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Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4624 "South Carolina Clean Air Act" Rep. Gilreath

H. 4624 deals with unlawful discharges of air contaminants under the "South Carolina Clean Air Act" and is amended to clearly prohibit the intentional emission of any air contaminant whose purpose is to affect temperature, weather, or sunlight intensity. The legislation also establishes criminal penalties.

H. 4645 Septic Tanks Rep. Bustos

H. 4645 denotes that the Department of Environmental Services shall not permit the construction or installation of septic tanks within two hundred yards of any navigable waterway or coastal wetland.

H. 4692 "South Carolina Resource Independence and Resilience Act" Rep. J. L. Johnson

H. 4692 would establish a State Resource Commission within the Governor's Office. The purpose of the South Carolina Resource Independence and Resilience Act is to achieve and maintain a minimum of 25% in the in-state production of certain essential resources by 2036. Among many things, the commission shall coordinate statewide resource independence initiatives in collaboration with relevant state agencies.

H. 4710 Animal Cruelty Rep. Burns

H. 4710 would add exceptions to the ill-treatment of animals. The list includes, but is not limited to, lawful activities conducted for the primary purpose of providing food for human or animal consumption and lawful scientific or medical research.

H. 4721 Ill-Treatment of Animals Rep. Taylor

H. 4721 would restructures current law and also amends legislation to provide increased, graduated penalties for levels of ill-treatment of animal offenses.

H. 4729 Board of Veterinary Examiners Rep. Grant

H. 4729 would revise the composition of the Investigative Review Committee and its function within the Board, as well as procedures for handling complaints.

H. 4771 Restrictions on Night Hunting Rep. Hixon

H. 4771 would revise offenses (and increases the penalties) for night hunting. In addition, the bill outlines the use of electronic vision enhancing devices for night hunting and provides authority for magistrates' court to impose penalties.

H. 4774 Excess Food Donations Rep. J. Moore

H. 4774 outlines that every supermarket shall make excess food available to qualifying entities. No supermarket would be required to make available a particular quantity or level of excess food or to transport or distribute any excess food. The legislation defines

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“excess food” as edible food that is not sold or used by a supermarket and is still safe to be consumed but is being disposed of by the supermarket due to labeling, appearance, surplus, or other similar conditions with exceptions.

Education and Public Works Committee

H. 4582 Artificial Intelligence Use Policy Rep. Clyburn

H. 4582 would provide that each school district may provide age-appropriate instruction to students on how to access, utilize, and critically evaluate various artificial intelligence tools.

H. 4587 Exemptions Regarding Family Childcare Homes Registration Rep. Gilliam

H. 4587 relates to registration required for family childcare homes and would provide for certain exemptions for childcare providers on military installations.

H. 4588 Enrollment Requirements for Military Families Rep. Gilliam

H. 4588 relates to residency requirements compliance and would provide flexibility in enrollment requirements for military families.

H. 4590 Purple Star School Program Rep. Gilliam

H. 4590 would establish the South Carolina Purple Star School Program and would provide for an application process, and to provide for the display of the Purple Star School designation.

H. 4604 Merit and Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Act of 2026 Rep. Jones

H. 4604 would enact the "Merit and Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Act of 2026" to ensure that in the absence of DEI structures and race-conscious considerations, admissions, hiring, promotion, and retention decisions in South Carolina's public higher education system are merit-based, transparent, and auditable.

H. 4609 Charlie Kirk Day Rep. McCravy

H. 4609 would designate the fourteenth day of October each year as "Charlie Kirk Day."

H. 4610 American Sign Language Symbol Act Rep. J. Moore

H. 4610 would enact the "South Carolina State American Sign Language Symbol Act," designating the "I Love You" (ILY) hand gesture as the official American Sign Language symbol of the state of South Carolina, among other requirements

H. 4632 Cash Berry Childcare Safety and Quality Rating Act Rep. Martin

H. 4632 would enact the "Cash Berry Childcare Safety And Quality Rating Act" by requiring the Department of Social Services to develop and implement a childcare facility safety and quality grading system. This would be done by promulgating applicable regulations to implement the system; requiring licensed childcare facilities to post their

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grade on a placard in a prominent location; prohibiting tampering with the placard; requiring the Department to establish a searchable online database with childcare facility grades and inspection history; allowing childcare facilities to request re-inspections in certain circumstances; and, establishing penalties for childcare facilities that fail to display their assigned grade.

H. 4676 Handicapped License Plates for Autistic Persons Rep. Landing

H. 4676 relates to license plates for handicapped persons. The bill would provide the Department of Motor Vehicles may issue handicapped license plates to autistic persons.

H. 4677 School Crossing Guard Protection and Certification Act Rep. Martin

H. 4677 would enact the "School Crossing Guard Protection And Certification Act." This bill relates to obedience to authorized persons directing traffic – providing that this also applies to certified uniformed adult school crossing guards, establishes a certified uniformed adult school crossing guard program; provides that it is unlawful to endanger or injure a certified uniformed adult school crossing guard; and provides penalties: assigning four-point points against a person's driving record for various motor vehicle violations.

H. 4684 Emergency Scene Management Rep. M. M. Smith

H. 4684 relates to emergency scene management, revising the penalty for unlawfully approaching stationary authorized emergency vehicles -- providing four points must be assessed against drivers' motor vehicle operating records for unlawfully approaching stationary authorized emergency vehicles.

H. 4686 English Proficiency for a Driver's License Rep. White

H. 4686 would provide persons who cannot demonstrate proficiency in reading and understanding the English language may not be issued a driver's license or have their driver's license renewed.

H. 4687 Reporting Hazardous Road Segments Rep. White

H. 4687 would provide that county sheriffs shall submit reports to the Department of Transportation identifying road segments that are hazardous, and the Department shall provide appropriate responses to the sheriffs regarding road closures or repairs and maintain a database of the reports.

H. 4688 Safety Belt Exemptions and Golf Cart Passengers Rep. Wooten

H. 4688 would provide that golf cart passengers under twelve years old are exempt from wearing safety belts under certain circumstances.

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H. 4725 Recording All Special Education Classroom Instruction Rep. Burns

H. 4725 would provide that all K-12 public schools shall record all special education classroom instruction (with the attendant retention and disclosure of recordings, consent and privacy requirements, and prohibition of the commercial use of recordings, among other things).

H. 4727 Payment for Athletic Activities Admissions Rep. Calhoon

H. 4727 would require public schools to accept cash as a form of payment for admissions at the time of the event for interscholastic athletic activities where a fee is charged for admission.

H. 4731 Abolishing the South Carolina Arts Commission Rep. Long

H. 4731 would abolish the South Carolina Arts Commission and transfer and devolve its functions, powers, and duties to the South Carolina Department of Education.

H. 4734 Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Ed. Rep. McCravy

H. 4734 would require public institutions of higher learning to formally adopt and comply with the Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education proposed by the united states secretary of education, and to establish reporting requirements and enforcement procedures.

H. 4735 Truancy Study Committee Rep. McDaniel

H. 4735 would create the "Truancy Root Cause Intervention Study Committee" to review and recommend modifications to current truancy intervention programs ensure the identification and assessment of home environmental factors and related conditions contributing to individual instances of truancy.

H. 4736 Commission on Higher Education Rep. McGinnis

H. 4736 would create a mandatory orientation training program for new members of the Commission on Higher Education.

H. 4737 Boards of Trustees of Public Institutions of Higher Learning Rep. McGinnis

H. 4737 would create a mandatory orientation training program for new members of the boards of trustees of public institutions of higher learning.

H. 4738 Omnibus Education General Requirements Rep. McGinnis

H. 4738 would amend and modify: certain duties of the state board of education and the commission on higher education relating to public educator training; eliminate the governor's teaching scholarship loan program; amend the South Carolina educator preparation report card; amend college parallel courses and associate degree programs, so as to remove related budgetary review requirements of the commission; conversion from the quarter calendar system to the semester calendar system by the technical education

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system, so as to remove obsolete provisions; education lottery appropriations and uses, so as to remove obsolete provisions; amend grievance and performance appraisal procedure for academic employees; the South Carolina research university infrastructure act; implementation of the metric system by the commissioner of agriculture; the state occupational training advisory committee allocation of funds; certain revenue from tax on catalog sales creditable to mail order sales tax fund; the advisory council of private college presidents; the accreditation and chartering of chiropractic colleges; by the South Carolina manufacturing extension partnership; the competitive grants program; the endowed professorships program; the research investment fund; for research investment fund uses; the comprehensive reports for the research investment fund to be made at the end of the fiscal year; the allocation of funds from the research investment fund; the model sexual assault policy created by the campus sexual assault information act; the college loan program for national guard members; the authority of the board of trustees of the Citadel to change the name of the institution; the Felton-laboratory school at South Carolina State University; and the educational lottery teaching scholarship grants program.

H. 4739 Safety Training Program Rep. McGinnis

H. 4739 would require each public college, university, and technical college and each independent institution of higher education in South Carolina that receives certain lottery scholarship-funded tuition payments to implement a safety training program for all new students.

H. 4740 School Mapping Data Program Rep. McGinnis

H. 4740 would create the school mapping data program within the state Commission on Higher Education for the purpose of facilitating efficient emergency responses in certain institutions of higher learning by public safety agencies.

