

# Legislative Oversight Committee

## Healthcare Subcommittee's Study of the Commission for the Blind

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(1) Refer the study and investigation back to the subcommittee or an ad hoc committee for further evaluation; (2) Approve the subcommittee's study; or (3) further evaluate the agency as a full committee, utilizing any of the available tools of legislative oversight available	<b>Full Committee Approved the Subcommittee's Study</b>	<b>October 3, 2016</b>

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## *Purpose of Oversight Study*

As stated in SC Code of Laws Section 2-2-20(B), “[t]he **purpose of these oversight studies** and investigations is to **determine if agency laws and programs** within the subject matter jurisdiction of a standing committee: (1) **are being implemented** and carried out **in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly**; and (2) **should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated.**” In making these determinations the **Subcommittee** evaluates (1) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of the agency’s laws and programs, (2) the organization and operation of the agency, and (3) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation pertaining to the agency.<sup>1</sup>

## *Study Process*

*Figure 1. Summary of Key Dates and Actions of the Study Process, 2015-2016.*

### Legislative Oversight Committee Actions

- April 14, 2015 - Prioritized the agencies it would study
- April 15, 2015 - Provided the Commission with notice about the oversight process
- **Reserve for full committee action on study**

### Healthcare Subcommittee Actions

- May 7, 2015 (Entry Meeting)- Held a meeting with the agency about the oversight process
- March 17, 2016 (Meeting #1) - Held a meeting to study the agency's history, mission, and strategic plan
- May 26, 2016 (Meeting #2) - Held a meeting to study the agency's financial and human resources
- June 27, 2016 (Meeting #3) - Held a meeting to receive input about the agency from members of the public
- July 19, 2016 (Meeting #4) - Held a meeting to review the agency's strategic plan and performance
- August 25, 2016 (Meeting #5) - Held a meeting to formulate remainder of subcommittee recommendations
- September 14, 2016 - Notified Legislative Oversight Committee Chairman that the Subcommittee Study on the Commission for the Blind is ready for full Committee review

## Commission for the Blind Actions

- March 31, 2015 - Submitted its Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report to the Committee
- July 27, 2015 - Submitted its Program Evaluation Report to the Committee
- January 8, 2016 - Submitted its 2016 Annual Restructuring Report
- March - August (2016) - Met with and responded to Subcommittee inquiries

## Public's Actions

- September 1-30, 2015 - Responded to survey about the agency
- June 27, 2016 - Provided testimony at a public input hearing
- Ongoing - Submits comments on the Oversight Committee's webpage on the General Assembly's website ([www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov))

## *Recommendations*

The following recommendations include areas identified for potential improvement by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recognizes these recommendations will not satisfy everyone nor address every issue or potential area of improvement at the agency. These recommendations are based on the agency's self-analysis requested by the full Committee, discussion with the agency during multiple meetings with the Subcommittee, and analysis of the information obtained by the Subcommittee. This information, including, but not limited to the Staff Study, Program Evaluation Report, Accountability Report, Restructuring Report and videos of meeting with the agency can all be found on the Committee's website.

### *Continue*

The Subcommittee recommends the agency continue all programs. Additionally, the Subcommittee recommends continuation of laws relating to the agency which are not listed under Revise or Eliminate below.

### *Revise*

The Subcommittee recommends the following revisions to the agency's internal operations and funding:

- The agency's budget in the ensuing fiscal year be increased to bring the funding for the prevention program up to what it was prior to budget curtailments in 2008 and 2009 in present value, which would require an additional \$650,000.
- The agency should seek to develop relationships with state and local human resources agencies, regarding both connecting clients to positions and assisting government employers with methods for retaining employees with declining vision.

The Subcommittee also recommends revisions to laws relating to the agency. The laws,

and specific revisions recommended, along with the basis for the recommendation, are listed below:

- South Carolina Code of Laws § 43-25-10 to change the visual acuity requirement for three Commission members from 20/200 to the legal definition of blindness, as stated in §43-25-20;
- South Carolina Code of Laws § 43-25-30 to remove the requirement that the Commission assist in the furtherance of now deleted sections of the S.C. Code of Laws; and
- South Carolina Code of Laws § 43-25-60 to change the term “itinerant teacher” to “itinerant counselor.”

### *Eliminate*

The Subcommittee did not recommend elimination of any laws or programs relating to the agency.

