2023-2024 General Appropriations Bill Earmarked Appropriations (Pass Through)

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Executive Order 2022-19 - Directing Additional Safeguards to Ensure Transparency Accountabily In Appropriations - 01 Jul 2022.pdf; Proviso 117-21 (Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report) - 01 Jul 2023.pdf; Letter - Comptroller General's Office - Provisos 117.2 & 118.19 (D) Requirements - 13 Oct 2022.pdf;

Ms. Statler,

As a part of the budget for the Office of the Adjutant General, the State's 2023-2024 General Appropriations Bill includes Earmarked Appropriations (Pass Through) funding designated for "SCEMD Alternative Operating Center" in the amount of \$750,000.

In accordance with Proviso 117.21. (Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report), NLT 01 November:

- Organizations receiving state appropriated funds are required to provide to the State Agency providing those funds certain information and documentation prior to receiving those funds.
- The organization is required to submit Quarterly Reports on the status of the disbursement of those funds, and a final set of reports prior to the end of the Fiscal Year (prior to 30 Jun 2024).
- The Agency is required to provide this information to the Executive Budget Office, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The Governor's Executive Order 2022-19 directs State Agencies to also take the following steps:

- Prior to disbursing the funds, state agencies must receive a plan for how the state funds will be invested and how that plan will provide a public benefit.
- State agencies that receive earmarked appropriations must make all available information on each earmark available for public view on the agency's website in real time.
- All appropriated funds must be delivered to the entity designated in the Appropriations Act, effectively ending the previous practice of legislators hand delivering checks.
- State agencies must report back to the Governor and Executive Budget Office on their compliance with the directives in the order.

In addition, the Letter of Instruction from the SC Office of the Comptroller General (SUBJECT: Provisos 117.21 and 118.19 (D) Requirements) dated 13 Oct 2022 has additional requirements.

Due to the titling of the pass-through allocation in the Budget Bill (SCEMD Alternative Operating Center), the Agency will need confirmation from the Legislature of intended funding disbursement to Polaris Tech Charter School regarding the pass-through.

Once the Agency has received the information, I will provide you with forms and instructions for requesting the funds and for providing the quarterly reporting.

I have attached copies of Proviso 117.21, the Governor's Executive Order and the letter from the SC Office of the Comptroller General.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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