STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY REGULAR SESSION

MEETING OF October 13, 2026 ITEM NUMBER 13

AGENCY: Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2027 South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan – Designation of Allocation Dates

At its meeting of August 19, 2026, and after favorable review by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Authority approved a 2027 State Ceiling Allocation Plan.

The Plan establishes two allocation periods for 2027, one beginning February 1st and one beginning August 1st. The Plan contemplates that the Authority will consider authorized requests during each period at a date established and announced by the Executive Director.

For the 2026 Plan year the Executive Director has announced one date for each period: February 9 and August 17. Both dates were approved by the Authority for regularly scheduled meetings in 2026.

A copy of the announcement is attached.

AUTHORITY ACTION REQUESTED:

Receive as information the Executive Director's selection and announcement of dates on which the Authority will consider authorized requests, as defined by the Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum of Grant Gillespie dated September 1, 2026
2. 2027 South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Grant Gillespie, SFAA Executive Director

DATE: September 1, 2026

SUBJECT: 2027 Dates for Allocation of State Ceiling to Authorized Requests

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At its meeting on August 19, 2026, and after favorable review by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Authority approved a 2027 South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan.

The Plan establishes two allocation periods for 2027, one beginning February 1st and one beginning August 1st. Pursuant to Section F of the Plan, authorized requests (as defined by Section A of the Plan) "will be considered on one or more dates on or after the beginning of each allocation period, as established and announced by the Executive Director of the State Authority." Further, Section F of the Plan provides that "all authorized requests for the same permitted purpose during a single allocation period must be made at only one meeting during that period."

For the 2027 Plan year, authorized requests as defined in the 2027 State Ceiling Allocation Plan, will only be considered at the regularly scheduled meetings currently scheduled for February 09 and August 17, as and if rescheduled.

2027 South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan

SECTION A. CONVENTIONS, DEFINITIONS AND EXHIBITS

Authorized Request includes any request submitted pursuant to §1-11-530(A) or (B) and any request for Issuance Approval as defined below using prior-year carryforward.

Issuance approval means approval by the State Authority for the issuance by State Housing of private activity bonds for a multi-family housing project, as required by Section 31-13-90.

Plan Year refers to the year to which this plan applies, which is noted in the header on each page.

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Commerce means the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Committee means the Joint Bond Review Committee.

JEDA means the Jobs-Economic Development Authority.

Secretary means the Secretary of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

State Authority means the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

State Housing means the State Housing Finance Development Authority.

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Exhibit	Subject
A	Competitive Criteria for Industrial and Economic Development Projects, and Projects Proposed for Other Qualified Purposes

SECTION B. AUTHORITY AND ADOPTION

The State Authority approved this plan at its meeting of August 18, 2026. Unless the State Authority provides otherwise herein, the Plan is effective upon adoption.

The Committee favorably reviewed this plan at its meeting of August 11, 2026.

Section 1-11-520(A) requires the annual publication of a State Ceiling Allocation Plan no later than September thirtieth of the year preceding the Plan Year. The State Authority intends to adopt each year's plan at its last regularly scheduled meeting prior to September thirtieth.

SECTION C. PLAN UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS; PLAN PUBLICATION

Administrative Updates

The Plan may be updated administratively as provided herein. An administrative update authorized by this plan is deemed not to constitute an amendment to the Plan.

By the second Monday in January, the Secretary shall publish an administrative update of the plan that (a) updates Section D to state the actual certified amount of state ceiling for the Plan Year, (b) updates Section D to recalculate the limits on authorized requests using the total state ceiling for the Plan Year, (c) updates Section E to state the then-current amounts identified in that Section (d) adds to Section E the amount of any carryforward designated in the prior calendar year pursuant to Section 1-11-520(G), and (e) using the Category Percentages previously approved, recalculates the dollar amounts in Section G based on the actual certified amount of state ceiling for the Plan year.

At the State Authority's first regularly scheduled meeting for the Plan Year, the Secretary will submit a summary of the updates to the State Authority as an informational agenda item.

Plan Amendments

The Plan may be amended as allowed by Title 1, Chapter 11. Section 1-11-520 expressly contemplates amendments to the annual allocation plan upon a finding of exceptional and compelling circumstances by the State Authority. Amendments are subject to review and comment by the Committee. See Section H.

Publication of the Plan

Section 1-11-520(A) requires the State Authority to publish the plan. Once approved, the Secretary is directed to publish the approved plan, as well as any amendment or update, by posting it to the State Authority's website. The initial plan and every update or amendment shall remain on the State Authority's website until the end of the Plan Year.

All updates or amendments shall be sequentially numbered. With each update or amendment, the header shall be revised to include the number and date of the update or amendment, as applicable.

SECTION D. DETERMINATION OF STATE CEILING AND LIMITS ON STATE CEILING FOR AUTHORIZED REQUESTS

The total state ceiling on the issuance of private activity bonds for the current Plan Year is $751,927,050, as certified by the Secretary pursuant to Section 1-11-500.

Unless authorized pursuant to Section 1-11-520(D), the amount of state ceiling that may be allocated to an authorized request may not exceed 10% of the total state ceiling $75,192,705) in the case of an industrial or economic development project, or 5% $37,596,352.50) for any other authorized request.

The total state ceiling for the Plan Year will not be known until the January following the plan's adoption; accordingly, for purposes of the plan's publication, the State Authority will use the state ceiling for the year in which the plan is published. As reflected above, the limits on authorized requests are calculated against the total state ceiling for the year preceding this Plan Year. As reflected in Section E below, the plan will also use an estimate of the carryforward the Secretary anticipates will be unused and available for the Plan Year. These and other tentative amounts will be updated pursuant to Section C.