# DETAILS - STUDY PROCESS

## *House Oversight Committee's Actions*

On January 7, 2015, the House Oversight Committee approved a proposed seven-year study schedule for the Speaker of the House.<sup>2</sup> The Speaker approved the Committee's recommendations, which were then published in the House Journal on January 13, 2015.<sup>3</sup> The Commission for the Blind is an agency subject to legislative oversight.<sup>4</sup> **The Committee approved the Commission for the Blind ("agency") as the second state agency to be studied by the Healthcare Subcommittee on April 14, 2015.**<sup>5</sup>

The **Committee notified the agency** about the study on April 15, 2015. As the Committee encourages **collaboration in its legislative oversight process**, the Speaker, standing committee chairs in the House, members of the House, Clerk of the Senate, and Governor were also notified about the agency study.<sup>6</sup>

## *Subcommittee Studying the Agency*

The **Healthcare Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") of the House Oversight Committee is studying the agency.** The chair of the Subcommittee is the Honorable Nathan Ballentine; other members include: the Honorable Mia McLeod, the Honorable Walton McLeod, and the Honorable Bill Taylor.<sup>7</sup>

## *Meetings with the Agency*

The **Subcommittee met with the agency once about process and on five occasions about the agency's work.** Commissioner James Kirby, ("agency head") provided the Subcommittee with a brief overview of the agency during an introductory/scope meeting on May 7, 2015.<sup>8</sup> On March 17, 2016, the Subcommittee met with the agency and began going through the Committee Staff Study and agency recommendations.<sup>9</sup> The Subcommittee met with the agency on May 26, 2016 and July 19, 2016 to gain a better understanding of the agency's resources and performance.<sup>10,11</sup> There was an opportunity for public input during the June 27, 2016 meeting.<sup>12</sup> The Subcommittee met with the agency on August 25, 2016 to inquire about specific programs and formulate recommendations.<sup>13</sup>

## *Information from the Public*

Members of the public had an opportunity to participate anonymously in a public survey, provide comments anonymously after the public survey was over via a link on the Committee website, and appear in person before the subcommittee. From September 1, 2015, until September 30, 2015, the Subcommittee posted an **online survey to solicit comments from the public about the Commission for the Blind** and other agencies. Communication about this survey was sent to all House members to forward to their constituents. In an effort to communicate it throughout the state, it was also sent to media statewide via a press release. There were 1,010 responses to the survey, with at least one response coming from each of the 41 of the 46 South Carolina

counties.<sup>14</sup> These comments are not considered testimony.<sup>15</sup> As noted in the survey, “input and observations from those citizens who [chose] to provide responses are very important . . . because they may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement with these agencies.”<sup>16</sup> The **public was informed they could continue to submit written comments about agencies online** after the public survey closed.<sup>17</sup> All meetings were open to the public and streamed live online; the videos are archived. **During the June 27, 2016, meeting the Subcommittee invited the public to provide comments and recommendations about to the agency directly to the Subcommittee.** The following people testified at that time:

- **Page McCraw.** Dr. McCraw is the agency head of the School for the Deaf and the Blind, and she shared information about the ways in which the School partners with the Commission;
- **Scott Falcone.** Mr. Falcone is an employee at the School for the Deaf and the Blind, and he added to Dr. McGraw’s testimony about the working relationship between the School and the Commission;
- **Charles Kierce.** Mr. Kierce, an employment recruiter for Verizon, testified about his positive experiences with fellow employees at Verizon who had a visual impairment and have been benefitted from the services of the Commission;
- **Robert Giles.** Mr. Giles thanked the Commission for the Blind for helping him adjust to new technologies and for helping blind South Carolinians improve their lives and find gainful employment;
- **Linda Jenkins.** Ms. Jenkins, a resident of Summerville, testified about her experience of losing her vision due to a degenerative condition, and how the Commission for the Blind helped her find meaning in her life again;
- **Frank Coppel.** Mr. Coppel is President of the state chapter of the National Federation for the Blind. He testified about the Federation’s relationship with the Commission; and
- **Gayel Wigfall.** Ms. Wigfall is a Diversity and Inclusion Consultant at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. She testified about her experience as a recruitment consultant who has worked with blind employees and the Commission for the Blind.

