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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 50:15: “And call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor and glorify me.”

Let us pray. Praise and blessings be with each of you as we go into another day of serving the people of South Carolina. God who blesses us each day is always with us and allowing these Representatives and Staff to do the work in this kingdom. Look in favor on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Keep our Armed Forces safe and secure in Your arms of faith. Heal the wounds, those hidden and those recovering. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MURPHY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Jared Devin Rose, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Jared Devin Rose

STATEMENT BY REP. CLYBURN

Rep. CLYBURN made a statement relative to to the contributions to Aiken County and South Carolina of Beverly Dozier Clyburn.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 10, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of J. Camden West, Esquire to serve as Berkeley County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. West qualified and the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT

Berkeley County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: November 7, 2020
Term Expiring: November 7, 2026
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Dale Van Slambrook (resigned/elevated)

J. Camden West, Esquire
208 McCants Drive
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Received as information.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD-PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4032 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton,

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Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE 2024-2025 SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4033 -- Reprs. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten

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and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR A WINNING 2024-2025 SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4034 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MINNIE INEZ RUFF CLOUD OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4035 -- Reps. Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AMANDA BENFIELD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE LAURENS COUNTY CHAMBER

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OF COMMERCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4036 -- Reps. Hiott, Rutherford, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE INAUGURAL SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONFERENCE AND THEIR EFFORTS TO REINFORCE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE PALMETTO STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TO ANY AND ALL PEOPLE, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA, FIRST IN RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4037 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions, Terribile, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME MARK LEAVENS, PRESIDENT OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION, AS HE VISITS THE TOWN OF CLOVER TO SUPPORT THE CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE OF CLOVER MARCHING BAND WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR IN THE 137TH ROSE BOWL PARADE IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, IN 2026.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4038 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

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Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4040 -- Reps. Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DARRYL RAY GRIFFIN SR., CEO OF NEAL BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS

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AND FOR THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT HE HAS HAD ON THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4041 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CHARLESTON NATIVE LINDA JEAN HARVEY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4039 -- Reps. White, Howard and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-5 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL NEW OR RENEWED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION REFERENCING THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIME

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LIMIT FOR PURSUING A RESOLUTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-780 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY THE INSURED'S REASONABLE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4042 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey, Harris, Hager, McCravy, Edgerton, Terrible and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4043 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD RAPIST DEATH PENALTY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-655, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEATH PENALTY SHALL BE ENFORCED UNDER THIS SECTION NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4044 -- Reps. Collins, B. Newton, Erickson, Pedalino, Bustos, Gagnon, Rose, Gilliard and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS CONCERNING APPROVED WRITTEN GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISED PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE PRESCRIPTIVE PRACTICE AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-47-197 RELATING TO SUPERVISION

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OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4045 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-36, RELATING TO DUTIES OF COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIEF LIBRARIANS AND OTHER LIBRARY STAFF.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4046 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE BALLOT BOXES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DAY OF EARLY VOTING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4047 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, M. M. Smith, Davis and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK AND BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT CERTAIN GOLF COURSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4048 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 32-8-320 AND 32-8-325, BOTH RELATING TO CREMATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A NOTICE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO CREMATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4049 -- Reps. White, Guffey, Williams, Wooten, Kilmartin, Atkinson, Lawson, Frank, Chapman, J. L. Johnson, Gibson, Yow, Bradley and Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURERS MAY NOT REQUIRE INSURED TO USE CERTAIN

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FACILITIES TO REPAIR OR REPLACE DAMAGED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4050 -- Reps. Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Bustos, Hartnett and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe

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Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. WOOTEN a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to legislative business in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Dawn Bingham of Irmo was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Clarendon Hall "Saints" 2-A SCISA Championship Varsity Softball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MITCHELL presented to the House the North Central High School "Knights" 2-A Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3011
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 LIGON

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3021
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 ERICKSON, HAGER, BALLENTINE, CALHOON,
LIGON, HOLMAN, MOSS, BURNS, GILREATH,
GILLIAM, RANKIN, VAUGHAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3034
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 J. L. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3259
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN, B. L. COX and
LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3263
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3264
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3430
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3431
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 CRAWFORD

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3558
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3563
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3564
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3578
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3582
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3602
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3638
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3728
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 COBB-HUNTER

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3868
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3907
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 DUNCAN and SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3924
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4044
Date: ADD:
02/19/25 LOWE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 3431
Date: REMOVE:
02/19/25 OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 3924
Date: REMOVE:
02/19/25 GATCH, MURPHY, KING, MCDANIEL, COBB-
HUNTER and ROBBINS

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

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H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Weeks, Hart, Williams, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow, Mitchell, Hart, Williams, Luck, Gagnon and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH,

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AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3430--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton

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Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3563--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCrary, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCrary	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

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Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3563. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Lee Gilreath

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3563. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Paul Wickensimer

H. 3564--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman:
A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

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H. 3431--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Hartz, Calhoun, M. M. Smith and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Reps. BAMBERG, CROMER, GILREATH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, MORGAN, KING, HART, GILLIARD, RIVERS and WHITE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3843--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

