

Legislative Oversight Committee

Study of
 SC School for the Deaf and the Blind
October 31, 2016



FULL COMMITTEE OPTIONS STANDARD PRACTICE 13	FULL COMMITTEE ACTION(S)	DATE(S) OF FULL COMMITTEE ACTION(S)
(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	Full Committee approved the study.	October 31, 2016

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose of Oversight Study

As stated in SC Code of Laws § 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.¹

Study Process

The **Education and Cultural (“Subcommittee”) of the House Legislative Oversight Committee** conducted a **study of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (“SCSDB,” “agency,” “school”)**. The chair of the Subcommittee is the Honorable James E. Smith Jr. Other members include: the Honorable Gary E. Clary, the Honorable Joseph H. Jefferson, and the Honorable Tommy M. Stringer.²

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 School with notice about the oversight process
- **Reserve for full committee action on study**

Education and Cultural Subcommittee Actions

- May 12, 2015 (Entry Meeting)- Held a meeting with the agency about the oversight process
- May 19, 2016 (Meeting #1) - Held a meeting to study the agency's history, mission, and strategic plan
- June 23, 2016 (Meeting #2) - Held a meeting to visit the Braille Production Center at Leath Correctional Institute
- July 13, 2016 (Meeting #3) - Held a meeting to receive input about the agency from members of the public
- August 17, 2016 (Meeting #4) - Held all day meeting to review the agency's strategic plan, financial and human resources, and performance
- August 23, 2016 (Meeting #5) - Held a meeting to visit SCSDB’s Spartanburg campus
- September 15, 2016 (Meeting #6) - Held a meeting to consider recommendations
- October 3, 2016 (Meeting #7) - Held a meeting to consider recommendations
- October 3, 2016 - Notified Legislative Oversight Committee Chairman that the Subcommittee Study on the Commission for the Blind is ready for full Committee review

School for the Deaf and 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
- May - September (2016) - Met with and responded to Subcommittee inquiries

Public's Actions

- September 1-30, 2015 - Responded to survey about the agency
- July 13, 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)

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, 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 meetings with the agency, can all be found on the Committee's website.

Continue

The **Subcommittee recommends continuing the agency's major programs - education, student support, residential, outreach, administration, and physical support**. Additionally, the Subcommittee recommends continuation of agency programs and laws relating to the agency which are not listed under Revise or Eliminate below.

Curtail (i.e. Revise)

The Subcommittee recommends that the General Assembly make the following revisions to state law:

- Add a section to Chapter 47, of Title 59, of the SC Code of Laws stating that "The School for the Deaf and the Blind is established to provide high quality education programs and outreach services to students who are deaf, blind, or sensory multi-disabled."
- Delete SC Code of Laws §59-47-90, relating to the collection of maintenance fees.
- Amend SC Code of Laws §59-47-100, deleting the phrase "the names of the persons who have received the bounty, the ages and places of residence of such persons and information as to their progress."
- Amend SC Code of Laws §8-11-270 to clarify the definition of "instructional position" by including the phrase "including but not limited to teachers, associate teachers, bus

drivers, orientation mobility staff, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and interpreters.”

Eliminate

The Subcommittee did not recommend elimination of any agency programs.

DETAILS - STUDY PROCESS

House Oversight Committee's Actions

On January 7, 2015, the House Legislative Oversight Committee approved a proposed seven-year study schedule for the Speaker of the House.³ The Speaker approved the Committee's recommendations, and they were then published in the House Journal on January 13, 2015.⁴ The School for the Deaf and the Blind is an agency subject to legislative oversight.⁵ The **Committee approved the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind as the second state agency to be studied** by the Education and Cultural Subcommittee on April 14, 2015.⁶

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.