The full testimony of each person can be viewed in the video recording of the meeting, which is available on the Committee’s webpage.<sup>18</sup>

### *Information from the Agency*

The **Committee asked the agency to conduct a self-analysis** by requiring it to complete and submit a 2015 Annual Restructuring Report and Seven-Year Plan for cost savings and increased efficiencies, a Program Evaluation Report, and a 2016 Restructuring Report. The agency submitted its 2016 Restructuring Report on January 8, 2016.<sup>19</sup> The agency submitted its Program Evaluation Report on July 27, 2015.<sup>20</sup> These reports are available online. Committee staff provided the agency the final committee staff study on March 7, 2016. The committee staff study with the agency response is available online, and House Members were notified about the staff study with the agency response on April 6, 2016.<sup>21</sup>

## *Next Steps*

Pursuant to Committee Standard Practice 12.4, **individual members of this Subcommittee have the opportunity to provide a separate written statement for inclusion with the Subcommittee’s Study.** Once all individual members of the Subcommittee have provided their written statements, or indicated to the Subcommittee Chair that they will not provide a separate written statement, the Subcommittee Chair, pursuant to Committee Standard Practice 12.5, shall notify the Committee Chair in writing that a Subcommittee Study is available for consideration by the full Committee.

Once the Committee Chair receives written notice from the Subcommittee Chair, the full committee chair shall, pursuant to Committee Standard Practice 13.1, include the Subcommittee Study on the agenda for a full committee meeting. During the full committee meeting at which the Subcommittee Study is discussed, the full Committee will vote, pursuant to Committee Standard Practice 13.2, to take one of the following three options: (1) Refer the study and investigation back to the subcommittee or an ad hoc committee for further evaluation; (2) Approve the subcommittee’s study; or (3) further evaluate the agency as a full committee, utilizing any of the available tools of legislative oversight available.

When the full committee approves a final study, any member of the Committee may provide a written statement for inclusion with the final study.<sup>22</sup> The final study, and written statements, will be published online and the agency, as well as all House Standing Committees, will receive a copy.<sup>23</sup>

Lastly, the Committee shall offer at least one briefing to Members of the House about the contents of the final oversight study approved by the Committee.<sup>24</sup> The Committee Chair may also provide briefings to the public about the final oversight study.<sup>25</sup>

## DETAILS - RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations include areas identified for potential improvement by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recognizes these recommendations will not satisfy everyone nor address every issue or potential area of improvement at the agency. These recommendations are based on the agency's self-analysis requested by the full Committee, discussion with the agency during multiple meetings with the Subcommittee, and analysis of the information obtained by the Subcommittee. This information, including, but not limited to the Staff Study, Program Evaluation Report, Accountability Report, Restructuring Report and videos of meeting with the agency can all be found on the Committee's website.

### *Continue*<sup>26</sup>

The Subcommittee recommends the agency continue all programs - vocational rehabilitation, older blind, and children's services. Additionally, the Subcommittee recommends continuation of laws relating to the agency which are not listed under Revise or Eliminate below.

### *Revise (Curtail or Enhance)*<sup>27</sup>

The Subcommittee recommends the following revisions to the agency's internal operations and funding:

- The agency's budget in the ensuing fiscal year be increased to bring the funding for the prevention program up to what it was prior to budget curtailments in 2008 and 2009 in present value, which would require an additional \$650,000.
- The agency should seek to develop relationships with state and local human resources agencies, regarding both connecting clients to positions and assisting government employers with methods for retaining employees with declining vision.

The Subcommittee recommends revisions to laws relating to the agency. The laws, and specific revisions recommended, along with the basis for the recommendation, are listed below.

#### Commission Member Qualifications

<b>Code Section</b>	South Carolina Code § 43-25-10
<b>Justification</b>	An Attorney General's opinion provided an interpretation of the intent of this section in 1976. The interpretation was that "the South Carolina Commission for the Blind is the state agency charged with providing a wide array of services for the visually handicapped of this State. Hence, the purpose the Legislature had in mind by requiring that three of the

Commission's members have a visual imparity would appear to insure minimum consumer representation on the agency's board. Considering this purpose it would follow that the legislative intent is that at least three of the members be legally blind, rather than the requirement found literally within S. C. Code, § 71–291. To reach the opposite conclusion would be unreasonable. The qualification of ‘having a visual acuity not to exceed 20/200,’ by itself as it appears in this code section would allow a person who has an uncorrected visual acuity of 20/200, correctable to 20/20 to meet this requirement, but would deny a person who is legally blind because of a field of vision defect this status. Such a construction of statutory definitions in this mechanical fashion leads not only to this unreasonable result, but creates an incongruity in the law, which is impermissible.” South Carolina Code §43-25-20 provides a legal definition of blindness.