SECTION E. DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS SUBJECT TO THIS ALLOCATION PLAN

In addition to the amount determined pursuant to Section 1-11-500, certain amounts available from carryforward from prior-years and other adjustments are subject to the provisions of this Allocation Plan, as follows:

Amount determined pursuant to Section 1-11-500	$751,927,050
Plus amounts expired, relinquished, revoked, or otherwise no utilized for issuance	$0
Plus amount carried forward from prior calendar years that remain unused:	
• Allocated to Multi-Family Housing (2024; expires 2027)	$271,694,375
• Allocated to Multi-Family Housing (2025; expires 2028)	$219,748,030
Total:	$1,243,369,455[1]

SECTION F. ALLOCATION PERIODS & DATES FOR ALLOCATIONS TO AUTHORIZED REQUESTS

Pursuant to Section 1-11-520(B), the State Authority hereby provides for two allocation periods for authorized requests and hereby designates February 1 and August 1 as the beginning of each period. On those dates, 50% of the state ceiling assigned to each category is made available for subsequent allocation to authorized requests.

Authorized requests will be considered on one or more dates on or after the beginning of each allocation period, as established and announced by the Executive Director of the State Authority, and may be amended by the Executive Director for compelling circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all authorized requests for the same permitted purpose during a single allocation period must be made at only one meeting during that period.

[1] The State Authority allocated and designated as carryforward $694,748,030 of the 2025 state ceiling to State Housing on December 31, 2025. Of that amount, State Housing elected to apply $219,748,030 to its multi-family housing program and $475,000,000 to its single-family program.

SECTION G. CATEGORIES OF PERMITTED PURPOSES; PERCENTAGE ASSIGNMENTS TO CATEGORIES

In accordance with Section 1-11-520(A), the State Authority adopts the following categories of permitted purposes and assigns percentages of the current-year state ceiling to those categories.

Categories of Permitted Purposes[2]	Category Percentage	Category Amount	Amount Available for Allocation on or after February 1 of the Plan Year	Amount Available for Allocation on or after August 1 of the Plan Year
Industrial and Economic Development[3]	40%	$300,770,820	$150,385,410	$150,385,410
Multi-Family Housing[4]	0%	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Single-Family Housing[5]	20%	$150,385,410	$75,192,705	$75,192,705
Other Qualified Purposes[6]	40%	$300,770,820	$150,385,410	$150,385,410
Totals	100%	$751,927,050	$375,963,525	$375,963,525

The above amounts are subject to revisions pursuant to the update required by Section C.

As noted in Section E, there is carryforward available for Multi-Family Housing that will expire during the plan year unless otherwise utilized. Accordingly, no assignment of state ceiling is contemplated for Multi-Family Housing until the available carryforward is exhausted.

Any unused state ceiling from the first period shall automatically carry over to the same category for the second period unless reassigned by State Authority pursuant to 1-11-520(C).

If an authorized request submitted to the Secretary cannot be approved pursuant to the then-current plan even with a reassignment pursuant to Section 1-11-520(C), the Secretary is authorized not to place the request on the State Authority's agenda. In such an event, Secretary will notify the State Authority's members as soon as practicable prior to the scheduled meeting date.

[2] Generally, see IRS Publication 4078 (Rev. 9-2019) for a complete list of permitted purposes prescribed by the IRC.
[3] Facilities for the furnishing of water; sewage facilities; privately owned solid waste disposal facilities; facilities for the local furnishing of electric energy or gas; local district heating or cooling; qualified hazardous waste facilities; qualified enterprise zone facilities; qualified small issue bonds.
[4] Qualified residential rental projects.
[5] Qualified mortgage bonds.
[6] Mass commuting facilities; privately owned high-speed intercity rail facilities; qualified redevelopment bond; and qualified student loan bonds.

SECTION H. PLAN AMENDMENTS

Any change to the amount of state ceiling allocated to a category that cannot be accomplished by a reassignment pursuant to Section 1-11-520(C) can only be effected by an amendment to the annual allocation plan in accordance with Section 1-11-520(B) following review and comment by the Joint Bond Review Committee.

SECTION I. EVALUATION AND RANKING BY STATE HOUSING AND COMMERCE

Pursuant to Section 1-11-520(E), the State Authority hereby directs that State Housing perform the periodic evaluation and ranking of all authorized requests for multi-family housing projects. In performing this evaluation and ranking, State Housing will use the competitive criteria adopted in this plan.

Pursuant to Section 1-11-520(E), the State Authority hereby directs that the South Carolina Department of Commerce perform the periodic evaluation and ranking of any non-housing project involving an authorized request for state ceiling. In performing this evaluation and ranking, Commerce will use the competitive criteria adopted in this plan and provide a report as described herein.

SECTION J. SUBMISSION FOR 2026 RANKING

No authorized request will be considered by the State Authority until the project associated with the request has been evaluated and ranked by either State Housing or Commerce, as applicable.

Timely submissions are essential for all authorized requests. Any delay can undermine the ability of the State Authority to timely adopt any plan amendment necessary to modify the category assignments. Reference Section H.

Industrial and Economic Development

Any Industrial or Economic Development project making an authorized request during an allocation period must submit all necessary information to Commerce by any due date established by Commerce for the applicable allocation period. Once the State Authority adopts

a schedule for its regular meetings in the Plan Year, Commerce should announce all applicable due dates for each allocation period.

Not later than the published bond due date for the applicable State Authority meeting, Commerce must provide the State Authority with its allocation recommendations and its evaluation and ranking for any non-housing project seeking an allocation of state ceiling, provided the request was timely received by Commerce.

As noted in Item 6 of Section P below, Commerce must provide the State Authority with written confirmation of the Coordinating Council's allocation recommendations no later than the published bond due date for the applicable State Authority meeting.

Multi-Family Housing

All multi-family housing projects making an authorized request during an allocation period must submit all necessary information to State Housing by the due date established by State Housing for the applicable allocation period. Once the State Authority adopts a schedule for its regular meetings in the Plan Year, State Housing should announce all applicable due dates for each allocation period.

Not later than the published bond due date for the applicable State Authority meeting, State Housing must provide the State Authority with a report of its evaluation and ranking of all projects making an authorized request.

As noted in Item 7 of Section P below, State Housing must provide the State Authority with written confirmation of its Board's allocation recommendations for State Housing projects no later than the published bond due date for the applicable State Authority meeting.

SECTION K. REQUIRED REPORTS

No later than September 30th each year, the State Authority must adopt a plan for the next calendar year. In order to develop that plan, the State Authority needs reliable information before it begins drafting. To gather that information, the State Authority requests the following reports be submitted by August 1st of each year.

