



A Review of South Carolina School Districts Utilization of Financial Flexibility Provisions

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Giving financial flexibility to school districts within specific parameters has been a priority of the South Carolina General Assembly. Furthermore, promoting dramatic innovation in schools and school districts will likely require changes in the allocation of resources. Are school districts in the state using the existing flexibility provisions? If so, how are districts utilizing the existing flexibility provisions?

The following brief documents the utilization of these financial flexibility provisions by school districts in Fiscal Year 2010-11 and in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2011-12. The data were provided to the Education Oversight Committee by the Office of Finance at the South Carolina Department of Education. The information is provided in three ways: (1) by individual school district; (2) by flexibility provision; and (3) by all school districts.