

SS#2 SCS HB 401 -- STATE REVENUE BONDS

This bill expands the authority of the Board of Public Buildings to issue revenue bonds. The bonding authority is increased by a total of \$400 million.

Of the \$400 million, \$230 million is authorized for the purpose of renovating, improving, and equipping state buildings and structures and to refinance the payment of temporary notes issued by the Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority. No more than \$150 million of the proceeds of these bonds can be applied to general revenue in Fiscal Year 2003.

The remaining \$170 million authorization is for the purpose of financing two specific projects at state educational institutions. The authority to issue these specific-purpose revenue bonds will terminate upon the satisfaction of all outstanding bonds, notes, and obligations related to the financing of the projects.

The bill also repeals the authority of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority and the Board of Public Buildings to securitize or issue bonds backed by revenue from the tobacco settlement payments.

The bill contains an emergency clause.