H. 4743 Strength and Conditioning Coaches Rep. T. Moore

H. 4743 would require certification of public school strength and conditioning coaches.

H. 4746 Annual Physical Examination Rep. Oremus

H. 4746 would require students in grades seven through twelve who participate in interscholastic athletics to receive an annual physical examination before participation and a one-time electrocardiogram before initial participation, to provide for exemptions, liability limitations, and school district duties, to require governing bodies of interscholastic athletics to conform their bylaws, and to provide for effective dates and applicability.

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H. 4749 Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act Rep. Pope

H. 4749 would enact the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act" to provide measures to protect expressions by students and student organizations in certain places on the campuses of public institutions of higher learning.

H. 4753 Athletic Trainers' Loan Assistance Grants Program Rep. Wooten

H. 4753 would create the "Athletic Trainers' Loan Assistance Grants Program" for the purpose of providing certified athletic trainers in the public schools of this state grants to assist with the repayment of subsidized or unsubsidized federal student loans incurred in obtaining education required for their certification.

H. 4761 Annual Evaluations of Faculty at Public Institutions of Higher Learning Rep. Erickson

H. 4761 would provide annual evaluations of faculty at public institutions of higher learning.

H. 4768 Parking Placards Rep. Caskey

H. 4768 relating to the issuance of temporary and permanent parking placards, so as to provide that placards may be issued to expectant mothers.

H. 4769 Submarine Veterans' Special License Plates Rep. Davis

H. 4769 relating to special license plates reflective of military service, so as to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles may issue submarine veterans special license plates.

H. 4772 Prohibit the Scheduling of Sports Events Rep. Brewer

H. 4772 would prohibit the scheduling of sports events for a high school to occur on the same day on which the school is holding its graduation ceremonies or prom, and to make such events scheduled in violation of this prohibition void.

H. 4775 Driver's License Not Recognized Rep. Moss

H. 4775 would provide it is unlawful to drive a motor vehicle with a driver's license not recognized in this state and to provide a penalty.

H. 4782 Graduate Nursing Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program Act Rep. Giliard

H. 4782 would enact the "Graduate Nursing Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program Act" to address primary care shortages in underserved areas by increasing access to graduate-level nursing education through forgivable loans.

H. 4803 Vaccine Communication Transparency Requirements Rep. Terribile

H. 4803 would provide vaccine communication transparency requirements that include information regarding the process for obtaining childhood or school-entry immunization exemption information.

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H. 4809 Digital Form of Identification Rep. Gilreath

H. 4809 would define a "Digital Form of Identification", and that a public entity is not authorized to use such forms of identification.

Judiciary

H. 4564 Impeachment Investigation Rep. Pace

This proposed House Resolution (H. 4564) seeks to have the Judiciary Committee determine whether Fifth Circuit Solicitor Byron Gipson should be impeached for serious misconduct in office and report any findings to the House.

H. 4568 Jesus Christ as King of All Nations Rep. Magnuson

A House Resolution (H. 4568) seeking to officially acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and King of all nations, respect the revealed will of our Creator, reaffirm the God statements contained in our Declaration of Independence, and underscore them as the foundations of our republican form of government.

H. 4585 Suspending Derelict Public Officers Rep. Gagnon

In H. 4585, the offense of neglect of duty by elected officials would be expanded to specifically include mayors, county and municipal council members, as well as set-out that the governor would suspend any of these delinquent officers upon their indictment.

H. 4591 Stop Harm from Addictive Social Media Act Rep. Guffey

H. 4591, The "Stop Harm from Addictive Social Media (SHASM) Act," represents a comprehensive legislative effort that would, among other things, require covered social media platforms to use reasonable means to estimate the age of certain account holders, verify their age, create default account settings for certain users, and require parental consent before minors could use their product.

H. 4622 Equal Parenting Act Rep. Gatch

The proposed "Equal Parenting Act" (H. 4622) provides mechanisms to alert family courts to guardian *ad litem* bias or other misconduct. Anyone acting as a GAL would have to submit to a drug test before doing so. In addition, it would clarify that equal parenting time for both parents is presumed to be in a child's best interest. If enacted, any parental interference with the parenting time of the other parent would be grounds for modification of any child custody order.

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H. 4623 Ending Firearm Possession Disclosures by Foster Parents Rep. Gilliam

H. 4623 would prohibit the SC Department of Social Services and other child-placing agencies from requiring foster parents to disclose information related to firearms that are present in their homes. It also would allow civil penalties of up to \$5,000 against any violators.

H. 4630 Reporting Sudden Infant Death Incidents Rep. Kilmartin

Under H. 4630, coroners and medical examiners would be required to report sudden, unexpected deaths of infants and young individuals [whether due to Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS), Sudden Death in the Young (SDY), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), or Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)] to a national registry. This registry would be coordinated by the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health. Penalties for failure to report are also included.

H. 4631 "Social Media Public Service Announcement and Youth Mental Health Act" Revisions Rep. Martin

H. 4631 is a legislative effort to add the "Social Media Public Service Announcement and Youth Mental Health Act" to apply to social media platforms operating in South Carolina. If passed, these platforms would have to include a requirement for posting mental health public service announcements. They would include warnings about the dangers and pitfalls dangers of social media use by children and teens. Violators would face enforcement actions by our Department of Consumer Affairs, and face assessments of up to \$25,000 for failing to post these warnings.

H. 4633 SC DSS Removals and Inventions/Child Visitation Rep. Mitchell

H. 4633 would make our SC Department of Social Services facilitate visitations between parents and their children when these children are placed outside of their home after a probable cause hearing. At any initial hearing, the Family Court would also address the appropriateness of supervised or monitored visitation.

H. 4634 At Risk Institution Study Committee Review Rep. J. Moore

H. 4634 proposes a study committee that would examine South Carolina's state public institutions and systems serving at-risk South Carolinians. These members would recommend any needed reforms to ensure that these entities safeguard and protect the human rights of anyone in their care.

H. 4636 Making Kratom a Schedule I Drug Rep. Oremus

If enacted, H. 4636 would add kratom to the list of Schedule I Controlled Substances. It also would repeal the South Carolina Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

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H. 4637 Banning Abortion-Inducing Prescription Drugs Rep. Oremus

H. 4637 represents a legislative effort to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, possession, mailing, transporting, delivery, and prescribing of abortion-inducing drugs in South Carolina. As part of this effort, it also includes recoverable damages, penalties; and also, would allow *qui tam* actions for petitioners to recover damages for filing their petitions on behalf of South Carolina. These rights would also hold true for any out-of-state legal actions or conduct that is the basis for these legal actions. It also would prohibit abortion assistance activities, including paying abortion costs, providing financial support to any abortion fund.

H. 4638 Banning Human Embryo Sales Rep. Oremus

H. 4638 would cover the sale or purchase of human embryos created by *in vitro* fertilization would be banned, and violators would be penalized for violations. Any violators would face up to forty-five years in jail, with sentences based upon the severity of the offense[s] committed.

H. 4640 Expanding Victim Advocates Authority Rep. Pope

By adding in victim advocates to existing state law, H. 4640 would allow a victim advocate to file petitions for orders of protection as well as motions for other relief for household members in domestic violence cases.

H. 4641 Kratom as a Schedule I Controlled Substance Rep. Pope

If enacted, H. 4641 would add kratom to the list of Schedule I Controlled Substances. It also would repeal the South Carolina Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

H. 4642 Determining a Defendant's Fitness to Stand Trial Rep. Pope

H. 4642 would add judicial procedures for determining certain defendants' fitness to stand trial.

H. 4644 Unmarried Parents as Natural Guardians of the Child Born Rep. Pope

Should H. 4644 become law in South Carolina, an unmarried mother and a father who have established paternity would be considered to be the natural guardians of their child. It would also require a parenting plan to be put in place after the birth of their child.

H. 4647 Great Grandparent Visitation Rights Rep. Caskey

Under H. 4647, court-ordered grandparent visitations with minor children would expand this current law to include great-grandparent visitations.

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H. 4648 Redefining Regulated Kratom Rep. Chapman

H. 4648 proposes modifying the current description of what constitutes a regulated kratom product by removing 'fully' synthetic substance references made under current law.

H. 4650 Criminally Interfering With a Custodial Parent or Guardian Rep. Edgerton

Under H. 4650, custodial interference would be expanded to increase the age of a child subjected to the crime of custodial interference to eighteen years old, as well as cover any acts amounting to a refusal to return a child to a custodial parent.

H. 4651 Paying for Causing Parental Alienation from their Children Rep. Edgerton

If passed, H. 4651 would allow reimbursement of attorney fees, costs, and unnecessary expenses causing familial financial hardship that are incurred by parents as a result of actions taken by interloping parties.

H. 4652 Family Court Order Issuance Deadlines Rep. Edgerton

Family Court judges would be subject to deadlines to issue their orders after hearings under H. 4652. They would have ten days after a hearing is held, or seven days after supplemental information requested at a hearing has been provided to file their orders.