The State Authority acknowledges that specific project details may not be known in all cases for the coming plan year; accordingly, specificity is expected to the extent known, accompanied by reasonable estimates of anticipated requests.

These reports will also inform any decisions to reassign state ceiling pursuant to section 1-11-520(C), to reallocate by amending the plan pursuant to section 1-11-520(B), or to reserve current-year state ceiling for year-end designation as carryforward.

Industrial and Economic Development Bonds

Commerce and JEDA, in consultation with the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development (Coordinating Council), must provide a coordinated report for proposed industrial and economic development projects to the State Authority identifying all known requests for state ceiling for the year following the plan year. The response must include the project name,[7] amount of the state ceiling request, year of allocation, and tentative recommendation of Commerce in accordance with the competitive criteria described below.

Separate from its report, Commerce must submit proposed deadlines for the year following the plan year by which those seeking state ceiling for Industrial and Economic Development projects or projects proposed for other qualified purposes must submit their proposals to Commerce in order for Commerce to provide the State Authority with its final ranking and recommendations no later than the bond submission deadline for the meetings at which state ceiling allocation requests will be considered for the applicable allocation period. Commerce must submit proposed deadlines on the 10th business day following the Authority's adoption of a meeting schedule for the Plan Year.

Commerce may also submit a request for the State Authority to assign up to 40 percent of state ceiling for Industrial and Economic Development, less any allocation requested for known projects, to accommodate future but presently unidentifiable requests; provided, however, that once known, each such request shall identify the project, amount of the allocation request, year of allocation, and include a recommendation of Commerce in accordance with the competitive criteria.

Multi-Family and Single-Family Housing Bonds

State Housing must provide a report for proposed single-family and multi-family housing projects to the State Authority identifying all pending and expected authorized requests for the year following the plan year. The response must include the project name, amount of the state ceiling request, amount of state tax credit (if any), and year of allocation.

The report must also include recommendations for the amount of carryforward from prior-years needed for State Housing to continue each of its programs in the year following the plan year.

[7] Or other identifying information in the event the name of the project is not yet public.

With its report, Housing must submit proposed deadlines for the year following the plan year by which those seeking state ceiling for multi-family housing projects must submit their proposals to Housing in order for Housing to provide the State Authority with its final ranking and recommendation no later than the bond submission deadline for the meetings at which state ceiling allocation requests will be considered for the applicable allocation period.

State Housing must provide the Secretary with a year-end account of any unused remaining carryforward from prior-years no later than first business day of January each year.

SECTION L. COMPETITIVE CRITERIA - GENERALLY

Section 1-11-520(E) requires that the allocation plan establish competitive criteria for allocation of state ceiling to authorized requests, and further provides that competitive criteria may be unique to each category but must be uniform within each category and established to achieve highest value and greatest public benefit.

For purposes of this Allocation Plan, determinations of highest value and greatest public benefit will be made on the basis of the relationship of the state resources requested to the measurable benefit of the proposed project.

SECTION M. COMPETITIVE CRITERIA FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION AND ALLOCATION TO OTHER PERMITTED PURPOSES

Commerce must provide each year to the State Authority for inclusion in the annual State Ceiling Allocation Plan its recommendations for determining highest value and greatest public benefit for allocation of state ceiling to industrial and economic development projects, and projects proposed for other qualified purposes.

Determinations of highest value and greatest public benefit must include at a minimum and without limitation such measures as the number of new permanent jobs[8] that will be created by the project; the capital investment of the project sponsor independent of state incentives and resources; and a cost benefit analysis generally reflecting a positive financial benefit to the state. The Coordinating Council must submit its proposed recommendations for the year following the plan year to the State Authority no later than August 1 of the plan year. Commerce will use these measures to evaluate any ceiling allocation requests for Industrial and Economic Development projects and projects proposed for other qualified purposes, and such evaluations shall be presented to the Coordinating Council for approval at a public meeting.

For projects seeking state discretionary incentives such as job development credits and/or state grant funding, a definitive agreement with the Coordinating Council must have been finalized prior to consideration by the State Authority. Such agreements with the Coordinating Council may include a preliminary revitalization, grant performance or other incentive agreement

[8] Generally, maintenance of existing jobs will not meet this criterion.

provided that it contains minimum new permanent job and investment commitments by the entity seeking an allocation.

For projects that are not seeking state discretionary incentives, such information as is requested and determined by Commerce to be sufficient for Commerce to evaluate the feasibility and competitiveness of the proposal must be submitted to Commerce prior to consideration by the State Authority.

If multiple projects will be submitted for consideration by the State Authority within a single allocation period, Commerce must rank those projects from highest to lowest value and public benefit as determined by provisions of this section.

In addition to the foregoing, Commerce must, after the project has been fully vetted and all due diligence conducted, provide a definitive recommendation for the amount of state ceiling proposed to be allocated to the project, following an affirmative vote of the Coordinating Council in a public meeting.

For the current year, the competitive criteria for Industrial and Economic Development projects recommended by Commerce are adopted by the State Authority, attached as **Exhibit A**, and incorporated into this Plan by reference.

SECTION N. COMPETITIVE CRITERIA FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING ALLOCATION

State Housing creates an annual Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)[9], which establishes uniform criteria for the distribution of federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The criteria outlined in the QAP provide a competitive process that promotes the highest value and greatest public benefit.

The criteria to be applied to all authorized requests for multi-family housing allocation shall be the criteria appearing in the annual QAP for the calendar year immediately proceeding the Plan Year.

If multiple multi-family project submissions (for ceiling allocation and/or issuance approval for use of carryforward) will be considered by the State Authority within a single allocation period, State Housing must rank those projects from highest to lowest value and public benefit, as determined by the provisions of this section.

These criteria will be applied uniformly to all authorized requests for multi-family housing projects. State Housing must submit its proposed recommendations for the coming year to the State Authority no later than August 1 of the plan year.

[9] The annual Qualified Allocation Plan is subject to review and comment by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Housing Board of Commissioners, and approval by the Governor. (see Internal Revenue Code Section 42 and §12-6-3795, South Carolina Code of Laws)

In addition to the foregoing, State Housing must, after the projects are fully vetted and all due diligence conducted, provide a definitive recommendation for the amount of state ceiling proposed to be allocated to any State Housing project, following an affirmative vote of its governing board in a public meeting.