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EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND

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44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MOSS made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

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H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3431--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Hartz, Calhoun, M. M. Smith and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE

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ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 39-5-900, by adding a subsection to read:

(5) “Online service” has the same meaning as defined in Section 39-80-10(6).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-900(7)(b)(xx)(D) and inserting:

(D) providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider’s content; or

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) prohibit the display of any ~~advertising in the account based on the South Carolina minor account holder’s personal information, except age and location~~ “targeted advertising” as defined in Section 39-80-10(19);

(3) prohibit the collection or use of ~~personal information~~ “personal data” as defined in Section 39-80-10(11) or “sensitive personal data” as defined in Section 39-80-10(18) from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the account other than information beyond what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(4)(d) and inserting:

(d) displays visual depictions of sexual conduct as that term is defined in ~~S.C. Code Ann.~~ Section 16-15-305(C)(1); and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by adding:

Section 39-5-935. (A) Beginning March 1, 2026, for a South

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Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to detect and ensure that a minor account holder cannot bypass the applicable age requirement and parental consent or supervision provisions of this chapter through technological means including, but not limited to, the use of virtual private networks (VPNs), proxy servers, or other similar technologies designed to obscure an account holder's identity or location.

(B) Nothing in this section requires a social media company to take any action that would violate existing federal or state privacy laws or violate other provisions of this chapter's policies on minors' data collection.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-950 and inserting:

Section 39-5-950. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section ~~39-5-890~~39-5-970, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this chapter.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Title 39 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 80

Age-Appropriate Code Design

Section 39-80-10. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Compulsive usage" means the persistent and repetitive use of a covered online service that substantially limits one or more of a user's major life activities including, but not limited to, sleeping eating, learning, reading, concentrating, communicating, or working.

(2) "Connected account" means an account on a covered online service that is directly connected to:

(a) the user's account; or

(b) an account that is directly connected to the user's account.

(3) "Covered design feature" means any feature or component of a covered online service that will encourage or increase a minor's frequency, time-spent, or activity on a covered online service including, but not limited to:

(a) infinite scroll or any design feature that automatically loads and displays content other

than what the user prompted, requested, or searched for:

(b) auto-playing videos or any design feature in which videos automatically begin playing when a user navigates to or scrolls through a set of videos;

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(c) gamification or any design feature that emulates gameplay including, but not limited to, streaks, badges, or rewards, that motivate or cause more frequent or more extensive use of a covered online service;

(d) quantification of engagement including, but not limited to, providing a visible count of how many likes, comments, clicks, views, or reactions any user-generated item has received;

(e) notifications and push alerts;

(f) in-game purchases or any design feature in which digital items or tokens are purchased with virtual currency or other forms of payment, including where the purchased digital item can be shared with another user; or

(g) appearance-altering filters.

(4)(a) “Covered online service” means:

(i) a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity that owns, operates, controls, or provides an online service that conducts business in this State, is reasonably likely to be accessed by minors, determines the purposes and means of the processing of consumer’s personal data alone, or jointly with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent company and either;

(A) has annual gross revenues in excess of twenty-five million dollars, adjusted every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index;

(B) annually buys, receives, sells, or shares the personal data of fifty thousand or more consumers, households, or devices alone or in combination with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent company; or

(C) derives at least fifty percent of its annual revenue from the sale or sharing of consumers’ personal data; and

(b) “Covered online services” include:

(i) an entity that controls or is controlled by a business that shares a name, service mark, or trademark that would cause a reasonable consumer to understand that two or more entities are commonly owned; and

(ii) a joint venture or partnership composed of businesses in which each business has at least a forty percent interest in the joint venture or partnership.

(5) “Dark pattern” means a user interface designed or manipulated with the substantial effect of subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision making, or choice.

(6)(a) “Expressed preferences” means a freely given, considered,

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specific, and unambiguous indication of a user's preferences regarding the user's engagement with a covered online service.

(b) Expressed preferences cannot be based on the user's time spent engaging on the covered online service, nor on the usage of features that do not indicate explicit preference, such as comments made, posts reshared, or similar actions that are commonly taken on disliked media.

(7) "Known to be a minor" means the covered online service has actual knowledge that a particular consumer is a minor. For purposes of this act, actual knowledge includes all information and inferences known to the covered online service relating to the age of the individual including, but not limited to, self-identified age, and including any age the covered online service has attributed or associated with the individual for any purpose including, but not limited to, marketing, advertising, or product development purposes.

(8) "Minor" means a consumer who is less than eighteen years of age.

(9) "Online service" means any service, product, or feature that is accessible to the public on the internet including, but not limited to, a website or application. An online service may include any service, product, or feature that is based in part or in whole on artificial intelligence. "Online service" does not mean any of the following:

(a) a telecommunications service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 153;

(b) a broadband internet access service as defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.400; or

(c) the sale, delivery, or use of a physical product.

(10) "Parent" has the same meaning as defined in the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6506 and the Federal Trade Commission rules implementing that act.