H. 4653 Mifepristone and Misoprostol as Controlled Substances Rep. Edgerton

H. 4653 adds mifepristone and misoprostol to the existing list of Schedule IV Controlled Substances.

H. 4654 Illegally Coercing Another To Undergo an Abortion Procedure Rep. Edgerton

Coercion to obtain an abortion would be a state crime under H. 4654, with penalties of up to a ten thousand dollar fine or jail time of up to one year.

H. 4655 Wastewater Testing for Urinary Metabolites Rep. Edgerton

H. 4655 requires the SC Department of Environmental Services to test wastewater treatment facility effluent for urinary metabolites.

H. 4656 Expediting Custodian Compliance for Deceased Minors Rep. Guffey

Any orders for compliance to produce digital asset information or close a minor's account, when a fiduciary is the parent or legal guardian of their deceased minor, would be expedited under the provisions in H. 4656.

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H. 4659 Modifying Member-Managed Company Standards Rep. Herbkersman

Should H. 4659 become law, limited liability corporation general standards for members' and managers' conduct, would have exemptions for members' duty of loyalty to member-managed companies and its other members absent the existence of a valid non-compete agreement.

H. 4660 Barring Dissolved Corporation Claims Rep. Luck

Any unknown claims against dissolved corporations would be barred five years after the date the corporation's notice of dissolution was filed under H. 4660.

H. 4661 Illegal Critical Infrastructure Trespassing and Threatening Facility Workers Rep. Pope

No one could enter critical infrastructure facilities without authorization if H. 4661 is enacted. They also could not threaten any workers there with any intent to obstruct their operations under this proposal. Penalties include jail time of up to twenty-five years and would be dependent on the severity of the offense committed.

H. 4663 Requiring Magistrates to be Licensed Attorneys Rep. Bustos

State magistrates would have to be US citizens, at least twenty-one years old, residents of South Carolina for at least five years, and licensed attorneys if H. 4663 is enacted.

H. 4665 Mandatory Adult Website Content Filters Rep. Gatch

Internet service providers would have to take commercially reasonable steps to filter all of their adult content, unless a user requests these filters be deactivated, under H. 4665. These providers would be permitted to charge a site filtering fee.

H. 4666 "Digital Choice Act" Rep. Guffey

The "Digital Choice Act" (H. 4666) would establish legislative findings about social media data control and competition. As part of these findings, a permissible format for social media service would include providing its consumers with a copy of their consumer's personal data upon their request. These companies also would have to implement data interoperability interfaces as well as establish requirements for data sharing between social media services. Violators would face civil penalties for any infractions. The

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Attorney General would be the enforcer of these requirements and could recover all fees and costs of enforcement actions taken.

H. 4667 Appellate Court Right to Proceed Without Magistrate Returns Rep. Luck

Under H. 4667, Appellate courts could proceed as if a magistrate has died, become insane, or is absent in cases where their required returns have not been filed with that appellate court. It also seeks to increase magistrate court civil jurisdiction to \$74,500, but would limit their jurisdiction in civil cases involving the state as a party to \$7,500.

H. 4668 Magistrate Judicial Merit Selection Commission Reviews Rep. Mitchell

Magistrate candidates would be reviewed by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission under H. 4668. It also would increase magistrate court civil jurisdiction and require magistrate court personnel to include one, or more, licensed attorney.

H. 4669 Municipal Elections Standardization Rep. B. Newton

Municipal elections in South Carolina would all follow the same procedures under the provisions H. 4669. Among other things, they would work off the same permitted dates and set elections via an appropriate ordinance. If no ordinance is passed, then these elections would have to be held on dates contained in this pending legislation. Bond or other municipal referendums would not have to necessarily follow this predetermined schedule, however. Municipal ordinances also could set out the beginning date for terms of their elected officials to begin. They also could contract with their county election commissions to conduct municipal elections. An additional feature of the bill are procedures for contesting municipal elections, and a prioritization of any election contest appeals.

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H. 4670 Tort Damage Claims Formats Rep. W. Newton

H. 4668 represents an effort to set formats, delivery requirements, and minimum standards for time-limited payment demands in personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or wrongful death tort lawsuits.

H. 4671 Protecting Constitutional and Civil Rights Rep. Edgerton

Among other things, H. 4671 sets out protections of rights and privileges extended to all citizens under the United States and South Carolina constitutions.

H. 4673 Doxing Proscriptions Rep. Kilmartin

If enacted, H. 4671 would make it unlawful to disseminate personally identifying information with an intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten anyone. Violators face punishment, based on the severity of the offenses committed, of up to twenty-five years in jail.

H. 4674 Removing Derelict Aircraft Rep. Bustos

H. 4674 is a proposal to establish uniform procedures for the disposal of abandoned or derelict aircraft by airport managers.

H. 4675 "South Carolina Community Data Protection and Responsible Surveillance Act" Rep. Kilmartin

H. 4675 would establish the "South Carolina Community Data Protection And Responsible Surveillance Act." No state or local entity could participate in any surveillance system that stores surveillance data on third party servers or uses artificial intelligence or automated systems to track vehicles other than using automated license plate readers. In addition, it would put in place surveillance data retention and storage schedules, be subjected to judicial oversight, and require annual reports. Violators would face penalties for noncompliance.

H. 4678 Valid Licenses Valid for Law Enforcement Officer Duties Rep. Martin

With H. 4675, law enforcement candidates could have drivers' licenses issued by any state. It also would prohibit any requirement that officers hold South Carolina drivers' licenses or reside in South Carolina as any condition of certification or employment. In

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addition, these candidates could not have experienced any license suspension within five years of their certification applications.

H. 4679 "South Carolina Drone Regulation and Public Safety Act" Rep. Mitchell

H. 4679, the "South Carolina Drone Regulation and Public Safety Act," would establish guidelines for unmanned aircraft systems, *i.e.* drones, operation statewide. Violators would be subject to specified penalties for their unlawful drone use.

H. 4680 Protecting Emergency Incident Scenes Rep. Mitchell

H. 4680 seeks to lower maximum penalties against anyone endangering emergency responders at incident scenes from \$500 to \$300.

H. 4681 Resident County Sheriffs Rep. Pedalino

With H. 4681, qualifications for sheriff candidates would require their county residency at the time of their filing. Current law requires these candidates to have lived in that county for one year prior to filing for this office.

H. 4682 Certified Candidates Drivers Licenses Rep. Pope

H. 4682 would require all candidates for law enforcement certification to hold a valid current driver's license from any state.

H. 4683 Restricting Sex Offenders Residential Locations Rep. Rankin

Through revising our statutory definition of a "children's recreational facility," H. 4683 would add additional offenses that would prevent sex offenders from residing near schools, daycare centers, or recreational facilities. In addition these registered offenders would not be able to own, operate, or be employed by specified businesses or organizations that provide services to minors, or allow unsupervised access to minors. In addition SLED would be responsible for notifying all registered sex offenders of these new restrictions if this bill is enacted.

H. 4685 No Alleged Civil Rights Claims to Stop Evictions or Firings Rep. Taylor

H. 4685 would repeal outdated criminal law that permits criminally arresting employers for firing employees from employment, or landlords for ejecting tenants from rented property, by making allegations they did so because political opinions were expressed, or they exercised other civil rights.

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H. 4689 Keeping Guilty But Mentally Ill Patients Protected Rep. Taylor

After recent incidents showed courts were restricted in how they could subsequently handle defendants found to be guilty but mentally ill, or unable to stand trial due to their mental state, H. 4689 would allow judges to order the Office of Mental Health to place anyone found unfit to stand trial in secure facilities when their hospitalizations did not last as long as the maximum sentence for their crime. As part of their retentions, a court would review any determinations these defendants still pose a danger to society if released.

H. 4691 Preventing Abortion Clinics from Rendering Family Planning Services Rep. McCravy

H. 4691 seeks to clarify that organizations-- and any of their affiliated providers-- deemed abortion clinics would be banned from providing family planning services. In addition, our South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services would not be able to send any Medicaid funds to these places.

H. 4696 Safe Havens for Older Infants Rep. McCravy

Existing state law allowing safe havens for abandoned babies would be modified to cover infants up to one year old if H. 4696 becomes South Carolina law. Current law limits safe haven availability to infants less than sixty days old.

H. 4698 Veteran Recruiters to Promote Hire a Vet by State Agencies Rep. Mitchell

H. 4698 sets out veterans' preference in state agency hiring practices. As part of this assertion, state agencies would be required to adopt veterans' recruitment plans which would have to be reported to the Department of Labor and Workforce.

H. 4699 No Tax Delinquencies by Public Office Candidates Rep. Mitchell

Any public office candidates would have to file proof of their 'paid up' status with all state and federal income tax authorities when they file their statement of economic interests should H. 4699 be enacted.

H. 4706 Legally Noisy Racing Facilities Rep. Rutherford

Specified racing facilities could not be sued or reported by surrounding landowners, within a three-mile radius, who bought their property after the facility was authorized or built, if H. 4706 becomes law in South Carolina.

H. 4707 Candidates Legal Residency Requirements Enhancements Rep. Sessions

H. 4707, a Joint Resolution, seeks a public referendum on the question of requiring General Assembly candidates to have been legal South Carolina residents for at least ten years, as well as of their district for at least two years at the time of filing for that office.

