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House Floor Actions

H. 3424 No Obscene Material Website Access for Minors

The House has passed **H. 3424** and sent it to the Senate for its consideration. This new law would be added to our state Consumer Protection Code. Any commercial entity with a site containing a significant percentage of **obscene material**, or material that depicts, describes, or promotes child pornography or child sexual exploitation on the internet, could be held civilly liable if they fail to perform reasonable age verification methods-- including digitalized identification cards, independent third-party age verification services, or any other private or commercial concern using public or private transactional data-- for those attempting to access their material. The commercial entity or third-party using age verification methods would be prohibited from retaining any individually identifiable information after access to the website has been granted. Failure to properly verify users ages would allow any harmed individuals to seek nominal, actual, and punitive damages; file class action lawsuits; and recover their costs and attorney fees. In addition, the Attorney General would be allowed to seek an injunction against commercial entities that fail to comply with reasonable age verification requirements.

H. 4700 South Carolina Social Media Regulation Act

Also headed to the Senate is **H. 4700**. Social media companies would be required to make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of their users under this bill. The **South Carolina Social Media Regulation Act** implementation date would be March 1, 2025. These companies would become answerable to the repercussions contained in our state Unfair Trade Practices Act. Minors would be prohibited from being social media account holders unless they have their parents or guardians first expressly consent to them setting up an account. This proposed legislation sets forth a variety of methods for obtaining this consent. Minors accounts would be limited, and account access and supervision rights would be extended to their parents or guardians. These site hosts would be required to filter self-harm, use of force, or vandalism advocates from minor accounts access. They also could not allow sexual conduct as defined by existing South Carolina law from being accessed by minors. In addition, adults could not contact minors through their social media account absent very limited circumstances existing. Harmed individuals could sue to recover their attorney fees; actual damages related to fiscal, physical, and emotional damages; and costs.

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The Attorney General could be responsible for investigating complaints and violations, and imposing penalties upon social media companies. The Office of the Attorney General would have to compile and publish an annual report of all fines and penalties levied against violators. The Department of Education would be responsible for developing model programs covering online safety for minors accessing these providers' content and services.

H. 4825 Luring as Attempted Kidnapping

The Senate is receiving **H. 4825** after the House passed it this week. **Unlawfully luring anyone, including minors**, would be added as a serious crime under our criminal attempted kidnapping statutes. A maximum penalty of five years in jail is proposed for offenders luring or otherwise attempting to kidnap minors. A minor would be considered to be anyone under the age of 18.

H. 3309 "Seizure Safe Schools Act"

Also sent to the Senate, **H. 3309**, the "**Seizure Safe Schools Act**," outlines detailed procedures and requirements for schools in managing and supporting students with seizure disorders. School districts would be required to adopt a seizure *training* program that addresses the basics regarding epilepsy and its impact on student learning. Training must address the signs and symptoms of seizures and how to properly respond in the administration of medication. Training must meet guidelines established by qualified non-profit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. Training may be provided virtually by district or school staff or by trained individuals the district must document completion of training. A "Seizure Action Plan" is a written, emergency action plan that supplements the Individual Health Plan. The school district and its employees are not liable for injuries arising from the administration of medication authorized by the Individual Health Plan, with parents and guardians of indemnifying and holding harmless the district and its employees against the claim arising from administration of medication authorized by the Individual Health Plan.

H. 4159 "South Carolina Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act"

The House concurred with Senate amendments and enrolled for ratification **H. 4159**, a bill that expands **telehealth** to all licensed practitioners by enacting the "**South Carolina Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act**." Among many things, the bill provides requirements for regulated health care professionals who provide healthcare by means of telehealth. The bill also clarifies that APRN may utilize telemedicine. The bill updates the act to remove the in-person requirement. It states health care professionals

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shall adhere to the same standard of care as required for in-person care and must be evaluated according to the standard of care applicable to the licensee's area of specialty. The bill introduces a revised definition of "telehealth" which means the use of electronic communications, information technology, or other means to deliver clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, or health administration between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location. The bill outlines that licensees need not reside or maintain a physical office to practice telehealth. The bill also makes changes for prescribing medications based on physician-patient relationships established solely by telemedicine.