Subcommittee Studying the Agency

The **Education and Cultural Subcommittee of the House Legislative Oversight Committee conducted a study of the agency**. The chair of the Subcommittee is the Honorable James E. Smith Jr. Other members include: the Honorable Gary E. Clary, the Honorable Joseph H. Jefferson, and the Honorable Tommy M. Stringer.⁷ Representatives Clary and Stringer both serve on the House Education and Public Works Committee; Representative Stringer is the chairman of the K-12 Subcommittee.⁸

Meetings with the Agency

The **Subcommittee met with the agency on seven occasions**. The SC School for the Deaf and the Blind president, Dr. Page McCraw, provided the Subcommittee with a brief overview of the agency during an introductory meeting on May 12, 2015.⁹ On May 19, 2016, the Subcommittee met with the agency to discuss the agency's history, mission, and strategic plan.¹⁰ The Subcommittee met with the agency on June 23, 2016 to visit the school's Braille Production Center at Leath Correctional Institute in Greenwood, South Carolina.¹¹ There was an opportunity for public input during the July 13, 2016 meeting.¹² The Subcommittee met with the agency on August 17, 2016 and September 15, 2016 to inquire about specific programs and formulate recommendations.¹³ The Subcommittee met to visit the School's Spartanburg campus on August 23, 2016.¹⁴

Information from the Public

Members of the public had an opportunity to participate anonymously in a public survey, provide comments anonymously via a link on the Committee website, and appear in person before the Subcommittee. From September 1, 2015, until September 20, 2015, the Subcommittee posted an **online survey to solicit comments from the public about the SC School for the Deaf and 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 41 of South Carolina's 46 counties.¹⁵ These comments are not considered testimony.¹⁶ 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.”¹⁷ The **public was informed they could continue to submit written comments about agencies online** after the public survey closed.¹⁸ All meetings were open to the public and streamed live online; the videos are archived. **During the June 13, 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:

- John Payne, South Carolina Department of Education
- Mike Hollifield, Halter
- Linda McCrary, Alumna of School for the Deaf and Blind
- Andy Patrick, Parent of Hearing-Impaired Child
- Tina Herzberg, University of South Carolina - Upstate
- Anita M. Steichen-McDaniel, South Carolina Association for the Deaf
- Rhonda Thompson, Commission for the Blind
- Kyle Walker, Commission for the Blind
- Tim Geter, South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department
- Jerry Francis, Commission for the Blind
- Rebecca Bates, Commission for the Blind

Information from the Agency

The **Committee asked the agency to conduct a self-analysis** by requiring it to complete and submit annual Restructuring Reports, a Seven-Year Plan for cost savings and increased efficiencies, and a Program Evaluation Report. The agency submitted its 2015 Restructuring Report and Seven-Year Plan, which were combined into a single report, on March 31, 2015.¹⁹ The agency submitted its 2016 Restructuring Report on January 8, 2016.²⁰ The agency submitted its Program Evaluation Report on July 27, 2015.²¹ The reports are available online. Committee staff provided the agency the draft Staff Study on April 27, 2016. The agency had ten business days to provide a response, if it wanted to provide a response. The agency provided a response on May 10, 2016. The Staff Study with the agency response is available online.²²

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 Committee chair shall, pursuant to Committee Standard Practice 13.1, include the Subcommittee Study on the agenda for a full committee meeting. During the Committee meeting at which the Subcommittee Study is discussed, the 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 Committee, utilizing any of the available tools of legislative oversight available.

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

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. The Committee Chair may provide briefings to the public about the final oversight study.

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 meetings with the agency can all be found on the Committee’s website.

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*Curtail (i.e. Revise)*²⁴

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.

Agency Purpose

Code Section	Addition to Title 59, Chapter 47
Justification	Unlike some special schools addressed in other chapters of Title 59, there is no concise description of what the School does and who it serves.
Suggested Language	CHAPTER 47 School for the Deaf and the Blind <u>SECTION xx-xx-xx. Purpose</u> <u>The School for the Deaf and the Blind is established to provide educational programs and outreach services to students who are deaf, blind, or sensory multi-disabled.</u>

Maintenance Fees

Code Section	SC Code of Laws §59-47-90
Justification	The School does not currently collect maintenance fees; it has not in recent years. Capital improvements are financed through a combination of public and private funds.