(11)(a) "Personal data" means any information, including derived data and unique identifiers, that is linked or reasonably linkable, alone or in combination with other information, to an identified or identifiable individual or to a device that identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably linkable to one or more

identified or identifiable individuals in a household.

(b) Personal data does not include publicly available data.

(12) "Personalized recommendation system" means a fully or partially automated system used to suggest, promote, or rank content, including other users, hashtags, or material from others based on the personal data of users.

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(13)(a) “Precise geolocation information” means any data that identifies a user’s present or past location within a radius of one thousand one hundred eighty feet, the present or past location of a device that links or is linkable to a user, or any data that is derived from a device that is used or intended to be used to locate a user within a radius of one thousand one hundred eighty feet by means of technology that includes a global positioning system that provides latitude and longitude coordinates.

(b) “Precise geolocation information” does not include the content of communications or any data generated or connected to advanced utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility.

(14) “Process” means the performance of an operation, or a set of operations, by manual or automated means on personal data including, but not limited to, collecting, using, storing, disclosing, analyzing, deleting, sharing, or modifying personal data.

(15) “Profile” means any form of automated processing of personal data to evaluate, analyze, or predict certain aspects relating to a user including, but not limited to, a user’s economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location, or movements.

(16)(a) “Publicly available data” means data that is lawfully made available from federal, state, or local government records, or data that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public by the individual or from widely distributed media; or data made available by a person to whom the individual has disclosed the data if the individual has not restricted the data to a specific audience.

(b) “Publicly available data” does not mean biometric data collected by a covered online service about a minor without the minor’s knowledge.

(17)(a) “Reasonably likely to be accessed by a minor” means it is reasonable to expect that the covered online service would be accessed by an individual minor or by minors based on the covered online service meeting either of the following criteria:

(i) the individual is known to the covered online service to be a minor as defined in Section 39-80-10(7); or

(ii) the covered online service is directed to children as defined by the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6506 and the Federal Trade Commission rules implementing that act.

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(b) Where subitem (a)(i) is met, the covered online service must treat the particular individual as a minor. Where subitem (a)(ii) is met, the covered online service must treat all individuals using or visiting the covered online service as minors, except where the covered online service has actual knowledge that the individual is not a minor.

(18) “Sensitive personal data” means personal data that reveals:

(a) an individual’s social security number, driver’s license, state identification card, or passport number;

(b) an individual’s account log-in, financial account, debit card, or credit card number in combination with any required security or access code, password, or credentials allowing access to an account;

(c) an individual’s precise geolocation information;

(d) an individual’s racial or ethnic origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or union membership;

(e) the contents of an individual’s mail, email, text messages, or other forms of communications that perform similar functions, including shared images and videos, unless the business is the intended recipient of the communication;

(f) an individual’s genetic data;

(g) biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying an individual; or

(h) personal data concerning an individual’s health.

(19)(a) “Targeted advertising” means displaying advertisements to an individual where the advertisement is selected based on personal data obtained or inferred from that individual’s activities over time and across nonaffiliated websites or online applications to predict the individual’s preferences or interest.

(b) “Targeted advertising” does not include:

(i) advertisements based on activities within a covered online service’s own internet websites or online applications;

(ii) advertisements based on the context of an individual’s current search query, visit to an internet website, or use of an online application;

(iii) advertisements directed to an individual in response to the individual’s request for information or feedback; or

(iv) processing personal data solely to measure or report advertising frequency, performance, or reach.

(20) “User” means with respect to a covered online service an individual who uses the covered online service and who is located in South Carolina.

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Section 39-80-20. (A) A covered online service shall exercise reasonable care in the use of a minor's personal data and the design and operation of the covered online service including, but not limited to, covered design features, to prevent the following harm to minors:

- (1) compulsive usage of the covered online service;
- (2) severe psychological harm including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, self-harm or suicidal ideations;
- (3) severe emotional distress;
- (4) highly offensive intrusions on the minor's reasonable privacy expectations;
- (5) identity theft;
- (6) discrimination against the minor on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, or national origin; and
- (7) material financial or physical injury.

(B) "Harm" defined in this section is limited to those for which liability is permitted under 47 U.S.C Section 230, including as that provision is amended or repealed in the future.

(C) Nothing in this section may be construed to require a covered online service to prevent or preclude any user from deliberately and independently searching for or specifically requesting content, or accessing resources and information regarding the prevention or mitigation of the harm described in this section.

(D) The provisions contained in this chapter do not apply to:

- (1) a federal, state, tribal, or local government entity in the ordinary course of its operations;
- (2) personal data that is controlled by a covered online service that is:

(a) required to comply with:

- (i) Title V of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act;
- (ii) the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act; or
- (iii) regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 264(C) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996;

(b) in compliance with the information security requirements of the statutes or regulations identified in subitem (a).

(3) information including, but not limited to, personal data collected as part of a clinical trial subject to the federal policy for the protection of human subjects pursuant to human subject protection requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

(4) The requirements of this chapter are in addition to and may not limit or restrict in any way the application of other laws including,

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but not limited to, statutes, regulations, and common law of South Carolina. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and one or more other laws, the law that affords the greatest protection to minors shall control.

