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**RE: 2016-2017 Budget Provisos**

Dear Ms. Pisarik:

Per your request to have the budget provisos reviewed to make sure they comport with the recent S.C. Supreme Court ruling, I have concluded that the provisos for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services are in line with the "one subject rule." A brief outline of the provisos and their stated purpose follows.

Proviso 66.1 is regarding revenues generated by the sale of agency equipment, and provides that the monies are to be retained and carried forward for the purchase of like items.

Proviso 66.2 allows the department to charge an application fee to offenders seeking transfer via the Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision. Those fees are to be applied to the Interstate Compact Act and carried forward for the same purpose.

Proviso 66.3 allows for funds from Part IA of the budget to be applied toward agreements with statewide learning institutions for the purposes of providing GED education for offenders. Those offenders are required to repay the costs within six months of obtaining their GED.

Proviso 66.4 authorizes the department to carry forward any unexpended funds collected from offenders participating in the Sex Offender Monitoring Program.

Proviso 66.5 allows the department to charge a drug testing fee, and to carry forward unused funds to the next year.

Proviso 66.6 authorizes the department to charge public service employment fee to those offenders ordered by the court to do public service.

It is my opinion that these six provisos are reasonably and inherently related to the stated purposes and goals of the budget. I do not believe these violate the one subject rule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. Buchanan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew C. Buchanan  
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