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An additional question would be to require any candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Superintendent of Education, Comptroller General, and Commission of Agriculture have been a legal resident of South Carolina for at least ten years prior to election day.

H. 4711 More Circuit Court Judges Rep. Caskey

H. 4711 proposes to increase the number of circuit court judges in the Fifth, Sixth, and Fifteenth Judicial Circuits.

H. 4712 Search Warrants and Returns Revisions Rep. King

Under H. 4712, anyone served with search warrants would have to be provided a copy of the warrant as well as an inventory of all items taken under it. In addition, if no property is seized after a search, it would then have to be returned to its original condition.

H. 4713 Attempted Murder Criminal Penalty Enhancement Rep. McCravy

The criminal offense of attempted murder would carry a mandatory minimum five years in jail if this H. 4713 is enacted.

H. 4714 Admissible Evidence in Battered Spouse Syndrome Cases Rep. McCravy

Evidence of battered spouse syndrome, including but not limited to its foundation, notice, expert and lay testimony, and a rebuttable presumption that the defendant suffers from battered spouse syndrome are contained in H. 4714. This presumption would also extend to any Defendant that they acted in self-defense when they have a documented history of surviving prior violent assaults. As a final aspect of this bill, these defendants would also be extended this presumption after a threat of a violent assault, or violent assault on the defendant, by the victim occurs within twenty-four hours of this alleged offense.

H. 4715 Wrongful Death of Unborn Children Rep. Mitchell

H. 4715, once passed, civil actions for wrongful acts causing death would be extended to unborn children at any stage of their development. Parents could file wrongful death lawsuits on behalf of their deceased unborn child. A mother, father, or both the mother

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and father could bring these wrongful death actions, and they would be considered to be the sole beneficiaries of any damage awards under this pending bill.

H. 4716 General Assembly Advice and Consent for Magistrate Appointments Rep. Oremus

If enacted, H. 4716 would have magistrates appointed by the Governor after the advice and consent of the General Assembly is given, rather than only after the advice and consent of the Senate.

H. 4717 Congressional Districts Redistricting Authority Rep. Pace

H. 4717 would establish election districts from which the members of the congressional districts are elected beginning with the 2026 general election. As part of this process, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House would be authorized to intervene in any state or federal action concerning this pending legislation.

H. 4718 Removing Coroner Residency Requirements Rep. Pedalino

Coroners would no longer have to be a one-year resident of the county where they are seeking election if H. 4718 is enacted.

H. 4719 More Death Penalty Aggravating Circumstances Rep. Pope

Premeditated murder would become an additional aggravating circumstance for seeking the death penalty once H. 4719 becomes law in South Carolina.

H. 4720 Second Pretrial Intervention Participation Opportunity Rep. Rose

Defendants could participate in a pretrial intervention program a second time if twenty years have passed since they last successfully completed their prior pretrial intervention program, should passage of H. 4720 be successful.

H. 4722 More Death Penalty Aggravating Circumstances Rep. White

H. 4722 would add the additional aggravating circumstances for imposing the death penalty: premeditation, targeting a vulnerable adult, or killing a pregnant woman.

H. 4723 "South Carolina Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" Rep. Wooten

H. 4723, the "South Carolina Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" would prohibit filing qualified civil liability lawsuits against dealers, manufacturers, or sellers of certain firearms and related items, as well as against any trade association except when done under certain delineated circumstances.

H. 4724 Property Owner Public Records Notification Systems Rep. Burns

H. 4724 would have registers of deeds implement and maintain property recording notification systems. This effort would be a countermeasure against scammers who seek to

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file baseless liens against innocent property owners, borrow money against their real estate, or take other actions that slander the title of owners' real estate.

H. 4728 No FOIA Document Preparation Charges or Fees to Senators or Representatives Rep. Frank

H. 4728 would clarify existing language in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, General Assembly members would receive copies of requested records or documents at no charge when they are produced in response to requests relating to their legislative duties.

H. 4733 "Bad Faith Presumption in Insurance Settlement Offer Act" Rep. Martin

H. 4733, the proposed "Bad Faith Presumption in Insurance Settlement Offer Act," would establish a rebuttable presumption of bad faith when insurers balk at making any payouts in certain insurance settlement agreements. This bill would also make settlement agreements in subsequent bad faith lawsuits admissible evidence.

H. 4747 County Water and Sewer and Water Districts Acquisition of Other Systems Rep. Pedalino

Counties operating countywide water and sewer systems as of July 1, 2026, could acquire municipal water systems located within that county if H. 4747 is enacted. The petition process for doing so is also contained in the bill.

H. 4754 Church Property Ownership Rep. Yow

H. 4754 represents an effort to set up neutral principles of law and guidelines covering the ownership, transfer, and release of trust interests in any real property occupied by local churches after they disaffiliate from any state or national religious organizations.

H. 4755 Judicial Merit Selection Commission Revisions Rep. Gatch

Judicial Merit Selection Commission staffing, and the appointment process for commission members, would be performed by our Governor under H. 4755. General Assembly members as well as their specified family members would not be able to serve on it. Also, commission membership qualifications could not consider diversity, equity, and inclusion criteria along with other similar criteria.

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H. 4756 "South Carolina Student Physical Privacy Act" Rep. Pope

The "South Carolina Student Physical Privacy Act" (H. 4756) represents an attempt to ensure privacy among sexes using restrooms and changing facilities in public schools and public institutions of higher learning. Violators would face penalties for their non-compliance. Petitioners filing actions against violators of these requirements could recover their attorney fees, costs, and related expenses.

H. 4758 Consumable Hemp Reforms Rep. W. Newton

Among other things, H. 4758 would add additional terms with definitions, revise existing definitions, and further regulate consumable hemp, defined as containing 0.3 per cent or more THC on a dry-weight basis, distributions and sales. These revisions would be implemented without limiting interstate commerce, nor prohibit the lawful possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of specified CBD products. Violators would be penalized.

H. 4759 Consumable and Intoxicating Hemp Products Rep. Newton

By adding definitions for "consumable hemp products" and "intoxicating hemp products" as containing THC derived from hemp, H. 4759 seeks to restrict consumable hemp products and intoxicating hemp beverage sales. It proposes to do so without adversely impacting interstate commerce. It further would set up licensing and taxing these items, as well as punish violators.

H. 4760 Criminally Using Abortion-Inducing Drugs Rep. Newton

H. 4760 would add RU486, MIFEPREX regimen, mifepristone, and misoprostol to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances. Among other things, it would create criminal penalties for possession of these controlled substances. However, it would specifically exclude any contraceptives.

H. 4762 Classroom Displays and Volunteer Chaplains in Schools Rep. Long

School districts and charter schools could have volunteer school chaplains under H. 4762. In addition, it would require The Ten Commandments, Mayflower Compact, and Declaration of Independence to be displayed in public school and postsecondary classrooms.

H. 4763 "Helping Alleviate Lawful Obstruction (HALO) Act" Rep. Oremus

The "Helping Alleviate Lawful Obstruction (HALO) Act" (H. 4763) proposes definitions for "emergency medical care provider," "first responder," and "harass." After doing so, it also sets out a proposal to make it unlawful for anyone to approach, impede, cause harm to, or harass any first responders or other emergency medical care providers within a twenty-five foot perimeter after being verbally warned not to do so. Violators would be penalized by fines of up to \$250 and up to thirty days in jail.

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H. 4764 Correctional Facility Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities Rep. T. Moore

All law enforcement agencies, who operate correctional facilities, would be required to have memorandums of agreement with federal immigration enforcement agencies under Section 287(g) of 8 USC Section 1357, also known as the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibilities Act of 1996, to comply with the provisions of H. 4764, As a result, they would participate in any immigration programs that authorize law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws. A final component of this proposal is to require SLED to set up training for these law enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws.

H. 4770 Ending Photographic Evidence Prohibitions for Moving Violations Rep. Dillard

H. 4770 would remove the existing prohibition under current state law for issuing uniform traffic tickets for speeding, disregarding traffic control devices, failing to pay a toll, or incidents at traffic stops, based solely on photographic evidence.

H. 4773 Tougher Reckless Driving Penalties Rep. J. E. Johnson

H. 4773 restates reckless driving penalties of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days. For a second or more offense occurring within a three-year period, offenders would also have to complete a defensive driving course and prove their successful completion to the Department of Motor Vehicles within sixty days. Failure to do so will result in SC DMV suspending their license to drive.

H. 4776 Eyewitness ID Protocols Rep. Pedalino

H. 4776 is an effort to establish guidelines for eyewitness identifications at photographic viewings, live lineups, and single person show-ups.

H. 4778 Documenting Law Enforcement Interrogations Rep. Pedalino

Among other provisions, H. 4778 would mandate electronic recording of all law enforcement interviews and interrogations. Failure to make these recordings could result in the suppression of evidence at trial, lead to a finding that any statements made were involuntary, or create other trial issues.

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H. 4779 Criminally Doxing Rep. Pope

If enacted, H. 4779 would make it unlawful to disseminate personally identifying information with any intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten citizens, firefighters, or public servants. Violators face punishment of up to twenty years in jail.

