,600 in FY 2019–20. When the agency's part-time business manager resigned, the EOC did not believe that it could hire another part-time employee to perform these functions, and instead would have had to hire a fulltime employee, an Accountant/Fiscal Analyst I, at an estimated annual cost of \$61,700, which includes salary, fringe benefits and operating expenses. Therefore, the savings to the state are estimated at \$31,100. In October 2020, DOA agreed to add Human Resources and Benefits services to the EOC's shared service agreement at no additional cost to the agency. This Shared Service arrangement has been beneficial to the agency, allowing staff time to be devoted to other agency activities.</p>
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	The agency does not impose any fees or collect any revenues.
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	The agency has never promulgated regulations.
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

	The projected savings can be redirected by the EOC to fulfill its statutory mission.
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## SUMMARY

*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*