For the current year, the competitive criteria for Multi-family Housing projects are those criteria appearing in the 2026 QAP and incorporated into this Plan by reference.

SECTION O. COMPETITIVE CRITERIA FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING ALLOCATION

Multiple competing requests during a single allocation period are not expected for submissions in this category. Accordingly, the State Authority has determined that the highest value and greatest public benefit are most appropriately determined at the programmatic level, rather than by allocations to specific requests.

SECTION P. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORIZED REQUESTS

All authorized requests must be complete at the time of submission. The Secretary is authorized not to place any incomplete submission on the agenda. The request must be in accordance with the statutory provisions of Section 1-11-530. In addition to the foregoing, all authorized requests must meet all of the following requirements, as applicable:

1. If issuance of the private activity bonds requires approval of the State Authority, any associated request for allocation of state ceiling must be made at the same time. A request for an allocation of state ceiling associated with a contemporaneous request for issuance approval is not complete unless it includes all items required by the State Authority for the issuance approval request.

2. If the applicable private activity bonds require the approval of an entity other than the State Authority, the issuer, or a state constitutional officer, a certified statement from the other approving entity must be submitted with the allocation request. For example, an issuance of bonds by JEDA must be approved by the Coordinating Council (§ 41-43-110(A)).

3. If an authorized request regards private activity bonds for a multi-family housing project, either (i) the petition making the request must be accompanied by both a preliminary determination of the project's eligibility for the South Carolina housing tax credit (§12-6-3795(B)(5)(d)) and all comments provided by a county and city pursuant to Section 12-6-3795(C)(3)); or (ii) the petition making the request must include an irrevocable waiver of any claim for a state tax credit pursuant to Section 12-6-3795, accompanied by proof that the petition has been filed with State Housing.

4. If an authorized request regards a multi-family housing project, the request must undergo a feasibility and underwriting review by State Housing; accordingly, the request must be accompanied by a Certificate of Allocating Agency (42(m) Letter). This requirement applies even if the project includes an irrevocable waiver of any claim for state tax credits pursuant to Section 12-6-3795.

5. The petition submitted for each authorized request must include an acknowledgement that any amount of allocation subsequently requested will constitute a new authorized request and a representation that "the allocation amount requested constitutes all of the private activity bond financing contemplated at the time for the project and any other facilities located at or used as a part of an integrated operation with the project." Reference Section 1-11-530(C).

6. In the case of a proposed industrial or economic development project using state ceiling from either the Industrial and Economic Development or Other Qualified Purposes categories, the authorized request must be accompanied by a letter signed by an executive officer of the project sponsor establishing the project scope and expenditure schedule for proceeds of bonds to which the ceiling allocation applies.

7. In the case of a proposed industrial or economic development project using state ceiling from either the Industrial and Economic Development or Other Qualified Purposes categories, the project must appear on the list of projects ranked by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development and must have received a definitive recommendation from the Coordinating Council for the amount of state ceiling proposed to be allocated to the project.

8. All authorized requests for multi-family housing projects must appear on a single consolidated list of projects ranked by State Housing and must have received a definitive recommendation from State Housing for the amount of state ceiling proposed to be allocated to the project.

9. A request to take any of the following actions must be accompanied by a letter signed by an executive officer of the project sponsor providing a thorough explanation of the compelling circumstances leading to the request and a justification for why those circumstances were not successfully avoided: A request (a) to reinstate or extend the validity of previously allocated state ceiling, (b) to allocate state ceiling to a project if previously allocated state ceiling was allowed to expire, or (c) to allocate additional state ceiling to a project. In addition, a request to allocate additional state ceiling to a project must be accompanied by supporting financial analysis demonstrating the further amount necessary to accomplish financial feasibility of the project. A responsible officer of the project sponsor is expected to attend the applicable State Authority meeting.

10. A request (a) to approve single-project allocations for carry-forward election, or (b) to approve carryforward elections prior to the fourth quarter of the calendar year to which the state ceiling applies must be accompanied by a letter signed by an executive officer of the project sponsor that provides a compelling justification for such action and a thorough explanation of why it is in the best interest of the state to approve the request. As noted below, such requests are considered extraordinary and will receive a heightened level of review. A responsible officer of the project sponsor is expected to attend the applicable State Authority meeting.

11. In the case of an industrial or economic development project, an authorized request seeking more than ten percent of the total state ceiling for the Plan Year must be accompanied by a thorough and compelling statement of facts justifying such an extraordinary allocation of state ceiling to a single project and sufficient to support the finding required by Section 1-11-520(D). The petition must be accompanied by a statement of position by the Coordinating Council regarding the relative size of the request.

12. In the case of a project for any purpose other than for industrial or economic development, an authorized request seeking more than five percent of the total state ceiling for the Plan Year must be accompanied by a thorough and compelling statement of facts justifying such an extraordinary allocation of state ceiling to a single project and sufficient to support the finding required by Section 1-11-520(D).

13. If any part of the submission is subject to review, comment or other action of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the item must be submitted to the committee prior to consideration of the submission by the State Authority.

If a request does not meet each and every published requirement by the submission deadline for the applicable State Authority meeting, the State Authority's Secretary is authorized not to place the item on the State Authority's agenda.

The State Authority reserves its discretion to amend and supplement these procedures as circumstances dictate.

The State Authority and its members reserve the right to require additional information for any particular item.

SECTION Q. EXTENSIONS AND CARRYFORWARDS

Section 1-11-530(C) provides that each authorized request must demonstrate that the allocation amount requested constitutes all of the private activity bond financing contemplated at the time for the project and any other facilities located at or used as a part of an integrated operation with the project. In addition to the foregoing, the State Authority must be reasonably assured that any allocation of state resources will be utilized prior to expiration. Accordingly, the State Authority will undertake a heightened level of review and exercise conservative discretion in addressing any request to (1) reinstate or extend the validity of previously allocated state ceiling, (2) allocate state ceiling to a project if previously allocated state ceiling was allowed to expire, (3) allocate additional state ceiling to a project, (4) approve single-project allocations for carry-forward election, (5) or approve carryforward elections prior to the fourth quarter of the calendar year to which the state ceiling applies.