H. 4780 Revising Time Served for Criminal Convictions Rep. Rutherford

Judges would be extended discretion to determine whether any prisoners should receive credit for time served for any offense while awaiting trial, as well as serving sentences for other offenses, under H. 4780.

H. 4800 Family Court Jurisdiction Over Antenuptial Agreements Rep. Martin

Family Court judges would have subject matter jurisdiction to approve prenuptial and postnuptial agreements prepared under the parameters set out in H. 4800, if it is enacted. A rebuttable presumption that such court-approved agreements are valid and enforceable would then apply to them. It also sets out a process for challenging the enforceability of these agreements.

H. 4802 Sexually Violent Predator Act Revisions Rep. T. Moore

H. 4802 seeks to revise the definition of "likely to engage in acts of sexual violence" as a propensity of anyone to commit these acts under our "Sexually Violent Predator Act."

H. 4804 Tougher Sentences for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Rep. T. Moore

First Degree sexual exploitation of a minor minimum penalties would be increased from three years to five years imprisonment; Second Degree sexual exploitation of a minor minimum penalties would increase to three years' imprisonment; and Third Degree sexual exploitation of a minor, penalties would be based on the number of images possessed, including a penalty of up to ten years if there are one to twenty-five images, one to ten years if there are twenty-six to two hundred fifty images, and a penalty of two to ten years if there are more than two hundred fifty images in H. 4804. Those convicted under this crime would be required to register as sex offenders. Violators would face a minimum of five years jail time for their malfeasances.

H. 4805 More Circuit and Family Court Judges Rep. W. Newton

H. 4805 represents an effort to convert three at-large circuit court seats to resident seats in the First, Third, and Eighth Judicial Circuits. It also would convert four at-large family court seats to resident seats in the Fifth, Tenth, and Twelfth Judicial Circuits.

H. 4806 Criminal Bond Reforms Rep. Wooten

Under H. 4806, a court could find that a defendant may be released on bond who has been charged with a violent offense or any felony offense involving a firearm or drugs; however, when doing so the bonding judge would have to set this bond as a full United States cash currency bond. When this judge determines conditions of this defendant's

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release, they would have to include consideration of a Defendant's mental condition using the direct observations by law enforcement officers. These bond conditions could also direct law enforcement transportation of these Defendants for emergency psychiatric evaluations, or direct Defendants to seek medical treatment immediately upon their release.

H. 4807 Sexual Exploitation of Minors Minimum Jail Sentences Rep. Wooten

H. 4807 sets out that First Degree sexual exploitation of a minor would carry a twenty-five year mandatory minimum sentence when the crime survivor is less than eleven years of age.

H. 4813 Magistrates Court Fees and Assessments Rep. Pope

Various fees, costs, and filing fees collected by magistrates, would be increased under the provisions contained in H. 4813.

H. 4814 Magistrate Selection Assistance Rep. Magnuson

Screening committees with House delegation members and citizens who are residents of that county would assist in selecting magistrates under H. 4814. Magistrate candidates would have to be at least twenty-one years old, a US citizen, and have lived here for at least five years.

H. 4816 "Egypt's Law" Rep. Jones

H. 4816, the proposed "Egypt's Law" would repeal the existing three-year statute of limitations against prosecuting anyone for homicide after they caused injuries which resulted in a victim's death. If passed, these prosecutions could proceed without regarding the amount of time that has elapsed between these injuries and a victim's death.

H. 4819 "Unauthorized Practice of Law Prevention Act" Rep. Martin

H. 4819, the "Unauthorized Practice of Law Prevention Act" seeks to prohibit unlicensed individuals, including lawyers without South Carolina licenses, from providing legal services for compensation. It also would enact criminal penalties, as well as civil enforcement, injunctive relief, and require the disgorgement of any compensation received by these unlicensed individuals.

H. 4820 Workers Compensation Total Disability Payments Rep. Spann-Wilder

Total disability compensation benefits would increase the minimum weekly amount to from \$75 to \$150 if H. 4820 becomes law in South Carolina. It also has a proposed mechanism for periodic 'average weekly wage'-based increases.

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Medical, Military, Municipal and Public Affairs

H. 4586 Members of the Armed Forces of the United State Rep. Gilliam

H. 4586 adds United States Space Force to the list of military armed forces.

H. 4605 “Veteran Suicide and Mental Health Crisis Response Act” Rep. Jones

As a result of the state’s high veteran suicide rates in the southeastern United States, with significant increases among older veterans, rural veterans, and Black veterans who often face cultural, geographic, and stigma-based barriers to mental health care, H. 4605 provides a statewide, guaranteed crisis response structure for veterans that eliminates waiting barriers, creates same-day care access, and deploys mobile crisis units to rural counties, ensuring no veteran is without help when experiencing trauma or suicidal distress.

H. 4607 “Military Skills to Civilian Licensure Act” Rep. Jones

H. 4607 adds that every state licensing board shall accept documented military education, training, and experience as full or partial credit toward licensure when substantially equivalent.

H. 4625 “Parental Perinatal Mental Health Screening and Education Act” Rep. Grant

Among many things, the H. 4625 outlines that a healthcare provider or licensed healthcare facility shall offer the mother and the father or other adult birthing partner the opportunity to complete a perinatal mental health screening.

H. 4626 Division of Men’s Health Rep. Henderson-Myers

H. 4626 establishes the Division of Men’s Health within the Department of Public Health. This division shall concentrate on raising awareness of health issues specific to men.

H. 4627 Division of Women’s Health Rep. Henderson-Myers

H. 4627 establishes the Division of Women’s Health within the Department of Public Health. Among several things, this division shall assist in the assessment of the health needs of women, recommending treatments and promoting awareness of the various concerns.

H. 4628 Tattoo Artist Rep. Henderson-Myers

H. 4628 reduces the age requirement for a tattoo artist from 21 years old to 18 years old.

H. 4635 Physical Fitness Service Contracts Rep. B. Newton

H. 4635 adds the method of electronic notification to customer for automatic renewal of fitness service contracts.

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H. 4639 “Reproductive Empowerment and Support Through Optimal Restoration (RESTORE) Act” Rep. Oremus

H. 4639 adds the “Reproductive Empowerment and Support Through Optimal Restoration (RESTORE) Act.” Among many things, the bill expands and promotes research and data collection on reproductive health conditions that are leading causes of infertility.

H. 4646 “Nursing Home Virtual Visitation Act” Rep. Calhoon

H. 4646 establishes the “Nursing Home Virtual Visitation Act” by adding a chapter entitled “Monitoring of Nursing Home Care.” The legislation, with exceptions, allows residents of nursing homes to authorize the installation and use of a monitoring device in their rooms.

H. 4649 “Social Worker Interstate Compact Act” Rep. Cobb-Hunter

H. 4649 conforms the current Social Worker Interstate Compact Act to the Social Work Licensure Compact model legislation.

H. 4702 Property Upkeep Rep. Oremus

With H. 4702, a county would be authorized to provide by ordinance that the owner of any lot or property in the county shall keep such lot or property clean and free of rubbish, debris, and other unhealthy and unsightly material or conditions which constitute a public nuisance.

H. 4757 “Parental Rights Act” Rep. Pope

H. 4757 establishes the Parental Rights Act. Among many things, the legislation affirms and enumerates the fundamental rights of parents to direct the upbringing, education, healthcare and general welfare of their children.

H. 4767 Physician Noncompete Contract Prohibition Rep. Davis

Among many things, H. 4767 prohibits noncompete clauses in physician contracts.

H. 4798 Recovery Community Organization (RCO) Rep. Dilliard

For the purpose of state law, H. 4798 outlines that a recovery community organization is an independent, nonprofit organization led and governed by individuals from the local community who have lived experience with substance use disorder recovery. The purpose of an RCO is to mobilize resources, provide peer support, and advocate for public policy.

H. 4799 Certificate of Need Exemptions Rep. Lawson

H. 4799 adds to the current list that veterans homes owned or operated by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs are exempted from a certificate of need.

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H. 4811 Free Use of Parks Facilities by Disabled Veterans Rep. Pedalino

H. 4811 provides that disabled veterans also may use campsites, overnight lodging, and recreation buildings free of charge.

Labor, Commerce, and Industry

H. 4579 Disallowing the Prohibition of Balcony Solar Panels Rep. Burns

H. 4579 would provide that the state, or any of its agencies, instrumentalities, or political subdivisions, may not prohibit or restrict the installation of balcony solar panels. The legislation provides that a restrictive covenant, declaration, rule, contractual provision, or other provision in a deed, contract, lease, rental agreement, or the governing documents of a homeowners association must not prohibit the installation and utilization of a balcony solar panel. The legislation does not prohibit a homeowners association from requiring reasonable design accommodations to ensure that a balcony solar panel is installed in a manner that is consistent with the aesthetic requirements applicable to all homeowners association members.

H. 4581 Hotel Guests Must Not Be Charged Transactional Fees When Paying with Cash or Check Rep. Calhoon

H. 4581 would provide that a hotel, inn, boardinghouse, motor court, or motel where beds or lodging are for hire may not charge a transactional fee when a guest pays with cash or check.

H. 4583 "South Carolina Data Center Responsibility Act" Rep. Cromer

H. 4583 establishes provisions to ensure that data centers operating in South Carolina do so responsibly, sustainably, and without burdening taxpayers.

