September 29, 2011


The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
111 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Leatherman:

Proviso 89.92 of the 2011-12 General Appropriation Act (Act 73), as ratified by the General Assembly on June 22, 2011, requires each state agency to "provide and release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of fines and fees that were charged and collected by that state agency in the prior fiscal year. . . Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first."

Proviso 1A.20. of the 2010-11 General Appropriation Act (Act 291) granted the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) the authority to collect and retain fees from conference registration and fees as well as charges for materials. In the prior fiscal year, 2010-11, the EOC did not charge or collect any fees.

> **1A.20.** (SDE-EIA: EOC) The Education Oversight Committee may collect, retain and expend revenue from conference registration and fees; charges for materials supplied to local school districts or other entities not otherwise mandated to be provided by state law; and from other activities or functions sponsored by the committee including public awareness campaign activities. Any unexpended revenue from these sources may be carried forward into the current fiscal year and expended for the same purposes. The Education Oversight Committee is permitted to utilize the funds appropriated to it to fund programs promoting the teaching of economic education in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Melanie D. Barton

c:      Mike Shealy
        Grant Gibson
        Neil Robinson