SECTION R. BACKGROUND

On August 30, 2022, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority adopted the inaugural South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan pursuant to Act 202 of 2022. Section A of the 2022 State Ceiling Allocation Plan provided the background and purpose of the plan. The background and purpose of the inaugural plan and Act 202 of 2022 has not changed and need not be repeated on an annual basis. However, the Background and Purpose as written in the 2022 State Ceiling Allocation Plan remains relevant and is incorporated by reference for this South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan.

EXHIBIT A

2027 COMPETITIVE CRITERIA FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PROJECTS

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING REQUESTS FOR STATE CEILING ALLOCATIONS

The following briefly summarizes the procedures applicable to the methodology employed by the South Carolina Department of Commerce (the "Department") in evaluating industrial and economic development projects that are requesting an allocation of the state private activity bond limit by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA).

Background

The Department was designated by the South Carolina General Assembly to assist SFAA in determining the allocation of the state private activity bond limit for industrial and economic development projects. As required by Act 202 of 2022 and the South Carolina State Ceiling Allocation Plan, Commerce has established competitive criteria to evaluate industrial and economic development project. These criteria are designed to achieve highest value and greatest public benefit.

Review Procedures and Scoring

During the review process, Department staff will evaluate the following factors for each industrial and economic development project requesting allocation of the state ceiling and will give scores weighted in the ranges set forth on the attached Scoring Criteria for Bond Applicants and as discussed below.

1. **Tier ranking of the county in which the project will be located as determined by the South Carolina Department of Revenue for the year in which allocation is sought.**
   Projects in the most rural counties will be given the higher scores to encourage development in those counties. The rural counties are most in need of industrial development to sustain and improve those counties.

2. **Type of Project.**
   Projects that improve public infrastructure will score higher than projects that only benefit the public through job creation and investment. Manufacturing projects will score higher than non-manufacturing projects because they attract suppliers that generate further new job creation and investment to South Carolina.

3. **Number of existing jobs to be maintained at the project.**
   The larger the current employment, the higher the score because larger companies have the greatest impact on the economy of the local region and the state as a whole.

4. **Number of net new jobs to be created at the project.**
   The more jobs being created, the greater the impact on the economy of the local region and the state as a whole by providing more employment for residents and resulting in increased income to the state.

5. **Average salary of the new jobs to be created at the project.**
   Jobs with higher wages will increase income to the state, and jobs with wages above the per capita income of the county have a greater impact on the economic well-being of that county.

6. **Existing investment of the entity.**
   The greater the existing investment the more property taxes that will be received to benefit the economy of the local region and the state as a whole.

7. **New investment to be made at the project.**
   Similarly, the greater the new investment, the more property taxes that will be received and will benefit the county and local school districts.

8. **Financing available to support the project.**
This category is the most subjective, but a vital consideration. A project's ability to support the project financially is essential to the success.

9. **Cost Benefit**
The South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development (the "Coordinating Council") will perform a cost benefit analysis on each project. Absent extenuating circumstances, a project that does not have a positive financial benefit to the state will not be recommended for state ceiling allocation; provided, however, projects locating in Tier 3 and 4 counties will not be excluded from consideration because of a negative return on investment resulting from the estimated value of job tax credits. While the cost benefit analysis assumes all job tax credits earned and accrued are used, as a practical matter, companies rarely have sufficient income tax liability to use the maximum value of the credits. This is particularly true in the most rural counties because of the extremely high value of the job tax credits under state law.

After consideration of each factor and allocation of appropriate scores, the Department will then calculate the final score using the following formula:

((County Designation X (New Jobs + New Investment)) + Type of Project + Existing jobs + Existing Investment + Average Salary + Financing+ Cost Benefit

Scoring Criteria for Bond Applicants

County Designation	
Tier 4	3
Tier 3	2
Tier 2	1
Tier 1	1
Type of Project	
Public Infrastructure	4
Manufacturing	2
Other Business	0
Existing Jobs	
> 500	2
100-500	1
0-100	0
New Jobs	
>300	5
150-300	4
50-149	3
25-49	2
>25	1
Existing Investment	
>$300,000,000	3
$100,000,000- $300,000,000	2
$70,000,000-$100,000,000	1
<$70,000,000	0
New Investment	
>$20,000,000	4
$10,000,000-$20,000,000	3
$5,000,000-$10,000,000	2
<$5,000,000	1
Avg. Salary	
>150% of per capita income	2
100% of per capita income	1
>100%	0
Financing	
Financing in place	5
Financing not sufficient to sustain project	0
Cost Benefit	
Positive State Benefit > $10 million	4
Estimate positive state benefit < $9.9 Million	2
Negative	-30

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(R228, H5075)

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3795, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND LIMIT THE CREDIT; TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME AUTHORIZATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS APPROVED BEFORE 2022; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF STATE CEILING ON ISSUANCE OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A STATE CEILING ALLOCATION PLAN ANNUALLY, TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR PERIODIC ALLOCATIONS OF THE STATE CEILING; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-11-370 RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS INCLUDED WITHIN ANY LIMITS ON PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

South Carolina Housing Tax Credit

SECTION 1. A. Section 12-6-3795 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 137 of 2020, is amended to read:

"Section 12-6-3795. (A) As used in this section:

(1) 'Eligibility statement' means a statement authorized and issued by the South Carolina State Housing and Finance Development Authority certifying that a given project qualifies for the South Carolina housing tax credit, including any preliminary determination thereof.

(2) 'Federal housing tax credit' means the federal tax credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(3) 'Median income' means those incomes that are determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines and adjusted for family size.

(4) 'Project' means a housing project that has restricted rents that do not exceed thirty percent of income for at least forty percent of its units occupied by persons or families having incomes of sixty percent or less of the median income, or at least twenty percent of the units occupied by persons or families having incomes of fifty percent or less of the median income.

(5) 'Qualified project' means a qualified low-income building as that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that is located in South Carolina and receives approval for tax credits from the South Carolina Housing and Finance Development Authority provided pursuant to this section.