H. 4584 Purchase of an Interest in a Managing Entity Owning Residential Property Used in a Residential Arrangement Rep. Edgerton

H. 4584 provides for certain disclosures in the purchase of an interest in a managing entity that owns residential property used in a residential arrangement in which the purchaser of an interest in a business entity is entitled to exclusive possession of residential property owned by the entity as long as the purchaser holds the interest in the business entity.

H. 4592 Vending of Digital Assets Rep. Guffey

H. 4592 establishes comprehensive provisions governing the vending of digital assets. The legislation includes requirements that owners and operators of virtual currency kiosks must have money transmitter licenses and must provide certain disclosures on the screens of the virtual currency kiosks.

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H. 4601 "I-95 Corridor Authority Act" Rep. Hosey

H. 4601 establishes the I-95 Corridor Authority and charges it with carrying out economic development, health, and educational improvement activities to improve the economic conditions in its member counties of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Hampton, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg, or an adjacent qualified census tract. The authority is required to report to the General Assembly, at least annually, on the progress made related to its charge and any recommended modifications of state laws needed to allow the authority to better fulfill its responsibilities.

H. 4613 "Sales Tax Swipe Fee Fairness Act" Rep. Oremus

H. 4613 prohibits a credit card payment processor from charging a swipe fee on the sales tax portion of any retail transaction. A point-of-sale system must automatically exclude sales tax from any fee calculations.

H. 4614 "Chargeback Fairness and Transparency Act" Rep. Oremus

H. 4614 would provide that, in the event of a chargeback dispute over a debit or credit card transaction, a financial institution may not charge fees on merchants or consumers until the chargeback dispute is resolved and written notice is provided. The written notice must include reasoning, evidence, and the applicable appeals procedure.

H. 4616 "Guarantee Banking Act" Rep. Pope

H. 4616 establishes comprehensive provisions as a means of ensuring fairness and transparency in banking, including provisions prohibiting financial institutions from discriminating in the provision of financial services or conspiring with others to engage in this prohibited discrimination.

H. 4617 Merchants Required to Round Up or Down When Unable to Make Exact Change Rep. Taylor

H. 4617 would provide that a merchant located in South Carolina that is unable to make exact change for a customer must round up or down to the nearest nickel.

H. 4629 Chlorine Disinfectant Level Requirements for Public Water Systems Rep. J. L. Johnson

H. 4629 would require the Department of Environmental Services to promulgate regulations that require every public water system in the state to maintain a minimum disinfectant level of free or total chlorine in the water being delivered to the distribution system, in finished water storage tanks, and in all points of the distribution.

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H. 4657 “Right to Compute Act” Rep. Guffey

H. 4657 would establish comprehensive provisions to require risk management policies for critical infrastructure controlled by artificial intelligence systems and to establish when private computational resources may be restricted.

H. 4658 Billboard Structure Exemption from Contractor Requirements Rep. Herb- kersman

H. 4658 would revise provisions exempting the installation, repair, or maintenance of signs and billboards from contractor provisions so that this exemption also applies to billboard structures.

H. 4662 More Stringent Oversight of Charitable Solicitations Rep. Wooten

H. 4662 would increase reporting requirements for charitable organizations that solicit, collect, earn, or receive more than a stated amount in a fiscal year that register with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishes requirements for written contracts between a charitable organization and professional fundraising counsel, professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer to be filed with the Secretary of State. The legislation requires any entity that is soliciting for charitable organizations to disclose the legal name and purpose of the charity for which they are soliciting. The legislation establishes registration requirements for commercial co-venturers and prohibits commercial co-venturers from using registration with the Secretary of State as an endorsement by the state.

H. 4697 Prohibition on State Investments and Expenditures on China Rep. McCravy

H. 4697 would prohibit all state agencies and institutions and all political subdivisions of the state from investing, contracting, or expending any public funds with Chinese companies. The legislation prohibits certain incentives from being awarded to Chinese companies (companies of the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party)

H. 4704 South Carolina 211 Network Rep. Pope

H. 4704 would create within the Department of Consumer Affairs a statewide South Carolina 211 Network, which must serve as the single point of coordination for information and referral for health and human services.

H. 4709 Requirements that Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects be Produced in the United States Rep. Yow

H. 4709 would provide that contracts for the purchase of materials for a public works project must include in the contract a requirement that any iron or steel product permanently incorporated in the project be produced in the United States, and to provide exceptions.

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H. 4730 Billboard Structure Exemption from Contractor Requirements Rep. Herb- kersman

H. 4730 would revise provisions exempting the installation, repair, or maintenance of signs and billboards from contractor provisions so that this exemption also applies to billboard structures.

H. 4732 Automobile Insurance Arbitration Rep. Luck

H. 4732 would increase automobile insurance arbitration fees and compensation and revises arbitration claims filing requirements. The legislation revises arbitration claim hearings provisions to provide arbitrators may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party. The legislation revises provisions relating to the right to appeal arbitrator decisions to provide arbitrator decisions are admissible as substantive evidence of liability, damages, or both.

H. 4742 Uninsured or Underinsured Motorist Coverage Claims Rep. Mitchell

H. 4742 would provide that an insurer may not increase the premium of an insured solely because the insured made a claim under his uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage if the insured was not at fault in the accident that led to the claim.

H. 4744 Electronic Notifications from the Department of Employment and Workforce Rep. T. Moore

H. 4744 would authorize the Department of Employment and Workforce to send certain communications by electronic means as an alternative to physical mailings. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Employment and Workforce conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4745 Unemployment Insurance Tax Rate Benefit Ratio Lookback Period Rep. T. Moore

H. 4745 would revise provisions governing the calculation of the unemployment insurance tax rate benefit ratio to lengthen the lookback period to compute the benefit ratio by expanding to four years in 2027 and five years in 2028. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Employment and Workforce conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4748 Requirements for Client Funds Held by Residential Builders and Residential Specialty Contractors Rep. Pope

H. 4748 would require residential builders and residential specialty contractors to hold client funds in escrow or trust accounts to prohibit commingling and establishes record-keeping requirements. The legislation provides criminal and civil penalties for violations and authorizes the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to enforce the provisions of this legislation.

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H. 4750 “Injured Workers Transparency Act” Rep. M. M. Smith

H. 4750 would make provisions that forms used by injured workers to file workers compensation claims and forms used by workers compensation insurance carriers to deny benefits must provide certain explicit notice of nonrepresentation and appeals rights to the injured workers.

H. 4751 Overtime Payment Requirements Rep. Waters

H. 4751 would establish requirements for overtime payment for eligible employees who work more than eight hours in a workday. The legislation prohibits unpaid trial or break-in periods.

H. 4752 Apprenticeship Requirement Eliminated for Licensure as a Barber Rep. Wooten

H. 4752 would revise requirements for licensure as a barber by removing the apprenticeship requirement.

H. 4766 “South Carolina Decentralized Autonomous Organization Act” Rep. M. M. Smith

H. 4766 would establish provisions governing the operation of algorithmically managed decentralized autonomous organization (DAO), a blockchain-based organization,¹ recognized as a limited liability company under South Carolina law, whose governance is primarily maintained through smart contracts deployed on a blockchain or other distributed-ledger technology. DAOs enable decentralized decision-making and operations without centralized intermediaries, often using governance tokens to grant voting rights to participants in order to facilitate transparent and community-driven governance.

H. 4781 Regulation of Pyrotechnics Rep. Wickensimer

H. 4781 would establish new provisions regulating the manufacture, sale, transport, use and display of pyrotechnics including additional restrictions on the use of pyrotechnic materials indoors.

H. 4784 Enhancements for Combatting Insurance Fraud Rep. J. E. Johnson

H. 4784 would make comprehensive revisions to the Omnibus Insurance Fraud and Reporting Immunity Act as a means of strengthening South Carolina’s response to insurance fraud and restructuring enforcement responsibilities. Notably, the legislation criminalizes staged vehicle collisions, toughens penalties for insurance fraud, centralizes fraud enforcement within the Department of Insurance, and enhances investigative, prosecutorial, and sentencing tools to combat organized and serious insurance fraud

¹ decentralized, distributed ledger technology that securely records transactions in a verifiable and immutable manner (in text of H. 4766)

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statewide. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Insurance conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4785 “School Safety and Hazard Buffers Act” Rep. Martin

H. 4785 would establish minimum school safety setbacks from industrial, manufacturing, and hazardous material facilities. The legislation prohibits the construction or operation of facilities handling dangerous substances within certain distances of any public school. The legislation includes public notice and transparency requirements, makes provisions for enforcement, and establishes penalties for violations. The Department of Environmental Services is charged with promulgating pertinent regulations.

H. 4786 Process Service on Insurance Companies and Unauthorized Insurers Rep. McCravy

H. 4786 would update South Carolina’s statutes on service of process for insurance companies and unauthorized insurers to allow electronic delivery and electronic forwarding in addition to traditional paper methods. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Insurance conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4787 Prohibition on Conveying Ownership of Real Property to the Chinese Communist Party or the People’s Republic of China Rep. McCravy

H. 4787 would provide that a clerk of court or register of deeds shall not record any deed conveying title or any ownership interest in real property to the Chinese Communist Party or the People’s Republic of China, or any citizen thereof. Any deed recorded in contravention of this legislation is invalid.