**Suggested  
Language**

CHAPTER 25  
Commission for the Blind

**SECTION 43-25-10.** Commission for the Blind created; membership; qualifications and terms of members; meetings; officers; compensation.

There is created the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. The commission shall consist of seven members, one from each of the seven Congressional Districts, of whom three shall ~~have a visual acuity not to exceed 20/200~~ **meet the legal definition of blindness as defined in Section 43-25-20.** The Governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint the members of the commission for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. All vacancies must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term only. The members of the commission shall elect one of its members as chairman for a term of two years or until his successor has been elected. The chairman shall preside at the regular meetings of the commission to be held at least once each month. The chairman may call a meeting when he considers it necessary to be held at a time to be determined by the commission. The commission shall appoint a commissioner and other officers as the commission considers necessary, none of whom may be a member of the commission, and shall fix the compensation and prescribe the duties of these appointees. The members of the commission shall receive no salary but must be allowed the usual mileage, subsistence, and per diem as authorized by law for commissions, committees, and boards.

**SECTION 43-25-20.** “Blindness” and “severe visual disability” as criteria for acceptance for services for persons who qualify.

For purposes of this chapter, “blindness” and “severe visual disability” are the criteria for acceptance for services for persons who qualify.

(1) “Blindness” is defined as that level of central visual acuity, 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or a disqualifying field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent

that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees and which is sufficient to incapacitate him for self-support, or an eighty per cent loss of visual efficiency resulting from visual impairment in more than one function of the eye, including visual acuity for distance and near, visual fields, ocular, mobility, and other ocular functions and disturbances.

(2) "Severe visual disability" is defined as any progressive pathological condition of the eye or eyes supported by acceptable eye examination, which in the opinion of the examiner may or will result in legal blindness within twenty-four months.

### Commission Member Responsibilities

**Code Section** South Carolina Code § 43-25-30 (12)

**Justification** This section requires the Commission to assist in the furtherance of deleted sections of the Code. SC Code § 44-43-110 - 44-43-160 were omitted by Act 334 of 2006. That Article had been entitled "Donating Eyes for Restoration of Sight."

**Suggested** **SECTION 43-25-30.** Powers and duties of commission.

**Language**

The commission shall:

(1) Promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Apply for, receive and expend monies from all governmental agencies, both State and Federal; and accept gifts, grants, donations, devises and bequests made for providing aid to the visually handicapped, including expenses of administration. All such funds shall be paid into the State Treasury.

(3) Submit to the Governor and publish an annual report showing the total amount of money disbursed, the total number of blind and visually handicapped persons who received services, and such other information as may be deemed advisable.

(4) Maintain a complete register of persons whose vision, with correcting lenses, does not exceed 20/200 which shall also include the conditions, cause of loss of sight, capacity for educational and industrial training of each, and other pertinent facts.

(5) Maintain bureaus of information and industrial aid to assist the visually handicapped in finding employment and to teach them industries which may be followed in their homes, and to assist them in whatever manner may seem advisable to the commission in disposing of the products of their home industry.

(6) Make inquiries concerning the cause of loss of sight, learn what proportion of these cases are preventable and inaugurate and cooperate with the State in any measure as may seem wise.

(7) Cooperate with the State Department of Health and

Environmental Control in the adoption and enforcement of proper preventive measures.

(8) Establish, equip and maintain a center for vocational, industrial and other training and employ qualified instructors. The center shall provide for orientation and adjustment for the visually handicapped. Training in such centers shall be limited to persons deemed eligible by the commission.

(9) Supervise and control all concession stands established and operated formerly by the State Department of Social Services and all concession stands established by the commission.

(10) Have the authority to enter into contracts with owners of private property for the purpose of installing concession stands which shall be under the control of the commission.

(11) Establish, supervise and render totally operative and effective prevention of loss of sight programs using such facilities in the State as the commission may deem necessary including a mobile ophthalmological laboratory and office.

(12) Assist in the furtherance of the purposes of Sections ~~44-43-110 to 44-43-160~~ and 44-7-10.

#### Itinerant Teachers

**Code Section** South Carolina Code § 43-25-60

**Justification** The agency does not provide teachers of the visually impaired; the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind provides some teachers of the visually impaired to schools throughout the state. The agency does however provide counselors to children that assist with adjustment to blindness/vision loss and coordinate a variety of other applicable resources. The commission also provides transition services to students once they reach age 14.

