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Meeting Notice

To: Subcommittee Members

Sen. Martin	Sen. Corbin, Chairman	
Sen. Garrett	Sen. Matthews	Sen. Cash
	Sen. Tedder	Sen. Leber

From: Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman

Date: February 19, 2026

Subject: Subcommittee Meeting

A subcommittee of the Medical Affairs Committee will reconvene on **Wednesday, March 4** at **10:00 AM** in **Room 209**.

Agenda

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1. [S. 741](#) – Senator Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-37-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO VACCINE CAN BE MANDATED FOR INFANTS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.
 2. [S. 897](#) – Senator Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-180, RELATING TO VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL PUPILS AND DAY CARE CENTER CHILDREN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR THE MMR VACCINE FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT AS ONE WHO HAS HAD A MMR VACCINE OR A MEDICAL EXEMPTION;

BY AMENDING SECTION 59-41-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT AN ELIGIBLE CHILD HAS A MMR VACCINE OR MEDICAL EXEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-600 SO AS TO MANDATE A PERSON MUST HAVE A MMR VACCINE TO ATTEND A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING.

Public testimony will be received on the above items. Those that desire to offer input may do so by:

- Speaking before the subcommittee. Please use the following link to register --

<https://forms.gle/Zd7OK11WVSTZgzPb6>

There will also be a sign-in sheet at the meeting. All speakers should be prepared to limit remarks to three minutes.

- Sending written remarks to the subcommittee. This may be done electronically --

smedicomm@scsenate.gov (please use bill # in subject line)

or by mail:

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All registrations should be completed and all documents received by Monday, March 2 at 9:00 AM. If you have any further questions, please contact the committee office, (803) 212 - 6250.