S. 298 Corporate Income Tax Changes

The House returned **S. 298** to the Senate with amendments. The bill provides clarification in **corporate income tax** provisions to address such issues as: assessing intercompany transactions in computing the taxpayer's state net income properly attributable to its business activity in South Carolina; determining when a combined tax return that encompasses affiliated groups must be submitted rather than separate filings; the apportionment formula for affiliated groups in combined returns; and, the process for appealing determinations made by the Department of Revenue.

H. 4810 Sales Tax Exemption for Clothing Required in Perishable Prepared Food Manufacturing Facilities

The House approved and sent the Senate **H. 4810**, a bill establishing a **sales tax exemption for clothing required in perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities**. The legislation codifies a budget proviso that has been included in recent general appropriations acts by establishing a sales tax exemption for clothing, such as outer garments, gloves, hairnets, headbands, beard covers, and caps, required for persons working in direct contact with food, food contact services, and food packaging materials to protect against contamination in perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities.

H. 3523 Fallen First Responder Survivor Advocate

The House has passed and sent to the Senate **H. 3523**. It would create a new position of "**Fallen First Responder Survivor Advocate**" within the SC Department of Administration if this bill becomes law. The responsibilities of this new position are spelled out in this proposal. The Governor will be able to recommend an appointment to this position after it is funded by the General Assembly.

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H. 4029 Legal Representation in Housing Authority Cases

Also passing the House and sent to the Senate was **H. 4029**, legislation to allow **Public Housing Authorities**, in the same manner as private corporations and other business entities are already authorized, to designate a representative to appear on their behalf in state magistrate court cases. These representatives could not be charged with the unauthorized practice of law when acting in their designated role.

H. 4674 The Display of License Plates on Motor Vehicles

The House sent **H. 4674** to the Senate. The bill would amend laws relating to the **display and fastening of license plates**, holding that license plates must be fastened to vehicles and to provide for the display of temporary license plates on large commercial vehicles (CMV) (in the windshield).

Committees

Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

The Medical, Military, Municipal and Public Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, and reported out two bills.

H. 4376 Veterans Remains

H. 4376 was given a favorable report by the committee. This bill requires coroners, as well as funeral home directors, in possession of **unclaimed human remains that have been identified and determined to be unclaimed veterans** to be released to a funeral home for an appropriate burial in a national cemetery.

H. 4928 Veterans' Trust Fund

The committee also gave a favorable report to **H. 4928**. This bill deals with the **Veterans' Trust Fund** that assists public and private veteran programs throughout the state. Currently, the fund does not have fundraising as an activity to raise monies to add to the fund. The bill **adds fundraising as an activity**.

Labor, Commerce, and Industry

The House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee met on Tuesday, January 30, and reported out several bills.

H. 4832 Paid Family Leave Insurance Act

The committee gave a report of favorable with amendments on **H. 4832**, the **"Paid Family Leave Insurance Act."** The legislation establishes a framework for optional family leave insurance policies issued to employers that allow them to provide employees with a benefit program that pays for a percentage or portion of the employee's income loss

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due to the birth or adoption of a child; the placement of a child with the employee for foster care; care of a family member who has a serious health condition; or, the status of a family member who is a service member on active duty or who has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty. The Department of Insurance is charged with making an annual report on the utilization of family leave insurance.

H. 3278 Real Estate Appraisers

The committee gave a report of favorable with amendments on **H. 3278**, a bill that revises qualifications and other provisions governing the licensure and regulation of **real estate appraisers**. The legislation would revise bring state provisions into alignment with federal standards and make enhancements as a means of encouraging more persons to enter the profession to address the state's shortfall in qualified real estate appraisers.

