

Agency Name:	Public Employee Benefit Authority		
Agency Code:	F500	Section:	108



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B1)</i>	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):		
	☐	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.	
	☐	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.	
	☒	Not requesting any changes.	
NON-RECURRING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B2)</i>	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):		
	☐	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.	
	☐	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.	
	☒	Not requesting any changes.	
CAPITAL REQUESTS <i>(FORM C)</i>	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):		
	☐	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.	
	☒	Not requesting any changes.	
PROVISOS <i>(FORM D)</i>	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):		
	☐	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.	
	☐	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).	
	☒	Not requesting any proviso changes.	

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
PRIMARY CONTACT: SECONDARY CONTACT:	John Pannell	(803) 737-4675	jpannell@peba.sc.gov
	Travis Turner	(803) 734-0574	tturner@peba.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Peggy G. Boykin	Joe. W. Pearce, Jr.

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$3,371,062
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	N/A. No agency FTEs are funded with General Funds.
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	PEBA’s General Fund appropriations are statewide items and governed by statutes. PEBA does not control the amount of these appropriations and must pay out all funds that are received. However, based on actual amounts for FY25, PEBA believes that if necessary, reductions might be realized for Retirement Supplement State Employees (FY25 appropriation of \$233,258, actual payments of \$81,997), Retirement Supplement Public School Employees (FY25 appropriation of \$199,855, actual payments of \$74,293), and Retirement Supplement Police Officers (FY25 appropriation of \$17,506, actual payments of \$5,157). However, based on FY25 actual payments, it may be difficult to achieve a full 3% reduction over these categories. The other categories comprising most of the General Fund Appropriation (SCRS Trust Fund, PORS Trust Fund, Nation Guard Pensions, and OPEB Trust cannot be reduced per statute.
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	PEBA does not control the level of these General Fund appropriations and must distribute all funds collected.
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS	PEBA does not control the level of these General Fund appropriations and must distribute all funds collected.
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What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Cost avoidance for the State Health Plan through cost containment initiatives and plan design changes
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	PEBA continually evaluates and implements State Health Plan design changes to maximize potential cost savings for members and their employers.
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina’s businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark “X” for all that apply:	
	☐	Repeal or revision of regulations.
	☐	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	☐	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	☒	Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Estimated costs are determined using cost projections with current plan provisions versus cost projections for provisions proposed for the next plan year.
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	Not applicable.
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	Not applicable.
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority works continually with its vendors to identify ways to avoid additional costs to the State Health Plan. Ever increasing health care costs challenge budgets everywhere, but the State Health Plan remains a comprehensive and affordable option for South Carolina’s public employers and employees, as well as taxpayers. This focus on cost avoidance serves the Plan, and our state’s taxpayers, well. The Plan compares quite favorably overall with national health plan cost trends.		
	National trend estimates in comparison to State Health Plan trend		
		National benchmark	SHP Net Trend
	2020	5.8%	3.7%
	2021	8.5%	7.3%
	2022	6.8%	1.1%
	2023	8.5%	8.0%
	2024	8.8%	4.4%
	5-year average	7.7%	4.9%

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?