Section 39-80-30. (A) A covered online service must provide a user or visitor to the service with easily accessible and easy to use tools to:

(1) disable design features including, but not limited to, all covered design features, that are not necessary to provide the covered online service by allowing users to opt-out of the use of all such design features or any combination of such design features;

(2) limit the amount of time the user spends on the covered online service;

(3) limits, at the level of the user's choosing, the financial value of purchases and transactions on the covered online service if such purchases and transactions have not been disabled;

(4) block, disable, and render nonvisible messaging, requests, reactions, likes, comments, or other contact from account holders that are not already among the minor's existing connected accounts;

(5) restrict the visibility of the minor's account and information posted by the minor to only users with connected accounts;

(6) block, disable, and render nonvisible quantification of engagement including, but not limited to, providing a visible count of how many likes, comments, clicks, views, or reactions regarding any item generated by the user;

(7) disable search engine indexing of a user's account profile such that the account only shows within searches initiated by a user with a connected account;

(8) prohibit any other individual from viewing the user's connections to other users, regardless of the nature of the connection; and

(9) restrict the visibility of the user's location information to only those with whom the user specifically shares such information and provide notice when the minor's precise geolocation information is being tracked or shared.

(B) A covered online service must provide to a user the option to opt-out of personalized recommendation systems, except for optimizations based on the user's expressed preferences. A covered online service must establish this option as a default setting for any individual the covered online service knows to be a minor.

(C) A covered online service must establish, implement, and

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maintain as default settings for any individual the covered online service knows to be a minor the safeguards described in subsection (A).

Section 39-80-40. (A) Covered online services shall only collect, use, or share the minimum amount of a minor's personal data necessary to provide the specific elements of the covered online service with which a minor has knowingly engaged. Such personal data may not be used for reasons other than those for which it was collected. Minors' personal data collected for age verification or estimation cannot be used for other purposes and must be deleted after use.

(B) A covered online service shall only retain a minor's personal data as long as necessary to provide the specific elements of an online service with which a minor has knowingly engaged.

(C) Covered online services may not facilitate targeted advertising to minors.

(D) Precise geolocation information of minors cannot be collected by default unless necessary to the provision of the covered online service. An obvious notice to the minor must be provided when precise geolocation information is being collected or used.

(E) A covered online service must provide users with accessible and easy to use tools to prevent notifications and push alerts to an individual during specified times. To comply with this requirement, a covered online service must offer the user the option to prevent notifications and push alerts to an individual the covered online service knows is a minor between the hours of ten p.m. and six a.m. seven days a week year round and between the months of August and May between the hours of eight a.m. and three p.m. Monday through Friday in the minor's local time zone.

(F) A covered online service shall not profile an individual the covered online service knows is a minor, unless profiling is necessary to providing the covered online service with which a minor has knowingly requested and is limited to only the aspects of the covered online service with which a minor is actively and knowingly engaged.

(G) Settings for the protections required under this section must be set at the highest level of protection by default.

(H) If a covered online service allows parental monitoring or is required to provide parental monitoring by law, then it must provide obvious notice to the minor when they are being monitored.

Section 39-80-50. (A) Covered online services must provide parents with accessible and easy-to-use tools to help parents protect and support minors using the covered online services and these shall be on by default for any individual the covered online service knows to be a

minor.

(B) The parental tools provided by the covered online services shall provide to the parents the ability to:

(1) manage the minor's account settings and change and control the minor's privacy and account settings; and

(2) restrict a minor's purchases and other financial transactions.

(C) Among the parental tools provided by covered online services shall be one to enable parents to view the total time spent on a covered online service by a user the covered online service knows is a minor and allow the parent to place limits on the minor's use of the covered online service. The parental tools provided by covered online services must also offer parents the ability to restrict a minor's use of the covered online service during times of day specified by the parents, including during school hours and at night.

(D) Covered online services must notify a minor when any of the tools described in this section are in effect and what settings have been applied.

Section 39-80-60. (A) Covered online services shall establish mechanisms for parents, minors, and schools to report harm to minors on covered online services, especially those harms that pose an imminent threat to a minor.

(B) Covered online services are prohibited from facilitating ads directed to minors for products prohibited for minors including, but not limited to, narcotic drugs, tobacco products, gambling, and alcohol to users the covered online services know are minors.

(C) Covered online services are prohibited from using dark patterns. Use of dark pattern shall constitute a deceptive and unfair practice.

(1) Use of dark patterns by a covered online service shall constitute an unlawful trade practice under Section 39-5-20 of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act.

(2) A covered online service that violates the provisions of this section are subject to the provisions, penalties, and damages of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act.

(D) Each covered online service that utilizes personalized recommendation systems is required to describe in its terms and conditions, in a clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand manner, how the systems are used to provide information to minors and information regarding how minors or their parents can opt-out of or control the systems.

(E) Covered online services are required to provide comprehensive, clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand information in a prominent

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location describing the design safety for minors, the privacy protections for minors, and the parental tools that the covered online service has adopted pursuant to this chapter. Such disclosure must also include a clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand explanation of how minors and parents may utilize those design safety measures, privacy protections, and tools.