H. 4788 Captive Insurance Company Compliance with Insurance Data Security Requirements Rep. McCravy

H. 4788 would clarify that captive insurance companies must comply with South Carolina Insurance Data Security Act requirements unless an explicit exemption applies, as a means of ensuring consistent cybersecurity and data protection oversight. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Insurance conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4789 Insurance Holding Company Regulatory Act Filing Deadline Rep. McCravy

H. 4789 would set a clear statutory deadline of May 1 for insurers’ annual group capital calculation filings under the Insurance Holding Company Regulatory Act. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Insurance conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

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H. 4790 Access to Pharmacy Benefits Managers' Maximum Allowable Cost Lists

Rep. Sessions

H. 4790 would require pharmacy benefits managers to provide unobstructed access to their Maximum Allowable Cost Lists to patients, consumers, network pharmacy providers, and each pharmacy subject to the maximum allowable cost list.

H. 4791 Pharmacy Practice Requirements Rep. Mitchell

H. 4791 would provide that pharmacies permitted in this state shall cooperate with federal and state acquisition cost surveys. The legislation establishes guidelines for pharmacy benefits managers when reimbursing pharmacies and pharmacists for prescription drugs and pharmacy services.

H. 4792 Enhanced Penalties for Violations by Insurers, Pharmacy Benefits Managers, and Health Maintenance Organizations Rep. Sessions

H. 4792 would revise administrative penalties for violations of state and federal insurance laws in this state to increase penalties for violations by insurers, pharmacy benefits managers, and health maintenance organizations. The legislation revises license requirements for pharmacy benefits managers by increasing license application and renewal fees.

H. 4793 Financial Oversight of Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Pharmacy Services Administrative Organizations Rep. Sessions

H. 4793 would provide that examinations of pharmacy benefits managers books and records and examinations of pharmacy services administrative organization books and records are subject to the requirements governing the financial examinations of insurers.

H. 4794 Prohibited Actions of Pharmacy Benefits Managers Rep. Sessions

H. 4794 would revise provisions governing the practices of pharmacy benefits managers to prohibit patient steering and certain other trade practices.

H. 4795 Drug Coverage Modifications by Pharmacy Benefits Managers Rep. Sessions

H. 4795 would establish conditions for drug coverage modifications by pharmacy benefits managers.

H. 4796 Pharmacy Services Administrative Organization and Pharmacy Benefits Manager Compliance Examinations Rep. M. M. Smith

H. 4796 would make revisions to standardize how the Department of Insurance conducts compliance examinations of pharmacy services administrative organizations and pharmacy benefits managers. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of the Department of Insurance conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

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H. 4797 Employment Eligibility Verification Rep. Wickensimer

H. 4797 would revise requirements for employment eligibility verification of new employees by private employers to provide the approval and use of additional work authorization program options such as the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) work authorization program.

H. 4815 Practice of Dentistry, Practice of Dental Hygiene, or Performance of Dental Technological Work Rep. White

H. 4815 would provide that dental insurance policy writers, among others, may not own or otherwise participate in the business operations of certain entities that engage in the practice of dentistry, practice of dental hygiene, or performance of dental technological work. Penalties are established for violations.

H. 4817 "Insurance Rate Reduction and Policyholder Protection Act" Rep. Brewer

H. 4817 would make comprehensive revisions to insurance provisions as a means of enhancing measures to combat insurance fraud and lowering insurance premiums for the state's consumers. The legislation establishes the Insurance Fraud Division in the Department of Insurance and specifies the duties for the division, the Attorney General, and the State Law Enforcement Division. The Department of Insurance is designated as the exclusive authority to enforce any violations related to insurance or insurance fraud arising from roofing systems contracts or the delivery of goods or services related to roofing systems involving licensees and registrants of the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission. The legislation establishes the "SC Safe Home Program" to aid eligible homeowners in retrofitting insurable property to reduce losses due to hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic windstorm events. The legislation revises catastrophe savings accounts provisions to include certain approved retrofits to primary residences for hurricane or wind damage resilience. The legislation increases tax credits for hurricane resistant retrofits to residences from \$1,000 to \$2,000. A "Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday" is established. The legislation adds uninsured and underinsured motorist claims provisions to prohibited factors for issuing automobile insurance policies or premium rates and to prohibited factors for automobile insurance policy renewals or cancellations. The legislation revises provisions relating to automobile collision and comprehensive insurance to require insurers to offer a zero dollar deductible for automobile safety glass and to prohibit insurers from considering uninsured or underinsured motorists claims for certain insurance policy decisions. The legislation revises tax credits for excess paid for property and casualty insurance to increase the credit amount to \$3,000. The director of the Department of Insurance is charged with submitting an annual report to the General Assembly that provides data illustrating the impact this legislation has had on insurance rates for South Carolina policyholders.

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Ways and Means

H. 4576 Special Purpose Districts Included in the State Optional Retirement Program Rep. Bannister

H. 4576 would expand eligibility in the State Optional Retirement Program by including employees of special purpose districts that participate as employers in the South Carolina Retirement System.

H. 4577 Masters-in-Equity Included in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System Rep. Bannister

H. 4577 would make provisions for a full-time master-in-equity to participate in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System.

H. 4578 Homestead Property Tax Exemption Rep. Burns

H. 4578 would revise the homestead exemption for taxpayers sixty-five years of age and over or those totally and permanently disabled or legally blind to provide that this property tax exemption does not apply to certain millage imposed for servicing the general obligation debt of a school district.

H. 4580 Full Residential Property Tax Exemption for Seventy or Older Rep. Bustos

H. 4580 would make provisions a property tax exemption of 100 per cent of the value of a property that qualifies as a legal residence and is owned by an individual who is at least seventy years old.

H. 4589 Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Criteria Rep. Gilliam

H. 4589 would revise Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax authority to allow the tax to be imposed by certain counties that do not meet the collection requirements.

H. 4593 Retired State Employees Returning to Covered Employment Rep. Henderson-Myers

H. 4593 would revise provisions relating to the amount which may be earned upon return to covered employment under the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System to provide that a retired member does not have to pay certain employee contributions to the system.

H. 4594 Income Tax Relief for Timber and Agricultural Losses Resulting from Hurricane Helene Rep. Hixon

H. 4594 would make provisions for an income tax credit for a timber casualty loss in a federally-declared disaster area resulting from Hurricane Helene. The legislation establishes an individual income tax deduction for federal, state, and local disaster relief payments received due to damage sustained during Hurricane Helene.

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H. 4595 Residential Property Tax Exemption for Seniors and Disabled Veterans Rep. Holman

H. 4595 would establish a property tax exemption for one hundred percent of the fair market value of the primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of sixty-five years or is a fully disabled veteran if that primary residence is not encumbered with a mortgage lien.

H. 4596 Seniors Exempted from Property Tax Increases Rep. Holman

H. 4596 would establish an exemption for any increase in property tax owed from the time the individual reached the age of sixty-five years.

H. 4597 Enhanced Property Tax Exemptions of Seniors Rep. Holman

H. 4597 would establish property tax exemptions covering one hundred percent of the fair market value of the primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of seventy years, eighty percent of the fair market value of the primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of sixty-nine years, sixty percent of the fair market value of the primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of sixty-eight, forty percent of the fair market value of a primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of sixty-seven years, and twenty percent of the fair market value of the primary residence of an individual who has reached the age of sixty-six years.

H. 4598 Motor Vehicle Property Tax Exemption for Seniors Rep. Holman

H. 4598 would establish a property tax exemption for one personal motor vehicle owned or leased by an individual who has reached the age of sixty-five years.

H. 4599 Enhanced Homestead Property Tax Exemption Rep. Holman

H. 4599 increases the amount of the homestead property tax exemption allowed for persons who are over the age of sixty-five years, disabled, or legally blind, from the first \$50,000 to the first \$150,000 of the fair market value of the homestead.

H. 4600 Enhanced Residential Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans Rep. Holman

H. 4600 provides that, in addition to any other exemption, the fair market value of the owner-occupied residential property of a person is exempt from county, municipal, school, and special assessment real estate property taxes when the person is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and has a service-connected disability. The percentage amount of the exemption that a person may claim must equal the percentage of the person's service-connected disability. To qualify for the exemption, the person must have a service-connected disability of at least ten percent.

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H. 4602 Special Purpose District Property Tax Millage Rate Reductions Rep. Jones

H. 4602 would establish requirements for a special purpose district that consolidates or removes services to reduce its current millage rate for property tax purposes by the following fiscal year to reflect the removal of its responsibility for services.

H. 4603 "Small Business Livable Wage Tax Credit Act" Rep. Jones

H. 4603 would make provisions for an income tax credit for certain qualified employers who pay nonexempt employees at or above the hourly livable wage rate published annually by the MIT Living Wage Calculator, or a successor source approved by the Department of Employment and Workforce, specific to the county in which the employee works.

H. 4608 Property Tax Classification of Legal Residences Rep. Kilmartin

H. 4608 would make revisions to property tax classifications and assessment ratios to provide that legal residences includes certain dwellings located on the same property and including those occupied by immediate family members of the owner of the interest.

