

HOUSE TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M.

NO. 15

**CALENDAR
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026



**THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY “GENERALS”
3-A SCISA BOY’S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

Jonah Bowen
Ty Fisher
Logan Finkensadt
Wade Johnson
Nate Livingston
Sammy Peckham
Aiden Pierce
Ashton Pierce
Henry Sturkey
Connor Van Osterom

HEAD COACH
Rob Coursey

ASSISTANT COACHES
Tanner Brunson, Belle Napper and David Crotts

ATHLETIC TRAINER
TC White

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL
Sandi Dixon

HEAD OF SCHOOL
Ben Herod

MASCOT
General

**CARDINAL NEWMAN “LADY CARDINALS”
2025 SCISA 4-A VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS**

Markee Beckham
Emily Cantey
Addisyn Fernandez
Leila Hargrove
Elizabeth Hydorn
McKenna Miller
Emerson Ramsdale
Khylie Remmenga
Lauren Rivers
Barbara Blaine Stackhouse
Leah Taylor
Zailey Vaval

HEAD COACH

Cynthia Dimapan

ASSISTANT COACHES

Glen Dimapan, Carisia Gandara, Hayeigh Martin, Matthew Dimapen,
Aisha Taylor, Maya Walker and George Kaupp

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Will Eudy

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Philip Deter

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Rev. Peter Rex O’Steen and Rev. Khiet Pham

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Gillian Shaughnessy and Kat Carver

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Keith Anderson

INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL AND PRINCIPAL

Charles Assey

TEAM MASCOT

Cardinal

INVITATIONS

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the House and staff, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Members of the House and staff, reception, Columbia Museum of Art, by the Florence County Economic Development Partnership.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the House, staff and families, reception, South Carolina State Museum, by the South Carolina State Museum Foundation.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the House, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members of the House, luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by the Independent Banks of South Carolina (IBSC).

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Members of the House and staff, reception, The Palmetto Club, by the Carolina Recycling Association.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Members of the House and staff, reception, The Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street, by Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the House and staff, reception, Columbia Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, by the Lexington County Development Corporation.

(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the House and staff, breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Bldg., by
the South Carolina Convenience and Petroleum Marketers Association.
(Accepted--January 22, 2026)

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS/
RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SECOND READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED BILLS

**H. 3774--Reps. J. E. Johnson, Stavrinakis, Jordan, McCravy,
C. Mitchell and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH
CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-
1-560, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR
FILING A THIRD-PARTY ACTION IN A WORKERS'
COMPENSATION CLAIM, SO AS TO MAKE THE FILING OF
A NOTICE FORM PERMISSIVE.**

(Judiciary Com.--January 16, 2025)

(Favorable--January 29, 2026)

(Debate adjourned until Thu., Feb. 05, 2026--February 04, 2026)

**H. 3551--Reps. B. Newton, Gilliam, Pope, Taylor, Weeks, Bowers,
Yow, M. M. Smith, Caskey, Kilmartin, Oremus, Ballentine,
C. Mitchell and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH
CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-
10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE
SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO
PROVIDE EARNABLE COMPENSATION DOES NOT
INCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND
CLERKS OF ELECTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION
12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH
CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE
CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS
OF ELECTIONS.**

(Prefiled--Thursday, December 05, 2024)

(Ways and Means Com.--January 14, 2025)

(Favorable--February 03, 2026)

**H. 3477--(Debate adjourned until Tue., Feb. 10, 2026--February 04,
2026)**

S. 405--Senators Alexander and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

(Judiciary Com.--April 03, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--February 03, 2026)

S. 415--Senators Young, Elliott, Sutton, Ott, Devine, Reichenbach and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE TERM "LICENSED"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-1110, RELATING TO ADOPTION BY A STEPPARENT OR RELATIVE, SO AS TO APPLY TO CHILDREN PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR FICTIVE KIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DIFFERENT STANDARDS WHEN LICENSING RELATIVES AND FICTIVE KIN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2400, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME, SO AS TO REMOVE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT LIMITATIONS FROM KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS.