Section 39-80-70. (A) Annually, on or before July first, the covered online service must issue a public report prepared by an independent third-party auditor that contains a detailed description of the covered online service as it pertains to minors, including its covered design features, its use of personal data, and its business practices as they pertain to minors. The public report must be submitted to the Attorney General who shall post it in a prominent place on his internet website. Each report must include:

- (1) the purpose of the covered online service;
- (2) the extent to which the covered online service is likely to be accessed by minors;
- (3) an accounting of the total number and types of reports generated pursuant to Section 39-80-60(A) and assessment of how those reports were handled, if known;
- (4) whether, how, and for what purpose the covered online services collect or process minors' personal data and sensitive personal data;
- (5) the design safety for minors, the privacy protections for minors, and the parental tools that the covered online entity has adopted;
- (6) whether and how the covered online service uses covered designed features;
- (7) the covered online service's process for handling data access, deletion, and correction requests for a minor's data;
- (8) age verification or estimation methods used; and
- (9) description of algorithms used by the covered online service.

(B) Independent auditors that prepare reports required under this section are required to follow inspection and consultation practices designed to ensure that reports are comprehensive and accurate, and that the reports are prepared in consultation with experts on minors' use of covered online services.

(C) Covered online services are required to provide independent auditors that prepare reports required under this section full and complete cooperation and access to information and operations required to ensure that the report is comprehensive and accurate.

Section 39-80-80. (A) The Attorney General shall enforce the

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provisions contained in this chapter.

(B) A covered online service shall be liable for treble the financial damages incurred as a result of a violation of this chapter.

(C) The officers and employees of a covered online service may be held personally liable for wilful and wonton violations of this chapter.

SECTION X. The requirements of this act are in addition to and shall not limit or restrict in any way the application of other laws including, but not limited to, statutes, regulations, and common law of this State. In the event of a conflict between this act and one or more other laws, the law that affords the greatest protection to minors shall control.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. HUFF spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 53 to 32.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BERNSTEIN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-980 from the bill.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke against the amendment.

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Rep. T. MOORE continued speaking.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken,
resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach

Burns

Cromer

Edgerton

Frank

Gilreath

Harris

Huff

Kilmartin

Magnuson

McCabe

Morgan

Pace

Terrible

White

Total--15

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0007H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking the first undesignated paragraph and inserting:

~~South Carolina Social Media Regulation~~ Age-Appropriate Platforms for Minors

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(2) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(5) and (5) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(8), (9), (10), and (11) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-910(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) Beginning March 1, 2026, a social media company shall develop at least one platform specifically designed for minors that only contains content that is curated to be age appropriate. These platforms must include all safety and privacy safeguards that are required by this article. A minor must have expressed consent from a parent or guardian as provided for in subsection (B) in order to access these platforms.

~~Beginning March 1, 2026, a~~ (2) A social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of South Carolina account holders who are minors or are the parents or guardians of a minor with permission to use the social media platform with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the information

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management practices of the social media company or apply the accommodations afforded to minors pursuant to this ~~chapter~~article to all account holders.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-910(C) and inserting:

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on ~~a~~an age appropriate social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account pursuant to any other provision of state or federal law.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(1) and inserting:

(1) prohibit adults from direct messaging a South Carolina minor account holder ~~unless the minor is already connected to the adult on the service~~ on an age-appropriate social media platform;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-920(4) and (5) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Sections 39-5-930 and 39-5-935 and inserting:

Section 39-5-930. ~~Beginning March 1, 2026, a~~A social media company shall provide a parent or guardian who has given parental consent for a South Carolina minor account holder as provided in this ~~chapter~~article with a means for the minor account holder or the parent or guardian to initiate account supervision. Such supervision must include the ability for the parent to view privacy settings of the minor's account, view the list of other users with whom the minor shares a social or virtual connection within the system, set daily time limits for the service, schedule breaks, and offer the minor the option to set up parental notifications when the minor reports a person or issue.

~~—Section 39-5-935. (A) Beginning March 1, 2026, for a South Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to detect and ensure that a minor account holder cannot bypass the applicable age requirement and parental consent or supervision provisions of this chapter through technological means including, but not limited to, the use of virtual private networks (VPNs), proxy servers, or other similar technologies designed to obscure an account holder's identity or location.~~

~~—(B) Nothing in this section requires a social media company to take any action that would violate existing federal or state privacy laws or violate other provisions of this chapter's policies on minors' data collection.~~

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Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-940(A) and inserting:

(A) The Office of Attorney General may receive complaints alleging a violation of this ~~chapter~~[article](#).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-950 and inserting:

Section 39-5-950. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section 39-5-970, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this ~~chapter~~[article](#).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-970(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning March 1, 2026, a person may bring an action against a person that does not comply with a requirement of this ~~chapter~~[article](#).