(6) 'Taxpayer' means a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation of any classification, limited liability company, or association taxable as a business entity that is subject to South Carolina taxes pursuant to Section 12-6-510, Section 12-6-530, Chapter 11, Title 12, or Chapter 7, Title 38.

(7) 'Federal 9 percent tax credit' means the federal housing tax credit described in Section 42(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(8) 'Federal 4 percent tax credit' means the federal housing tax credit described in Section 42(b)(1)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(9) 'Credit period' has the meaning defined in Section 42(f)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(10) 'State housing authority' means the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority.

(11) 'Department of Revenue' means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(B)(1) A state tax credit pursuant to this section may be claimed against income taxes imposed by Section 12-6-510 or 12-6-530, bank taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 12, corporate license fees imposed pursuant to Chapter 20, Title 12, and insurance premium and retaliatory taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 7, Title 38, to be termed the South Carolina housing tax credit, and is allowed with respect to each qualified project placed in service after January 1, 2020, and before December 31, 2030, in an amount not to exceed the federal housing tax credit allowed with respect to such qualified project, subject to the limitations of item (5). In computing a tax payable by a taxpayer pursuant to Section 38-7-90, the credit allowed pursuant to this section must be treated as a premium tax paid pursuant to Section 38-7-20.

(2)(a) If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a portion of any federal housing tax credit taken on a project is required to be recaptured, the taxpayer claiming any South Carolina housing tax credit with respect to such project also is required to recapture a portion of any South Carolina housing tax credit authorized by this section. The state recapture amount is equal to the proportion of

the South Carolina housing tax credit claimed by the taxpayer that equals the proportion the federal recapture amount bears to the original federal housing tax credit amount subject to recapture.

(b) In the event that recapture of any South Carolina housing tax credit is required, any return submitted to the Department of Revenue, as provided in this section, shall include the proportion of the South Carolina housing tax credit required to be recaptured, the identity of each taxpayer subject to the recapture, and the amount of South Carolina housing tax credit previously allocated to such taxpayer. Any recapture of the South Carolina housing tax credit is reported in the same manner as any recapture of the federal housing tax credit.

(3) The total amount of the South Carolina housing tax credit allowed by this section for a taxable year may not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability. Any unused South Carolina housing tax credit may be carried forward to apply to the taxpayer's next five succeeding years' tax liability. The taxpayer may not apply the credit against any prior tax years' tax liability.

(4) The South Carolina housing tax credit and any recaptured tax credit, must be allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the entity owning the project in any manner agreed to by such persons, regardless of whether such persons are allocated or allowed any portion of the federal housing tax credit with respect to the project.

(5)(a) The South Carolina housing tax credit allowed for any project must supplement but not supplant the federal housing tax credit and must be limited to an amount necessary only to achieve financial feasibility of the project.

(b) The total amount of all South Carolina housing tax credits that may be allocated in any calendar year must not exceed twenty million dollars, plus the total of all unallocated tax credits, if any, for any preceding years, and the total amount of any previously allocated tax credits that have been recaptured, revoked, canceled, or otherwise recovered but not otherwise reallocated.

(c) Of the dollar limitation prescribed in subitem (b), the total amount of South Carolina housing tax credits allocated to qualified projects utilizing the federal 9 percent tax credit must not exceed forty percent of the dollar limitation prescribed in subitem (b). Of the South Carolina housing tax credits allocated to qualified projects utilizing the federal 9 percent tax credit, no less than fifty percent of the South Carolina housing tax credits must be allocated to qualified projects located in an eligible rural area as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture, with the remainder allocated to (i) qualified projects serving older persons or persons with special needs, irrespective

of rural eligibility criteria; (ii) qualified projects supporting workforce development as certified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, irrespective of rural eligibility criteria; and (iii) other qualified projects, irrespective of rural eligibility criteria.

(d) Compliance with the dollar limitations of subitems (b) and (c) must be determined by the total amount of South Carolina housing tax credits allocated for one full year of the credit period applicable to each qualified project, and not the total amount of South Carolina housing tax credits allocated for the entire credit period applicable to each qualified project. Compliance with the dollar limitations of subitems (b) and (c) must be determined within each calendar year at the time the state housing authority makes a preliminary determination of any qualified project's eligibility for the South Carolina housing tax credit.

(e) In addition to the dollar limitation of subitem (b), allocation of any South Carolina housing tax credit to any qualified project utilizing the federal 4 percent tax credit is conditioned on among other things availability and allocation to the extent necessary for the qualified project of any state ceiling made pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 11, Title 1.

(C)(1) The state housing authority shall promulgate rules establishing criteria upon which the eligibility statements are issued which must include consideration of evidence of local support for the project. The eligibility statement must specify the amount of the South Carolina housing tax credit allowed, and must include: (i) the annual amount of South Carolina housing tax credit allocated to the qualified project for each year of credit the period; and (ii) the total amount of South Carolina housing tax credit allocated to the qualified project for the entire credit period.

(2) The state housing authority may not issue an eligibility statement until the taxpayer provides a report to the state housing authority detailing how the South Carolina housing tax credit will benefit the tenants of the project, once placed in service, including without limitation, reduced rent, and why the South Carolina housing tax credit is essential to the financial feasibility of the project.

(3) The state housing authority must establish uniform criteria for allocating the South Carolina housing tax credit to eligible projects pursuant to a competitive process that promotes highest value and greatest public benefit. The state housing authority must establish the criteria required by this section as part of any qualified allocation plan adopted to administer the federal housing tax credit, which must include without limitation: (i) written notice by the state housing authority to the county and city within which any project is proposed to be located; (ii)

following such notice, an opportunity for public comment on the proposed project at a public hearing conducted by the state housing authority no less than ten business days following notice of such public hearing, notification of which must be made by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county and city within which the proposed project is to be located; and (iii) an opportunity for the county and the city within which the project is proposed to be located to provide comment within no less than ten business days following such public hearing. The criteria established pursuant to this section, and any qualified allocation plan, are subject to the prior review and comment of the Joint Bond Review Committee.