Suggested Language	<p>SECTION 59-47-90. Maintenance fees.</p> <p>———— Pursuant to the authority of Section 59-47-80, the board of commissioners shall establish a maintenance fee schedule to be charged students attending the school. Such schedule may, in the discretion of the board, be graduated in accordance with the financial resources and income of the parent or guardian of the student concerned, or may be excused entirely in proper cases. Failure to pay maintenance fees in accordance with the schedule prescribed by the board may result in the discharge of a student from the school when the board determines that payment of fees would not be an unreasonable burden upon those persons obligated to pay such fees. All funds collected as maintenance fees, including any such fees collected prior to July 1 1970, shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for deposit in a special fund to be used for capital improvements at the school.</p>
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Annual Report

Code Section	SC Code of Laws 59-47-100
Justification	While SCSDB provides an annual report to the General Assembly, in the form of the accountability report, the SCSDB-specific requirement that the report include student names, ages, residence, and progress information is outdated. Because it would violate student privacy and not clearly fall into any exemption, within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the school would have to obtain written consent to release these records. In addition, providing this information in a publicly available format to the General Assembly would be highly irregular.
Suggested Language	<p>SECTION 59-47-100. Appropriations; reports of board.</p> <p>The board of commissioners shall draw the annual appropriations as made by the General Assembly for the support and maintenance of said school and shall annually report to the General Assembly an exact statement of their various acts and doings during the past year, showing exactly how they disbursed the money received and expended, the names of the persons who have received the bounty, the ages and places of residence of such persons and information as to their progress. Vouchers covering all such disbursements shall be filed in the office of the Comptroller General.</p>

Employee Classification and Compensation

Code Section	SC Code of Laws 8-11-270
Justification	Currently, SCSDB only considers teachers to be unclassified employees. That means that teachers can be hired at a rate that is competitive with the location that the teacher is working in and that the teacher will receive comparable step increases. However other personnel involved in instruction have been considered a part of the classified system. That means that those employees must be hired within the state’s bands and are not eligible for step increases. In school districts, the same type of employee would be eligible for step increases. Since this section specifically provides an exemption to the classified system for instructional positions for which a certification is required, SCSDB would like to specifically define what those positions are. They all require some type of certification and they are all involved in instruction. The agency will also work with the Department of Administration regarding the appropriate classification of SCSDB employees.

Suggested
Language

SECTION 8-11-270. Exemptions from classification and compensation plan.

The classification and compensation plan shall not apply to:

1. Exempt employees specified in Section 8-11-260;
2. Academic personnel;
3. Officials or employees whose salaries are fixed by statute;
4. Such other positions the General Assembly may elect to exempt from time to time;
5. Such other personnel employed by the State institutions of higher learning and/or medical institutions of education and research as are recommended by the respective governing bodies and approved by the Department of Administration.
6. Instructional positions for which certification is required at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind, including but not limited to teachers, bus drivers, orientation and mobility staff, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and interpreters.

Eliminate

The Subcommittee does not recommend elimination of any agency programs.

SELECTED AGENCY INFORMATION

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³ 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 September 22, 2016). A video of the meeting is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

⁴ 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)

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¹³ SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “August 17, 2016-Education and Cultural Subcommittee Minutes” and “September 15, 2016-Education and Cultural Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Deaf and the Blind, School for the” <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SubcommitteeMinutes/EducationSub/August172016Minutes.pdf> and **Hold for Posting** (accessed September 23, 2016). Videos of the meetings are available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

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¹⁵ SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Results of Survey of STIB, School for the Deaf and the Blind, Commission for the Blind, Department of Public Safety, and Treasurer’s Office,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Commission for the Blind” [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SurveysforAllAgencies/Results%20of%20Survey%20of%20STIB,%20School%20for%20the%20Deaf%20and%20Blind,%20Commission%20for%20the%20Blind,%20Treasurer,%20and%20DPS%20\(September%201-30,%202015\).pdf](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/SurveysforAllAgencies/Results%20of%20Survey%20of%20STIB,%20School%20for%20the%20Deaf%20and%20Blind,%20Commission%20for%20the%20Blind,%20Treasurer,%20and%20DPS%20(September%201-30,%202015).pdf), unnumbered page 1 and 26-34, (accessed September 1, 2016).

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²³ SC House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “September 15, 2016-Education and Cultural Subcommittee Minutes,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” and under “Deaf and the Blind, School for the” **Hold for Posting**. Videos of the meetings are available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/videofeed.php>.

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