H. 3992 Delinquent Unemployment Compensation Tax Rates

The committee gave a report of favorable with amendments on **H. 3992**, a bill addressing **delinquent unemployment compensation tax rates**. The legislation provides that an employer who has a Department-approved installment payment agreement shall be permitted to pay its unemployment compensation tax at a reduced rate. However, any such employer's tax rate shall immediately revert to the tax class 20 rate if the employer fails to make any one of the succeeding deferred payments or fails to submit any succeeding wage report and payment in a timely manner as required by the Department-approved installment payment agreement.

H. 4869 Regulation of Insurers

The committee gave a report of favorable with amendments on **H. 4869**, relating to **Department of Insurance procedures**. The bill implements recommendations from the Department of Insurance for revising various provisions relating to the **regulation of insurers**. These revisions include confidentiality provisions for workpapers, and other materials involved in pending investigations; authority for conducting a market analysis and participate in multistate examinations of market practices; and, more expansive provisions clarifying that an insurer or producer, by or through employees, affiliates, or third-party representatives, may offer value-added products or services at no or reduced cost.

Ways and Means (preceding week)

H. 4710 Maximum Duration of Unemployment Benefits

The committee gave a report of favorable with amendments on **H. 4710**, a bill setting the **maximum duration of unemployment benefits based on seasonal adjusted**

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statewide unemployment rates by replacing the set maximum duration with a schedule that allows for the collection of the full 20 weeks of unemployment benefits when South Carolina is experiencing relatively high levels of unemployment and fewer weeks of benefits when the state's economy is robust enough to send the unemployment rate into decline. Under the schedule established by the legislation, the duration of unemployment benefits ranges from a maximum of 12 weeks of benefits when the state is experiencing a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of no more than 5.5 percent and up to 20 weeks of benefits when this unemployment rate rises above 9 percent.

Introductions

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5007 Striped Bass Limits – Lower Saluda River Rep. Caskey

This bill restricts permitted hook size when fishing with live or dead bait fish or bait fish in the Lower Saluda River.

H. 5011 Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Officer Rep. Hardee

The bill outlines that any hiring policy regarding tattoos may not preclude a candidate from consideration as an enforcement officer if the candidate has a tattoo on his arm or leg.

Education and Public Works

H. 4994 Testing for Contamination in Drinking Water Rep. J. Moore

H. 4994 seeks to amend current law to require all childcare centers and schools to test and, if necessary, remediate lead contamination in drinking water. It also specifies reporting obligations and assigns the State Department of Education and Department of Public Health the responsibility of establishing implementation rules.

H. 5023 Driver's License Applicants and the Work Zone Safety Program Course Rep. Brewer

H. 5023 would establish the work zone program within the Department of Public Safety. The bill also relates to license examinations and basic and classified licenses – these would require driver's license applicants to complete the work zone safety program course.

H. 5024 Transfer of National Guard License Plates Rep. Elliott

H. 5024 would provide that surviving spouses of members of the National Guard may apply to obtain National Guard license plates or transfer National Guard license plates issued to their spouses.

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Judiciary

H. 4969 Governor Secretaries of Transportation Appointments Rep. Caskey

This bill proposes amending state law regarding the appointment of the South Carolina Secretary of Transportation. It would give the Governor the sole authority to appoint and remove the Secretary of Transportation, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill also specifies the qualifications and compensation of the Secretary of Transportation.

H. 4972 Obscene Visual Representations of Child Sexual Abuse Rep. Felder

This bill aims to criminalize the production, distribution, and possession of obscene visual representations of child sexual abuse. It defines such representations as drawings, cartoons, sculptures, or paintings that depict a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, activity, or nudity, and that are obscene. It would also add this offense to the list of crimes that require offenders to register as sex offenders. The bill provides penalties for violating this law, ranging from two to ten years of imprisonment. It also would not matter whether minors so depicted actually exist.

H. 4973 Sexual Exploitation of Minors; Morphed Images of Children Rep. Felder

This legislation seeks to amend existing laws related to sexual exploitation of minors. It broadens the definition of "material" to include digital files and computer-generated images depicting explicit activities involving minors. The bill also introduces the terms "identifiable minor" and "morphed image" to cover instances where a minor's image is used or altered to create explicit visual content. These changes would be incorporated into the offenses of sexual exploitation of a minor, which now require registration on the sex offender registry.