H. 4611 Paid Parental Leave Applied to Stillbirths Rep. T. Moore

H. 4611 would revise state employee paid parental leave provisions to specify that paid parental leave applies to stillbirths.

H. 4612 School Resource Officers Exempted from Retirement System Earnings Limitation Rep. Oremus

H. 4612 would provide that the Police Officers Retirement System earnings limitation does not apply to school resource officers.

H. 4615 State Economic Development Incentives Prohibited for Those Who Employ Foreign Workers with Certain Visas Rep. Pace

H. 4615 would provide that those who hire or employ an individual that is located in the United States with an H-1B or Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa may not receive any state economic development incentives, such as job or employee tax credits, general business tax credits, infrastructure credits, property rehabilitation and housing credits, conservation credits, energy conservation and alternative energy credits, sales tax exemptions, property tax exemptions, and fee in lieu of property tax agreements.

H. 4618 State Payroll Funds May Not Be Carried Forward Rep. White

H. 4618 would provide that state funds appropriated for classified or unclassified government positions, or any other funds allocated for payroll, may not be carried forward and must revert to the general fund.

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H. 4619 Sales Tax Holiday Month for Small Businesses Rep. White

H. 4619 would provide a tax exemption for sales made at a small business located in this state during one month each year of the small business's choosing. Each year, a small business shall inform the Department of Revenue of which month it has chosen for its sales tax holiday by October first of the previous year.

H. 4620 Police Officers Retirement System Allowance Adjustment Increase Rep. Wooten

H. 4620 would revise provisions for retirement allowance adjustments in the Police Officers Retirement System to increase the allowed adjustment amount.

H. 4621 Maximum Tax on the Sale of Musical Equipment to Religious Organizations Rep. Yow

H. 4621 would revise provisions setting a \$300 maximum tax on the sale of musical instruments and office equipment to federally tax-exempt religious organizations so that this maximum tax also applies to sales of musical equipment purchased by these religious organizations.

H. 4643 "South Carolina SNAP Nutrition Integrity Act" Rep. Pope

H. 4643 would require the Department of Social Services to apply for a federal waiver to allow the state to prohibit the purchase of candy and soft drinks with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

H. 4672 Exemptions from Impact Fees Rep. Guffey

H. 4672 would revise exemptions from impact fees to exempt the purchase of residential structures assessed at four percent if the purchaser had another similar residence within the same school district for the previous fifteen years.

H. 4690 Enhanced Homestead Property Tax Exemption Rep. J. L. Johnson

H. 4690 would revise the homestead property tax exemption allowed for persons who are over the age of sixty-five years, disabled, or legally blind by increasing the exemption amount from the first \$50,000 to the first \$100,000 of the fair market value of the homestead.

H. 4693 Alternative Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Rep. J. L. Johnson

H. 4693 would establish an alternative low-income housing tax credit for preserving existing buildings and housing resources to provide low income housing.

H. 4694 Act 388 Study Committee Rep. J. L. Johnson

H. 4694, a joint resolution, would create a temporary study committee to review the effects of Act 388 of 2006 on certain six percent property and all other classes of property,

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and the impact on school district funding and on property taxpayers. The legislation provides for the committee's membership and charges the committee with reporting its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly before July 1, 2027.

H. 4695 "Save Our Property Act" Rep. Magnuson

H. 4695 would authorize an assessor to defer property taxes until the next year on certain residential or agricultural property if an applicant's income is less than a certain percentage of the county median income. An individual who owns residential or agricultural real property that is subject to property tax may file an application for relief with the assessor if the individual has owned the property for at least twenty years or inherited the property from an immediate family member. If the real property was inherited, the deceased family member and the owner's time of ownership combined must equal at least twenty years to be eligible.

H. 4700 Expansion of Home and Vehicle Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans Rep. J. Moore

H. 4700 would expand eligibility provisions for the home and vehicle property tax exemptions for totally and permanently disabled veterans to allow disabled veterans who are not totally and permanently disabled to claim a percentage of the exemption equal to the percentage of the disabled veteran's service-connected disability.

H. 4701 Increased Weight Limits for Trucks Rep. Moss

H. 4701 would revise provisions relating to tax assessment ratio for a private passenger motor vehicle to increase the weight limit for pickup trucks. The legislation revises provisions relating to vehicles classified as passenger motor vehicles to increase the weight limit for trucks.

H. 4703 "South Carolina Special Purpose District Accountability and Transparency Act" Rep. Oremus

H. 4703 would create the Special Purpose District Accountability Office within the Office of State Auditor and provides that the office must: (1) maintain a public statewide directory of all special purpose districts; (2) collect and publish annual budgets, financial reports, audits, millage rates, fees, revenues, expenditures, and debt disclosures; (3) maintain a public transparency portal providing online access to all required filings; (4) monitor and enforce district compliance; (5) provide reporting forms, instructions, guidance, and training materials for district officials; and (6) issue notices of delinquency and noncompliance.

H. 4705 Volunteer Fire Department Sales Tax Exemption Rep. Rankin

H. 4705 would establish a sales tax exemption for firefighting equipment purchased by a volunteer fire department.

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H. 4708 First-Time Homebuyer Income Tax Credit Rep. Waters

H. 4708 would provide that a resident individual taxpayer is allowed a first-time homebuyer refundable income tax credit. The credit is equal to one percent of the purchase price of the home, but not to exceed three thousand dollars. The credit must be taken in equal installments over three tax years, beginning with the tax year in which the home is purchased.

H. 4741 Tuition Gap Scholarship Program Rep. Mitchell

H. 4741 would establish the Tuition Gap Scholarship Program for the purpose of ensuring that eligible students receiving LIFE Scholarships, HOPE Scholarships, or Palmetto Fellows Scholarships have their remaining tuition costs fully covered during any semester in which they receive such scholarship awards.

H. 4765 Conservation Bank Revisions Rep. T. Moore

H. 4765 would include recommendations from the review of the South Carolina Conservation Bank conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee. Notably, the legislation clarifies who can receive conservation trust funds, adds the Chief Resilience Officer of the Office of Resilience to the Conservation Bank's governing board, and distinguishes public access requirements between fee simple land acquisitions and private conservation easements.

H. 4777 Firefighter Cancer Healthcare Benefits Extended to State Law Enforcement Division Arson Unit Personnel Rep. Wooten

H. 4777 would extend firefighter cancer healthcare benefits to State Law Enforcement Division arson unit personnel due to their regular exposure to fire-related carcinogens. The legislation includes recommendations from the review of SLED conducted by the House Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight Committee.

H. 4783 Salaries of Judges to be Equal to Salaries of Members of the General Assembly Rep. Gilliard

H. 4783, a joint resolution, would provide that salary supplements, expense allowances, or other payments for office operations or official duties provided to justices or judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, or Family Court as compensation in addition to their salaries may not exceed the in-district compensation provided to members of the General Assembly. The legislation provides that the salaries of such justices and judges must be equal to the salaries of members of the General Assembly for judges elected after the effective date of this joint resolution and for sitting judges after the completion of their current terms and upon reelection to any subsequent term of office. The provisions of this joint resolution are to apply beginning with the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year and expire on July 1, 2036.

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H. 4801 Eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Family Independence Program Assistance Rep. McDaniel

H. 4801 would provide for the State of South Carolina to opt out of federal law provisions which would make an otherwise eligible individual who has been convicted under state or federal law of certain drug-related offenses ineligible for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Family Independence Program.

H. 4808 Joint County Industrial or Business Parks Rep. Dillard

H. 4808 would revise provisions governing joint county industrial or business parks to require that each affected school district must receive the same portion of the revenue as the school district would have received in property taxes. The legislation provides that other taxing entities also must receive the same portion of the revenue if the taxing entity does not consent to the creation of the joint park.

H. 4810 State Funds Food or Drink Purchases Limited to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Criteria Rep. McDaniel

H. 4810 would provide that no funds appropriated or authorized by the General Assembly to any state agency, department, or institution may be used to purchase food or drink products unless such food and drink products are eligible for purchase using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

H. 4812 Military Retirement Income Deduction Rep. M. M. Smith

H. 4812 would revise criteria for the military retirement income deduction so that it also includes a qualified retirement plan for an officer of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

H. 4818 "Protecting South Carolina Citizens from the Risks of Solar Storms and Electromagnetic Pulse Act" Rep. Landing

H. 4818 would require the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SC EMD) to provide a detailed outline within their current emergency preparedness plan that includes both steps to be taken to harden critical infrastructure from an electromagnetic pulse, as well as alternative energy sources to provide independence for an extended period of time should the electric grid be incapacitated indefinitely. This plan must be completed and distributed to all municipalities by January 1, 2027. Any municipality or critical infrastructure entity that complies with the plan provided by the SCEMD within one year is eligible for a grant to assist with funding from the General Assembly. Under the legislation, the General Assembly must provide for multiyear funding beginning in the 2026-2027 Appropriations Act to assist entities with critical infrastructure to obtain and implement electromagnetic pulse protection and alternative power sources. This

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funding will be awarded in the form of grants through the SCEMD, a division of the Office of the Adjutant General of the South Carolina Guard.

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