(4) The state housing authority must furnish no later than January thirty-first of each year an annual report of South Carolina housing tax credits allocated pursuant to this section, which must include for the preceding calendar year the total amount of South Carolina housing tax credits allocated, and for each project, the project name and location, the amount of the South Carolina housing tax credits allocated to the project, project ownership, total number of units assisted, and the public benefit achieved by the project. The annual report must be furnished to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

(D) The Department of Revenue, in consultation with the state housing authority, may adopt rules and policies necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section; provided, however, that the state housing authority has the responsibility for: (i) allocation and administration of the South Carolina housing tax credit; and (ii) ensuring that the limits prescribed by subsection (B)(5)(b) and (c) are not exceeded.

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this section and administration thereof are subject to the oversight, and review and comment as appropriate, of the Joint Bond Review Committee."

B.1. Notwithstanding the limitations prescribed by Section 12-6-3795(B)(5)(b), (c), and (d) in SECTION 1.A., the General Assembly hereby provides a one-time authorization of South Carolina housing tax credits in an amount necessary but not exceeding one hundred million dollars for qualified projects approved before December 31, 2021, by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the South Carolina State Housing and Finance Development Authority, as applicable. Any allocations of South Carolina housing tax credits made

pursuant to this provision are subject to the review and comment of the Joint Bond Review Committee. No later than thirty days following enactment hereof, the South Carolina State Housing and Finance Development Authority must identify and report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority all qualified projects to which this one-time authorization of South Carolina housing tax credits is proposed to apply. The report must be made in such form and substance as may be directed by the Joint Bond Review Committee. Nothing in this provision grants any rights to, or in the processes used in the determination of, allocation of this one-time authorization of South Carolina housing tax credits. Decisions made pursuant to this provision are final and are not subject to judicial or administrative review.

2. This subsection B takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

C. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to tax years beginning after 2021.

State ceiling allocation

SECTION 2. Article 3, Chapter 11, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

"Article 3

Allocation of State Ceiling on Issuance of Private Activity Bonds

Section 1-11-500. The state ceiling on the issuance of private activity bonds as defined in Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 established in the act must be certified annually by the Secretary of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (the state authority) based upon the provisions of the act. The secretary of the state authority shall make this certification as soon as practicable after the estimates of the population of the State of South Carolina to be used in the calculation are published by the United States Bureau of the Census but in no event later than February first of each calendar year.

Section 1-11-510. (A) The private activity bond limit for all issuing authorities must be allocated by the state authority in response to

authorized requests as described in Section 1-11-530 by the issuing authorities, or as otherwise provided in Section 1-11-520(G).

(B) The aggregate private activity bond limit amount for all South Carolina issuing authorities is allocated initially to the State for further allocation within the limits prescribed herein.

(C) Nothing in this article or the State Ceiling Allocation Plan adopted pursuant to this article grants any rights to, or in the processes used in the allocation or disposition of, state ceiling. Decisions made pursuant to this article are final and are not subject to judicial or administrative review.

Section 1-11-520. (A) No later than September thirtieth of the year preceding the calendar year to which the state ceiling applies, and subject to review and comment by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the state authority must publish a State Ceiling Allocation Plan that assigns percentages of the state ceiling to categories of any of the permitted purposes prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code. Without limitation, categories of permitted purposes may include industrial and economic development bonds; single family housing bonds; multifamily housing bonds; student loan bonds; and any other bonds eligible for tax exemption as a private activity bond pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. No initial assignment to any single category may exceed forty percent of the state ceiling, and no minimum assignment is required for any category.

(B) Further, the allocation plan must provide for a process of periodic allocations of the state ceiling within each category, which for any period generally may not exceed an amount of the state ceiling allocated to that category equally divided among the number of periods in the year during which allocations are to be made; provided, however, that the state authority may, upon findings of exceptional and compelling circumstances, amend the annual allocation plan following review and comment by the committee.

(C) Notwithstanding the assigned percentages set forth in the allocation plan, the state authority may but need not reassign any state ceiling unused in prior periods as a supplement to and means to address demand for ceiling allocation in a subsequent period. Such reassignment may be made for any allocation category, notwithstanding its original assignment.

(D) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the state authority following justification and substantial findings of significance, no authorized request may receive an allocation of state ceiling applicable to that calendar year exceeding ten percent of the total state ceiling in the

case of an industrial or economic development project, or five percent of the total state ceiling for any other allocation category.

(E) The allocation plan must establish competitive criteria for allocation of state ceiling to authorized requests. Competitive criteria may be unique to each category but must be uniform within each category and established to achieve highest value and greatest public benefit. Discussions of matters related to the periodic evaluation of authorized requests may be conducted in executive session. The state authority may utilize the services of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority, any other state agency, and any other public or private resources to inform and provide services for the development of the allocation plan, including the evaluation and competitive criteria; and the periodic evaluation of authorized requests. The Department of Commerce and the State Housing Finance and Development Authority are directed to provide to the state authority such assistance as may be requested or required to accomplish the purposes of this article.

(F) Allocations of state ceiling to authorized requests must be made in accordance with the provisions of the allocation plan and policies and procedures adopted by the state authority.

(G) The state authority must determine the disposition of any remaining, unused state ceiling during the final period of the calendar year pursuant to a petition submitted in accordance with Section 1-11-530(D).

Section 1-11-530. (A) For private activity bonds proposed for issue by other than state government issuing authorities, an authorized request is a request included in a petition to the state authority that a specific amount of the state ceiling be allocated to the bonds for which the petition is filed. The petition must be accompanied by: (i) a copy of the Inducement Contract, Inducement Resolution, or other comparable preliminary approval entered into or adopted by the issuing authority, if any, relating to the bonds, and (ii) such other supporting documentation as the state authority may by policy prescribe.

(B) For private activity bonds proposed for issue by any state government issuing authority, an authorized request is a request included in a petition to the state authority that a specific amount of the state ceiling be allocated to the bonds for which the petition is filed. The petition must be accompanied by: (i) a bond resolution or comparable action by the issuing authority authorizing the issuance of the bonds, and (ii) such other supporting documentation as the state authority may by policy prescribe.

(C) Each authorized request must demonstrate that the allocation amount requested constitutes all of the private activity bond financing contemplated at the time for the project and any other facilities located at or used as a part of an integrated operation with the project.