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 2.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 72; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox

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Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Govan	Guest
Hager	Hartz	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCrary	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Yow

Total--72

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Beach
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Frank	Garvin	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rutherford
Weeks	White	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

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STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to table Amendment No. 3 on H. 3431. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the tabling motion.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ATKINSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.VR0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-980(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) By March 1, 2026, the Department of Education shall develop model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by educational experts, ~~child psychologists~~, and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection must include one or more model programs for students in grades six through twelve which include instruction regarding the negative effects of social media on the mental health of users including addiction; the ability of social media to manipulate and influence thoughts and behaviors; the permanency and risks of sharing materials online; ways to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet and social media; and ways to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.VR0002H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-980 and inserting:

Section 39-5-980. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "LEA" means a local education agency, to include the sponsor of a public charter school pursuant to Section 59-40-40, and the:

- (a) Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities;
- (b) Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe;
- (c) Special School of Science and Mathematics, also referred to as the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics;
- (d) Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School; and
- (e) South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind.

(2) "Parent" means the biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, person with legal custody or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a student, excluding an individual whose parental relationship to the child has been legally terminated.

(B)(1) The following prohibited concepts may not be included or promoted in a course of instruction, curriculum, assignment, instructional program, instructional material (including primary or supplemental materials, whether in print, digital, or online), surveys or questionnaires, presentations, performances, school policies and protocols or professional educator development or training, nor may a student, employee, or volunteer be compelled to affirm, accept, adopt, or adhere to such prohibited concepts:

- (a) members of one race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior to members of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin;
- (b) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual, inherently is privileged, racist, sexist, contributive to any oppression or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously;

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(c) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse or favorable treatment because of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(d) the moral character of an individual is determined by the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(e) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin;

(f) meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic:

(i) are racist, sexist, belong to the principles of one religion; or

(ii) were created by members of a particular race, sex, or religion to oppress members of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin or religion; and

(g) fault, blame, or bias should be assigned to members of a race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin because of their race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin.

(2) All materials made available to students including, but not limited to, primary and supplemental instructional accessible, must be age appropriate, grade appropriate, or appropriate to the academic grade level of the student.

(3) A student, administrator, teacher, staff member, other school or district employee, or volunteer may not be required to engage in any gender or sexual diversity training or counseling unless it is prescribed as part of a corrective action plan pursuant to Section 59-29-630.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits concepts as part of a course of instruction, in a curriculum or instructional program, or through the use of supplemental instructional materials if these concepts involve:

(a) the history of an ethnic group, as described in the South Carolina State Standards and instructional materials adopted pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Regulations;

(b) the fact-based discussion of controversial aspects of history or current events;

(c) the fact-based instruction on the historical oppression of a particular group of people based on race, sex, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, or geographic region;

(d) the fact-based and historically accurate discussion of the history of slavery; or

(e) the fact-based and historically accurate discussion of Reconstruction, the Jim Crow era, and segregation with an emphasis on lynchings and other crimes committed based upon the race of the victim.

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(5) The department shall create and make accessible model lesson plans for LEAs to utilize in all grades and subject areas.

(6) Nothing in this section prohibits an LEA from taking disciplinary action or corrective action for prohibited conduct as prescribed by state law, the department of education, or local school board.

(C) The department shall create a complaint form, which LEAs shall prominently post on their website, for use when an individual files a complaint alleging violations of Section 59-29-620. At a minimum, the department must ensure the complaint form includes:

(1) the name and contact information of the complainant;

(2) the name of the school in which the alleged violation took place;

(3) a brief description of the prohibited concept at issue and the context in which it was

allegedly included or promoted that is in violation of Section 59-29-620;

(4) a brief statement on why the concept at issue is a prohibited concept;

(5) the name of the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept;

(6) the name of the individual who may have knowledge of the allegations;

(7) a list of documentation or materials supporting the complainant's allegations, including copies of such documentation where possible;

(8) the approximate date on which the prohibited concept was included or promoted;

(9) location, either physical or virtual, of the printed or electronically available material; and

(10) a statement by the complainant verifying that he has made a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept and resolve the matter as required in Section 59-29-640(B)(3), including the date and time of the communication, the mode of communication, copies of any communications available, and a summary of the outcome of the communications and resolution efforts

(D)(1) Each LEA shall:

(a) provide a statement on its website announcing the rights of parents to review all curriculum;

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(b) provide annual notice of Section 59-29-620 to staff, students, and parents;

(c) ensure compliance with the provisions of this article by investigating suspected violations and complaints filed pursuant to this article;

(d) prohibit retaliation for filing a complaint or participating in an investigation;

(e) obtain written consent from a parent prior to the participation of a minor student in the investigative process, including consent for the minor to be interviewed;

(f) provide instructions to complainant or individual alleged to have violated for filing an appeal of the LEA determination with the department in a written determination to an eligible complainant; and

(g) before July 1, 2027, and each year thereafter, provide a report to the department containing a summary of the:

(i) number of complaints filed with a description of the nature of each complaint;

(ii) number of complaints closed;

(iii) number of complaints pending;

(iv) number of resolution agreements successfully executed;

(v) number of complaints substantiated; and

(vi) number of complaints not substantiated.