**Suggested Language** **SECTION 43-25-60.** Itinerant ~~teachers~~ **counselors** shall assist in schools; visually handicapped pupils shall be reported to commission.

The commission may employ qualified itinerant ~~teachers~~ **counselors** to assist teachers in public or private schools who are responsible for the teaching of visually handicapped students. The itinerant ~~teacher~~ **counselor** shall assist the public or private school teacher by providing methods and materials for teaching such student. The State Department of Education shall report to the commission the schools having visually handicapped students. All principals or heads of private schools shall report to the commission the names of visually handicapped students in attendance.

## ***Eliminate***

The Subcommittee does not recommend elimination of any laws or programs relating to the agency.

## ***Follow Up***

The Subcommittee does not recommend following up with the agency on any specific recommendations; However the Committee may obtain an update from the agency in the form of a Request for Information, at any point.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

The federal government recently released final rules on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Commission for the Blind is one of the agencies in the state responsible for providing workforce services to residents of South Carolina. WIOA regulations require that state agencies partner to offer services to consumers and better utilize resources across the state.

In order to effectively partner with each other, the workforce agencies in South Carolina are in the process of negotiating memorandums of understanding (MOUs). One element of those MOUs is data sharing. The Commission for the Blind's stated goal for negotiating the MOUs is March 1, 2017, as the first report on the new indicators is due July 1, 2017.<sup>28</sup>

## SELECTED AGENCY INFORMATION

**SC Commission for the Blind. "Program Evaluation Report, 2015."**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/2015%20Program%20Evaluation%20Reports/Commission%20for%20the%20Blind%20Program%20Evaluation%20Report.PDF> (accessed August 31, 2016).

**SC Commission for the Blind. "Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report, 2015."**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/2015AgencyRestructuringandSevenYearPlanReports/2015%20Commission%20for%20the%20Blind.pdf> (accessed August 31, 2016)

**SC Commission for the Blind. "Annual Restructuring Report, 2016."**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/2016%20ARR/2016%20ARR%20-%20Commission%20for%20Blind.PDF> (accessed August 31, 2016)

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**SC House of Representatives, Legislative Oversight Committee. "Staff Study of the Commission for the Blind, March 7, 2016."**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/Ag>

[encyWebpages/CommissionfortheBlind/SCCB%20Staff%20Study%20with%20Agency%20Reponse\\_Redacted.PDF](#) (accessed August 31, 2016)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup> *SC Code of Laws*, sec. 2-2-20(C).

<sup>2</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Full Committee Minutes,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/FullCommitteeMinutes/January072015.pdf> (accessed February 9, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

<sup>3</sup> The committee’s recommendations, letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and House Clerk, and a direct link to the January 13, 2015, House Journal are available on the committee’s website under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee.php> (accessed February 9, 2016)

<sup>4</sup> *SC Code of Laws*, sec. 2-2-10(1).

<sup>5</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “April 14, 2015 Full Committee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Meeting Minutes and Handouts” and under “Full Committee Minutes,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/FullCommitteeMinutes/April142015.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

<sup>6</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “2015-2016 Summary - House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Committee Information,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/FullCommitteeMinutes/April142015.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016)

<sup>7</sup> SC House of representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Subcommittees -2016,” under “Committee Information,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/S1.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016).

<sup>8</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “May 7, 2015 Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Meeting Minutes and Handouts” and under “Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SubcommitteeMinutes/HealthcareSub/May72015Minutes.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

<sup>9</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “March 17, 2016 Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Meeting Minutes and Handouts” and under “Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SubcommitteeMinutes/HealthcareSub/March172016Minutes.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

<sup>10</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “May 26, 2016 Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Meeting Minutes and Handouts” and under “Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SubcommitteeMinutes/HealthcareSub/May262016Minutes.pdf> (accessed September 1, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

<sup>11</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “July 19, 2016 Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Blind, Commission for the,” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SubcommitteeMinutes/HealthcareSub/July>

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192016Minutes.pdf (accessed September 23, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

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<sup>13</sup> SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, "August 25, 2016 Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes," under "Committee Postings and Reports," under "House Legislative Oversight Committee," under "Meeting Minutes and Handouts" and under "Healthcare Subcommittee Minutes." While the meeting minutes have not been approved and posted, a video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

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