(D) An issuing authority seeking an allocation of any remaining unused state ceiling for carry-forward designation must submit to the state authority a petition identifying the types of tax-exempt bonds to which the carry-forward designation will apply. The petition must be accompanied by such other supporting documentation as the state authority may by policy prescribe. Such allocations are not subjected to the provisions of Section 1-11-520(D), (E), and (F).

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the state authority may disapprove, reduce, or defer any authorized request or petition for carryforward.

(F) The state authority must periodically furnish to the Joint Bond Review Committee a report of petitions received, along with their dispositions.

Section 1-11-540. Reserved.

Section 1-11-550. (A) An allocation of the state ceiling approved by the state authority is made formal initially by a certificate which allocates tentatively a specific amount of the state ceiling to the bonds for which the allocation is requested. This tentative allocation certificate must specify the state ceiling amount allocated, the issuing authority and the project involved, and the time period during which the tentative allocation is valid. This certificate must remind the issuing authority that the tentative allocation is made final after the issuing authority chairman or other duly authorized official or agent of the issuing authority, before the issue is made, certifies the issue amount and the projected date of issue, as is required by subsection (B) of this section. It also may include other information considered relevant by the secretary of the state authority.

(B) The chairman or other authorized official or agent of an issuing authority issuing any private activity bond for which a portion of the state ceiling has been allocated tentatively shall execute and deliver to the secretary of the state authority an issue amount certificate setting forth the exact amount of bonds to be issued and the projected bond issue date which date must not be more than ten business days after the date of the issue amount certificate and it must be before the state ceiling allocation involved expires. The issue amount certificate may be an executed copy of the appropriate completed form to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service on the issue or it may be in the form of a letter which

certifies the exact amount of bonds to be issued and the projected date of the issue.

(C) In response to the issuing authority's issue amount certificate required by subsection (B) of this section, the secretary of the state authority is authorized to issue and, as may be necessary, to revise a certificate making final the ceiling allocation previously approved by the state authority on a tentative basis, if the secretary of the state authority determines that:

(1) the issuing authority's issue amount certificate specifies an amount not in excess of the approved tentative ceiling allocation amount;

(2) the issue amount certificate was received prior to the issue date projected and that the certificate is dated not more than ten days prior to the issue date projected; provided, however, that if an issue amount certificate is dated more than ten days prior to the date of issue of the bonds, such certificate shall be void, and a new request must be provided to the secretary of the state authority prior to issuance of the bonds;

(3) the issue date projected is within the time period approved previously for the tentative ceiling allocation; and

(4) the bonds when issued and combined with the total amount of bonds requiring a ceiling allocation included in issue amount certificates previously submitted to the state authority by issuing authorities do not exceed the state ceiling for the calendar year. Except under extraordinary circumstances, the secretary of the state authority shall issue this certificate within two business days following the date the issue amount certificate is received.

(D) In accordance with Section 149(e)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code, the secretary of the state authority is designated as the state official responsible for certifying, if applicable, that certain bonds meet the requirements of Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the volume cap on private activity bonds.

(E) Any tentative or final state ceiling allocation granted by the state authority before the effective date of this act remains valid as an allocation of a portion of the volume cap for South Carolina provided under Section 146 of the Internal Revenue Code. The allocations expire in accordance with the law under which they were granted or extended and their validity may be extended or reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1-11-500 through 1-11-570.

Section 1-11-560. (A) Any state ceiling allocation approved by the state authority is valid only for the calendar year in which it is approved, unless eligible and approved for carry-forward election or unless specified differently in the certificates required by Section 1-11-550.

(B) Unless eligible and approved for carry-forward election or unless specified differently in certificates required by Section 1-11-550, each state ceiling allocation expires automatically if the bonds for which the allocation is made are not issued within ninety consecutive calendar days from the date the allocation is approved by the state authority.

(C) In response to a written request by the chairman or other duly authorized official or agent of an issuing authority, the state authority, acting during the period an approved allocation is valid, may but need not extend the period in which an allocation is valid in a single calendar year by thirty-one consecutive calendar days to a total of not more than one hundred twenty-one consecutive calendar days.

(D) In response to a written request by the chairman or other authorized official or agent of an issuing authority, the state authority may but need not reinstate for a period of not more than thirty-one consecutive calendar days in any one calendar year part or all of an allocation approved but not extended previously in accordance with subsection (C) of this section in that same calendar year which has expired. The reinstatement request must certify that the authorized request previously submitted is still true and correct or a new authorized request must be submitted.

(E) A tentative ceiling allocation is canceled automatically if the chairman or other authorized official or agent of the issuing authority fails to deliver the issue amount certificate required by Section 1-11-550 to the secretary of the state authority before the bonds for which the allocation is made are issued.

(F) The chairman or other authorized official or agent of an issuing authority shall advise the secretary of the state authority in writing as soon as is practicable after a decision is made not to issue bonds for which a portion of the state ceiling has been allocated. All notices of relinquishment of ceiling allocations must be entered promptly in the state authority's records by the secretary of the state authority.

(G) Ceiling allocations which are eligible and approved for carry-forward election are not subject to the validity limits of this section. The state authority shall join with the issuing authorities involved in carry-forward election statements to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service.

Section 1-11-570. The state authority may adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this article. All such policies and procedures, and any changes thereto, are subject to review and comment by the Joint Bond Review Committee.

Section 1-11-580. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall make quarterly payments on insurance contracts where the annual premium exceeds fifty thousand dollars. The board shall undertake necessary negotiations to implement this requirement. Where fees may be incurred for quarterly rather than annual payments, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall determine whether the investment income opportunity is greater or less than proposed fees and shall make the decision which best benefits South Carolina."

Repeal

SECTION 3. Section 1-11-370 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

Conflicting provisions

SECTION 4. The provisions of Article 3, Chapter 11, Title 1 of the 1976 Code relating to the allocation of state ceiling on issuance of private activity bonds, as amended in this act, shall control if there is any conflict with any other provision of law or regulation, specifically including Regulation 19-103.

Severability

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Time effective

SECTION 6. The provisions of this act are effective for allocations of state ceiling beginning January 1, 2022, and thereafter. For the first year of implementation, the state authority may adopt such special procedures as may be necessary to effect the requirements of this act.

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved the _____ day of _____2022.

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Governor

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