



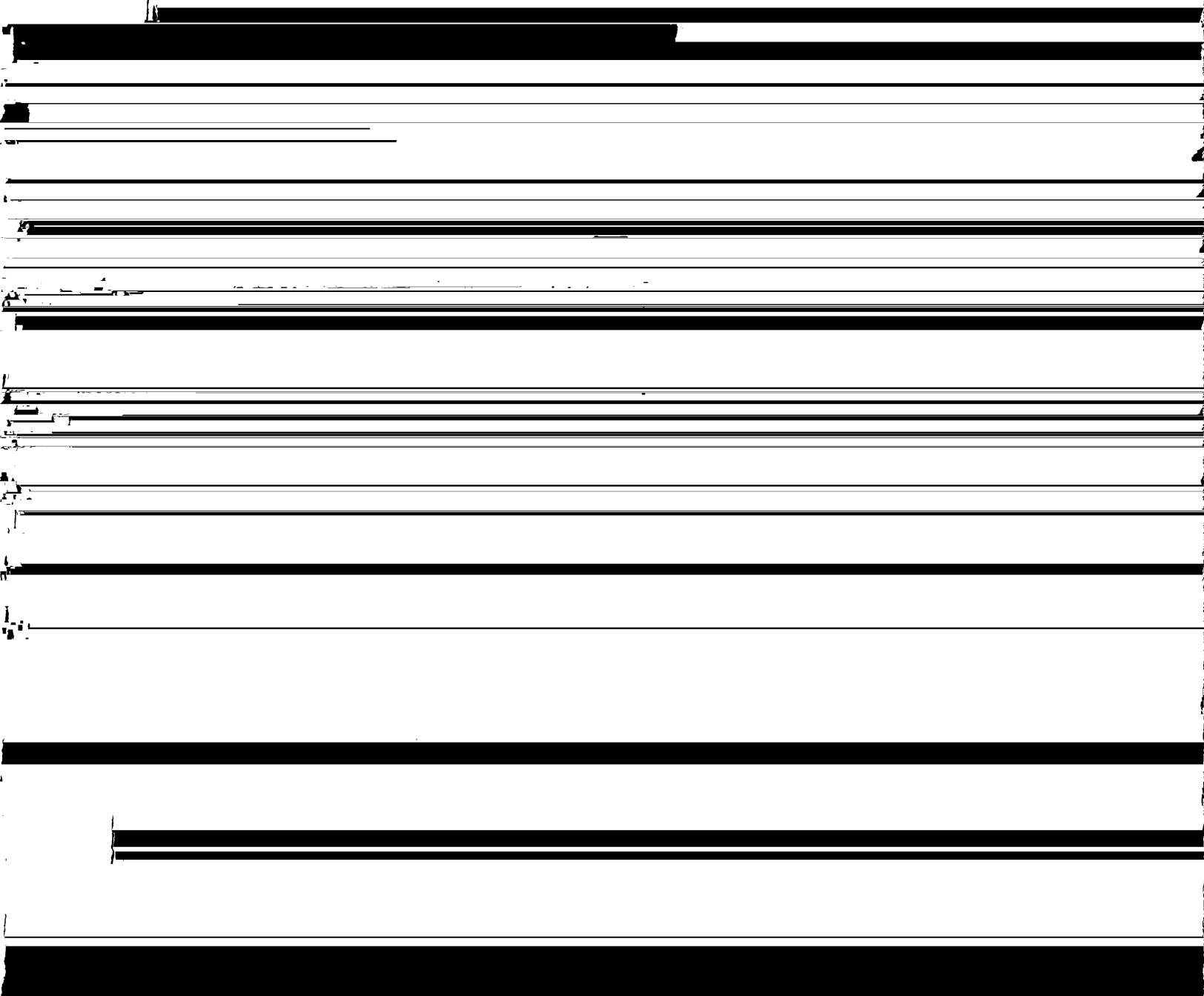
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Op. Att'y Gen., 2011 WL 3918179 (S.C.A.G. Aug. 25, 2011). As such, we believe a school's board of trustees is responsible for establishing a district's budget and ensuring compliance with section 6-1-80.

In addition to these constitutional and statutory provisions, some districts' budgetary authority is provided for by local law.¹ Therefore, to answer your question regarding school boards in general, we would have to look at each individual district's local law to determine how to handle mid-year budget transfers. We presume you are specifically interested in the District, and therefore will consider its local laws. Initially, we note the unique creation of the District, which according to the District's website "was organized by action of the Lexington County Board of Education in



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Gen., 1979 WL 42873 (S.C.A.G. Mar. 19, 1979) (“Unless provided otherwise by statute, governmental entities cannot further delegate any discretionary powers.”). As such, it is our opinion that the District’s board may not delegate authority to employees of the District to transfer

funds within its budget without express approval of the District’s board.

Moreover, we believe a contrary interpretation would run afoul of the Legislature’s intent

regarding the formalities required under section 6-1-80. “The primary rule of statutory construction is to ascertain and give effect to the intent of the legislature.” Mid-State Auto Auction