H. 4974 Swatting and Emergency Dispatcher Interference Rep. Murphy

This bill defines the offense of swatting, which is making a false report of a crime or an emergency that is likely to cause a law enforcement or emergency response. In addition, harassing E911 dispatchers or preventing others from access to them would commit a crime by doing so. Penalties for violators would be on a graduated scale and be based on the severity and frequency of their offenses.

H. 4987 Protecting Domestic Violence Tenant Victims Rep. J. Moore

This bill defines domestic violence, abuse, and dating violence and abuse. It would prohibit landlords from discriminating or retaliating against tenants surviving these assaults. In addition, their tenants would have license to install new locks, terminate

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leases, or exclude named individuals from their leased premises. It would also establish a Domestic Violence Shelter Fund, require professionals to report and assist any survivors of this violence and abuse, and mandate hospitals to provide emergency services and examinations for these survivors. Minors would not have to have parental or guardian preapproval for these examinations.

H. 4989 No More State Judgeships for General Assembly Members' Families Rep. A. M. Morgan

If enacted, this proposal would prohibit the election or appointment of immediate family members, of current or former legislators, to any state judicial seats. Immediate family members such as spouses, parents, children, siblings, and in-laws would be subject to this prohibition. However, it would not apply to immediate family members who are already serving as judges should the bill be enacted.

H. 4991 Foreclosure Resolution Program Rep. J. Moore

This bill would create a Foreclosure Resolution Program under the Department of Consumer Affairs. It seeks to provide alternatives to foreclosure for homeowners and obligors who are in default --or facing imminent default-- on their mortgages. It would make creditors notify mortgagees of a right to participate in foreclosure mediation/resolution, and to attend meetings with neutral individuals appointed by the Consumer Affairs Department. Eligibility criteria, procedures, standards for this foreclosure resolution program, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved are set out as well. The bill would not apply to creditors who own, hold, or service five or fewer mortgages, unless they volunteer to participate in the program.

H. 4992 Workers Compensation for First Responders Rep. J. Moore

This bill would modify existing state law to provide workers' compensation benefits to first responders who suffer from stress or mental injury, even if unaccompanied by physical injury. The bill includes the terms "first responder," "significant traumatic experience or situation," and "grievous bodily harm." It proposes conditions first responder to file these claims for post-traumatic stress disorder arising from this employment. Weekly compensation rates, and the maximum period of coverage for such claims are set out as well. It also proposes certain excluded occurrences that are incidental to normal employer-employee relations. It would be applicable to injuries occurring on, or after, January 1, 2024.

H. 4995 Uniform Traffic Ticket Rep. Rose

This bill proposes changing state law regarding issuing uniform traffic tickets for certain misdemeanor traffic offenses. The bill would let law enforcement officers use uniform traffic tickets, instead of arrest warrants, when they have firsthand knowledge of a

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traffic collision requiring further investigation, and the collision is determined to have had no more than very minor, or no, personal injuries or damages. The bill also specifies that investigations would have to be completed within 60 days of the report of the collision.

H. 4997 School Bond Elections Rep. B. Newton

This bill proposes requiring school bond elections to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November of any year. The bill proposes procedures for conducting such elections.

H. 5006 "Election Official Protection Act" Rep. J. L. Johnson

The proposed "Election Official Protection Act" would repeal existing state law covering tampering with voting machines to instead set out detailed actions that would be considered criminal acts after it is enacted. These unlawful actions would include actual and conspired interference with election officials, including threats, coercion, obstruction, tampering, and unauthorized access to voting apparatus. Both criminal penalties and civil sanctions would apply to these violations. Criminal penalties would be up to three years in jail, and fines of up to \$5,000. Civil sanctions would include actual damages, investigation costs, attorney fees, equitable relief from appropriate courts, and assessments of up to \$1,000 for each occurrence. The bill proposes protecting personal information of election officials and their family members. It prohibits the unilateral public dissemination of this information, without first obtaining their consent. These election officials could request removal of their personal information from its posting on the Internet, or elsewhere.