(2) Before the 2031-2032 School Year, an LEA shall compile and provide records of items (1)(a) through (f) that encompass the previous five school years in the annual report required in item (1)(g). The department shall provide a report summarizing the information of each district to the General Assembly before July 1, 2027, and each year thereafter.

(3) Before the 2026-2027 School Year, the department shall create, and each LEA shall adopt, a policy for procedures used to report and investigate an alleged violation of Section 59-29-620 with the LEA, which must include:

(a) instructions detailing how to file a complaint alleging a violation of Section 59-29-620 with the LEA;

(b) a requirement that the complainant be:

(i) a current student of the LEA in which the allegation arose;

(ii) the parent of a current student of the LEA in which the allegation arose; or

(iii) an employee or volunteer of the LEA in which the allegation arose;

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(c) a requirement that the complainant must have undertaken a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept to discuss the complainant's concerns and attempt to resolve the matter; and

(d) the following timelines for the investigation by an LEA:

(i) complaint must be received within one year of the alleged violation;

(ii) response must be provided within thirty business days; and

(iii) decision must be rendered within thirty business days of the response being provided.

(4) An LEA shall work collaboratively with parents, teachers, and other employees to resolve concerns and complaints. Within seven calendar days of receiving a complaint, the LEA must provide a redacted copy of the complaint to the principal of the school where the individual is alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept. Upon receipt, the principal shall provide a copy of the redacted complaint to the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept. At any point after a complaint is filed but before the LEA has issued a final written determination, the parties may reach an early resolution of an allegation through a resolution agreement, which shall include any agreed upon terms of the early resolution. Once a complaint is submitted, it must be confidential and not accessible to the public until a decision has been rendered and administrative procedures provided in this article have been exhausted. An LEA is not required to complete its investigation or issue a final written determination once it has entered a resolution agreement with the complainant.

(5) The complainant or individual alleged to have violated Section 59-29-620 may file an appeal of the final written determination of an LEA with the State Board within fifteen calendar days after receiving the final written determination.

(6) Within ten calendar days after the appeal is filed with the State Board, it shall send written notification acknowledging receipt to all parties involved.

(7) The LEA may not take disciplinary or licensure action against an educator for a violation of Section 59-29-620 before the State Board sends a final written determination letter to all parties involved.

(8) As part of an investigation, the State Board may:

(a) request an investigative file from the LEA;

(b) interview a complainant, the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept, or another individual considered necessary by the State Board; and

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(c) request any new or additional relevant physical or electronic evidence from the LEA or any witness.

(9) Within forty calendar days after receiving an appeal, the State Board shall determine whether:

(a) allegations in the original complaint are substantiated; and

(b) the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620. An LEA must be deemed to have knowingly violated Section 59-29-620 if the LEA:

(i) received a complaint alleging and became aware that a prohibited concept was included or promoted in a course of instruction, curriculum, instructional program, or supplemental instructional materials but failed to initiate an investigation or remedy a violation;

(ii) initiated an investigation but failed to make a timely determination about whether an allegation was substantiated; or

(iii) determined that the allegation was substantiated but failed to remedy the violation.

(10) The State Board shall issue a written determination letter to the complainant, the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept, and the LEA from which the allegation arose. This determination letter is subject to any Federal or State law that relates to the privacy of student information.

(11) Pending the issuance of a final order by the State Board in a proceeding pursuant to this section, no preliminary information gathered by the department concerning misconduct reasonably believed to constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including the name and certificate number of the certified educator, may be disclosed.

(12) If the State Board determines that the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620, the:

(a) The LEA shall immediately take a corrective action plan that:

(i) identifies specific acts or steps the LEA will take to resolve the noncompliance;

(ii) specifies deadlines for the completion of the required acts or steps; and

(iii) specifies dates for submission of reports and documentation to the State Board verifying implementation; and

(iv) meets the requirements of subsection(C).

(b) The State Board shall:

(i) monitor the corrective action plan to ensure the LEA complies with the terms of the plan;

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(ii) provide written notice to the LEA of any deficiencies in implementation and request immediate and appropriate action to address those deficiencies;

(iii) require additions to the corrective action plan to address the failure of the LEA to fully implement commitments in the original plan when necessary; and

(iv) conclude the monitoring of the corrective action plan when the State Board determine

that the LEA fully has implemented the terms of the plan by providing written notification to the LEA.

(13) If the State Board determines the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620 or the LEA fails to adhere to the corrective action plans, the department may withhold up to five percent of a LEA's funds appropriated as part of the State Aid Classrooms, and the State Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke the educator certificate of the responsible LEA staff pursuant to Section 59-25-160.

(14) A parent must not be subject to retaliation or sanctions from the LEAs, the State Board of Education, and employees thereof for filing a complaint or appeal as outlined in this article.