(Judiciary Com.--April 03, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--February 03, 2026)

H. 4145--Reps. Bernstein, Bannister, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Kirby, Teeple, Gilliam, Bauer, Wetmore, Gilliard, J. Moore, Bustos, Landing and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW

**ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR
SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN
ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF BEING
VICTIMS OF A RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CRIME.**

(Judiciary Com.--March 05, 2025)

(Fav. With Amdt.--February 03, 2026)

WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS/REQUEST FOR DEBATE

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS

THIRD READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILL

H. 4760--Reps. W. Newton, Oremus, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Crawford, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hiott, Hixon, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, McCravy, Martin, C. Mitchell, T. Moore, B. Newton, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sessions, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Yow, Chumley, Edgerton, Taylor, Bowers, White and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE CRIMES AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES REGARDING THE USE OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-250, RELATING TO SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD MIFEPRISTONE AND MISOPROSTOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF MIFEPRISTONE AND MISOPROSTOL, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

(Prefiled--Tuesday, December 16, 2025)

(Judiciary Com.--January 13, 2026)

(Fav. With Amdt.--January 28, 2026)

(Requests for debate by Reps. Bamberg, Calhoon, Cobb-Hunter, Cromer, Edgerton, Ford, Gilliard, Grant, Harris, Henderson-Myers, Hiott, Kirby, Magnuson, Rivers, Rose, Waters, Weeks and Whitmire--January 29, 2026)

(Amended and read second time--February 04, 2026)

SECOND READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS

INTERRUPTED DEBATE

H. 4758--Reps. W. Newton, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hartz, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Martin, McGinnis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO ENCOURAGE THE LAWFUL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING, AND MANUFACTURING OF HEMP; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-55-10, RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF EXISTING TERMS; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 46-55-70, 46-55-80, AND 46-55-90 SO AS TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP, TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, OR TO PROHIBIT THE LAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CBD PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

(Prefiled--Tuesday, December 16, 2025)

(Judiciary Com.--January 13, 2026)

(Fav. With Amdt.--January 29, 2026)

(Requests for debate by Reps. Anderson, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Brittain, Caskey, Cobb-Hunter, Duncan, Gilliam, Hewitt, Hiott, Jones, Kirby, Magnuson, Martin, McCravy, B. Newton, Oremus, Pope, M.M. Smith and Taylor--February 03, 2026)

(Debate interrupted by adjournment, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 1.--February 04, 2026)

S. 477--Senators Davis and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-210, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A "SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE" IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE

DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-230, RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PERMITTED TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-240, RELATING TO WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT PATIENT-SPECIFIC WRITTEN ORDERS, SO AS TO INSTEAD PROVIDE THE DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE UNDER STANDING ORDERS OR WITHOUT STANDING ORDERS WHEN DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS.

(Judiciary Com.--May 08, 2025)

(Favorable--January 29, 2026)

(Requests for debate by Reps. Beach, Edgerton, Frank, Guffey, Long, Magnuson, McCravy and Terrible--February 03, 2026)

H. 5006--Reps. B. Newton, Long, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Gatch, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Hiott, Pope, Erickson, Hixon, Neese, Wooten, Ligon, Chapman, Forrest, Hartz, Guffey, Ford, Willis, Cox, Sanders, Vaughan, Oremus, Duncan, G. M. Smith, Bowers, Sessions, Bannister, Bailey, Brewer, Weeks, Landing, Moss, Bradley, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, T. Moore, Ballentine, Robbins, Martin, Caskey, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, W. Newton, C. Mitchell, Holman, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, Jordan, Haddon and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT OF 2026"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A SMALL BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION IF THE TAXPAYER HAS LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL

PROPERTY; BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-980 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED FOR TAXATION TO BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-20-50, RELATING TO THE LICENSE TAX ON CORPORATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF THE FIRST FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL STOCK AND PAID-IN OR CAPITAL SURPLUS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-44-409, RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF A CORPORATE OFFICER, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO REFRAINING FROM COMPETING.

(Ways and Means Com.--January 22, 2026)

(Fav. With Amdt.--February 03, 2026)

(Requests for debate by Reps. Frank, Jones, Lawson, Martin, McCravy, B. Newton, Vaughan and Weeks--February 04, 2026)

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