H. 5010 Eminent Domain and Continued Public Use Requirements Rep. Kilmartin

Our state law covering eminent domain condemnations would be updated under this proposal. Condemners taking land for public purposes, as stated in their condemnation paperwork, would be held to the uses stated in it. It also would require annual audits by independent firms to confirm the take is still being used for its stated public purposes. When the take is confirmed as no longer being used for its stated public purpose, within 10 years after it was taken, the previous landowners, or their heirs, would have the option to repurchase their property at the condemnation valuation they were paid. This bill would apply to all properties obtained through eminent domain, whether acquired by condemnation order, or any agreement between the parties.

H. 5012 Juvenile Pretrial Diversion Court Rep. Henderson-Myers

This bill proposes juvenile pretrial diversion courts and pre-detention diversion programs--along the lines of the pretrial intervention program currently available to General Sessions and other court defendants--targeted to first-time, nonviolent offenders

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under the age of 18. It would offer an alternative to referral to the juvenile justice system and declares it would provide services that would be evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate. The bill also outlines the eligibility criteria, the consent process, the duration of the program, independent restitution payments, dismissing underlying charges after successful program completions, and data reporting requirements by these diversion court and program operations.

H. 5013 Retired Law Enforcement Officers Carrying Firearms Rep. Elliott

If enacted, this legislation would allow qualified, retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons in our state without some of the restrictions that apply to civilian CWP holders. The bill includes terms and conditions for obtaining retired law enforcement officer credentials. Firearms certification, training, and qualification opportunities for these retired officers would be made available by their agency or department. These retirees would have to pay the cost of their training. The bill also specifies that existing statutory restrictions against carrying concealed weapons on business premises, premises with statutory prohibitory signage, or on private property would not apply to these credentialed retired officers if it is enacted.

H. 5016 State Auditor Appointed by Governor Rep. B. Newton

Instead of being selected by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, South Carolina's State Auditor would be appointed by the Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate. The State Auditor would serve for a four-year term. This Auditor could be reappointed by the Governor to additional terms and could be removed by the Governor for cause as well. It proposes qualifications for the State Auditor. Compensation would be set by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4983 "Veterans' Bill of Rights Act" Rep. J. Moore

The bill enacts the "Veterans' Bill of Rights Act," which outlines veterans' rights and the various efforts for the Department to improve veterans' access, not limited to, jobs and affordable healthcare (including mental health services).

H. 4996 Permit the Transfer of Development Rights Rep. Smith

Among other things, the bill would add that local governments may provide, by ordinance, for the voluntary transfer of the development rights permitted on one parcel of land to another parcel of land.

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Labor, Commerce, and Industry

H. 4984 Prescription Drug Affordability Board Rep. J. Moore

This bill establishes a Prescription Drug Affordability Board, provides for the board's membership, powers, and duties, and requires the board to create a stakeholder council. The board is charged with responsibilities for undertaking drug cost affordability reviews and providing an annual report. The Office of the Attorney General is authorized to enforce the provisions of the legislation.

H. 4986 "South Carolina Service Corps Act" Rep. J. Moore

This bill establishes the South Carolina Service Corps as a division of the Department of Employment and Workforce in order to offer student loan relief, job training, and work experience, in exchange for providing community service in underserved areas.

H. 4990 "Paid Family Leave Insurance Act" Rep. J. Moore

This bill establishes paid family leave benefits, outlines requirements of family leave insurance policies, and provides for exclusions.

Ways and Means

S. 577 Income Tax Withholding Sen. Alexander

This bill revises provision relating to the withholding of income taxes to update a reference to the top marginal income tax rate.

H. 4971 Retired State Employees and Police Officers Returning to Work Rep. Williams

This bill revises retirement benefits after returning to covered employment under the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System to remove the \$10,000 earnings limitation on employees returning to employment who retired before January 2, 2025.