(15) Nothing in any determination letter, final order, or any portion of a corrective action plan issued by the State Board shall be considered binding for purposes of any other investigation of a complaint or appeal filed with the State Board or any other resolution process conducted by the State Board, shall be considered binding on any other school district, and shall only apply to the underlying complaint

(E)(1) Beginning with the 2026-2027 School Year, and each school year thereafter, each LEA prominently shall post information regarding their chosen curriculum and instructional materials on the school district website. The information must indicate the materials used by school, grade or course, and subject matter, and must include:

(a) a listing of the approved textbooks by title and including author, brief summary and date of copyright for every course offered in the district;

(b) a link to statewide academic standards;

(c) relevant district policies concerning curriculum development and academic transparency; and

(d) a process for which parents may review in person, at the school of their child's attendance and

contest instructional materials and library and media center materials being used.

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(2) At the start of each school year, an LEA shall communicate to parents how they may access the information and materials required in subsection (A).

(3) A school shall ensure that every course offered provides students and parents with a course syllabus that includes:

- (a) an overview of instructional topics;
- (b) classroom expectations;
- (c) grading procedures;
- (d) a list of primary textbooks and instructional materials;
- (e) teacher contact information;
- (f) information on accessing the course learning management system;
- (h) the link to state standards, if available.

(4) Course syllabi must be distributed to students and families within the first five days of class and should remain accessible to families online throughout the school year.

(F)(1) The State Superintendent of Education shall plan for a thirty day public review of materials recommended by the instructional materials review panels before taking those recommendations to the State Board of Education. The public review sites must be geographically distributed around the State at as many state-supported colleges and universities or, if necessary, other designated sites that agree to host the reviews. Public review sites must be advertised in each congressional district in the newspaper with the largest circulation figures for that district, on the website of the department, and on social media sites used by the department. All recommended materials shall be made available for review at each location and the public shall be given access during the review period without unreasonable restrictions or conditions.

(2) The State Board shall hold a public hearing before adopting any textbook or instructional material for use in the schools of this State.

(G) A school may not use, make available, or promote any curricula, presentations, performances, assignments, questionnaires, surveys or materials in any format, including making access available through school or class libraries, clubs, book fairs, book or media catalogs, or technology which contains an application, link, or other access to pornographic or other prohibited materials. A school district that receives or distributes such materials must receive disciplinary action as stated in the complaint process. Pornographic materials are those meeting the definitions provided in Section 16-15-375(1).

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Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was not germane to H. 3431.

Rep. MAGNUSON argued contra.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE stated the bill concerned social media, limitations on social media, and the use of social media by children under the age of 18. He stated that Amendment No. 5 related to school programs and banning the inclusion of diversity, equity, and inclusion education and critical race theory in schools. He stated the amendment went beyond the scope of the bill and was not germane. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

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J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Beach
Bowers	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	King	Magnuson
Morgan	Pace	Reese
Rutherford	Terrible	

Total--17

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. WICKENSIMER moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4051 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

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Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PEGGY HILL OF ANDERSON, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4052 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

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Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACE PALMER OF NEWBERRY FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY INTELLIGENCE AND LOVE OF LEARNING WHICH HAVE GIVEN HIM MEMBERSHIP IN MENSA AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS ACADEMIC PURSUITS AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4053 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND FRANK REED OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4054 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4055 -- Reps. Bannister, Mitchell, Murphy, Robbins and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS

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TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2025, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4056 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-840, RELATING TO AGE EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE FOR EXEMPTION FROM SIXTY-FIVE YEARS TO SEVENTY YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4057 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 58 ENTITLED "UTILITY FACILITIES CROSSING OR PARALLELING RAILROADS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH APPLICABILITY OF THE ACT; TO REQUIRE A UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE STANDARDIZED FEES; TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE A DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4058 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4059 -- Reps. Bauer, Hosey, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Stavrinakis, Dillard, Wetmore, King, Spann-Wilder, Jones, Rivers, Gilliard, Anderson, Kirby, Luck, Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Grant and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FREEDOM TO READ PROTECTIONS AND RESPECT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AUTONOMY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-55 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO AFFIRM CERTAIN RIGHTS CONCERNING STUDENT ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE READING MATERIAL, TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA

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SPECIALISTS TO AUTONOMOUSLY MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS ABOUT CURATING AND MAINTAINING MATERIALS IN THEIR SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER COLLECTIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAL CHALLENGES TO SUCH MATERIALS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RIGHTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS WHEN PERFORMING RELATED PROFESSIONAL DUTIES IN GOOD FAITH.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4060 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT FORTY-TWO AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT OF THE NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4061 -- Reps. Frank, Edgerton, Gilreath, M. M. Smith, Huff, Teeple, Cobb-Hunter, Wickensimer, Hartz, Gagnon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SNAP NUTRITION INTEGRITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO 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 BENEFITS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RELATED TO APPLICATION FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAIVER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL

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REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. WETMORE moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4021 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman,

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Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TRAVIS E. OVERTON FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FAMILY IN SUPPORT OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS SUDDEN PASSING.

H. 4022 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE W. PAUL PRINCE FOR HIS SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LORIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND FIRST

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RESPONDER AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF HORRY COUNTY.

H. 4023 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHORTY'S GRILL FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AS A CULINARY INSTITUTION IN LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:53 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MURPHY, adjourned in memory of Jared Devin Rose, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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