H. 4980 Medicaid Program Expansion Rep. J. Moore

This bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2025, an adult 65 years of age or younger whose income is at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level, with a 5 percent income disregard, is eligible for Medicaid as provided for in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its amendments.

H. 4981 Development Impact Fees Rep. Pendarvis

This bill revises provisions relating to development impact fees to provide that system improvement costs do not include repair, operation, or maintenance of existing or new

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H. 4982 School Lunch Requirements Rep. J. Moore

This bill establishes provisions under which eligible schools that participate in the school breakfast program must provide breakfast and lunch without charge to all students. The legislation requires schools to provide 30 minute lunch periods to all students.

H. 4985 National Guard Eligibility for Favorable Higher Education Tuition Rates Rep. B. J. Cox

This bill eligibility provisions for the favorable tuition rates for military personnel and their dependents by including certain members of the National Guard or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States units in South Carolina.

H. 4988 "South Carolina Medicaid Buy-In Act" Rep. J. Moore

This bill establishes a Medicaid buy-in program to provide quality, affordable health insurance for purchase by any resident of South Carolina who is ineligible for Medicaid, Medicare, and advance premium tax credits under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and whose employer has not unenrolled or denied the resident enrollment in employer-sponsored health insurance coverage on the basis that the resident would otherwise qualify for enrollment in Medicaid buy-in coverage.

H. 4993 Income Tax Advance for Childcare Expenses Rep. J. Moore

This bill makes provisions for a childcare advance which enables taxpayers to defer payment of a portion of their income tax.

H. 4998 Salary Supplements for Directors of County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections Rep. B. Newton

This bill expands provisions for annual salary supplements for certain county officers by including directors of county boards of voter registration and elections among those receiving the supplement.

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H. 5009 Tax Exemption for Retirement Income of First Responders, Law Enforcement Officers, and Teachers Rep. Kilmartin

This bill makes provisions for the retirement income of first responders, law enforcement officers, and teachers to be exempt from taxation.

H. 5017 Development Impact Fees Rep. Wooten

This bill provides that, on a monthly basis, a county must report to a city any residential development plans that are located within a one mile radius of the bordering city. The legislation revises provisions relating to filing notice with the Secretary of State, Department of Transportation, and Department of Public Safety to require notice to the county where property to be annexed is located. The legislation revises provisions relating to development impact fees to provide that system improvement costs do not include repair, operation, or maintenance of existing or new capital improvements or administrative and operating costs of the related governmental entity. The legislation revises provisions relating to the recommended capital improvements plan to modify the circulation and preparation requirements of the plan. The legislation revises provisions relating to refunds of impact fees to provide that impact fees that have not been expended within seven years of the date they were scheduled to be expended must be refunded to the owner of record of property on which a development impact fee has been paid.

H. 5019 "South Carolina Small Business Retirement Savings Plan and Trust Act" Rep. W. Jones

This bill establishes the "South Carolina Small Business Retirement Savings Plan and Trust Fund," a retirement savings plan and trust for small businesses in South Carolina, as a means of promoting retirement savings and financial security for employees and reducing the financial burden on the state's social safety net programs.

H. 5020 "South Carolina Lottery Scholarship Increase and Inflation Adjustment Act" Rep. W. Jones

This bill provides for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to increase the amounts of the lottery scholarships awarded to students by 25 percent beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. Beginning in 2029 and every five years thereafter, the Commission on Higher Education shall adjust the scholarship amounts to reflect the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

H. 5021 "South Carolina Community Jobs Act " Rep. W. Jones

This bill provides an income tax credit for an employer with a business that operates within South Carolina and has a facility located within a one-mile radius of a designated low-income community that hires an employee who: resides within a one-mile radius of the employer's facility; receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

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(TANF) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits; and, earns a minimum of \$20 per hour from the eligible employer.

H. 5022 School Lunch Requirements Rep. Erickson

This bill establishes provisions under which eligible schools that participate in the school breakfast program must provide breakfast and lunch without charge to all students. The legislation requires schools to provide thirty minute lunch periods to all students.

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