HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF AT THE STATEHOUSE

Or, “How To Talk With The People Who Work For You!”
AGENDA

• 10 Minutes: Introductions & What We Know
• 20 Minutes: Presentation
• 10 Minutes: Letter/testimony writing exercise
• 15 Minutes: Share exercise and talk about strategy
• 5 Minutes: Questions and Next Steps
OUR FOCUS TODAY

We’re going to focus on Committees and how to interact with your legislators during the committee process.

WHAT WE AREN’T GOING TO COVER:
How a bill becomes a law
THE BASICS

COMMITTEES

• Committees consider bills about a specific subject
• The majority of the work is done here
• Committees determine whether or not legislation will be debated by the full House or Senate
THE BASICS

COMMITTEES

• Members of the public can write letters or emails, attend committee meetings and speak directly with committee members
• Members of the public share opinions, and either...
THE BASICS

COMMITTEES

• A bill will die in committee and never see the light of day, or...
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• A bill will advance from the committee and is on its way to become a law!
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## House Standing Committees

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WHERE TO FIND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

scstatehouse.gov

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Senate Meeting Schedule

TODAY, December 5
10:30 am
Health and Human Services Subcommittee Budget Hearing
Greeneville Room 209
Agenda Available

12:30 pm
Health and Human Services Subcommittee Budget Hearing
Greeneville Room 209
Agenda Available

Monday, December 10
10:00 am
Corrections and Penology Subcommittee
Greeneville Room 209

House Meeting Schedule

TODAY, December 5
10:00 am
House of Representatives State House, House Chamber

Immediately upon adjournment of the House
L.C.I. Full Committee
Batt Room 403
Agenda Available
Monday, December 10
10:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Corrections and Penology Subcommittee
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 12/04/2018 at 10:47 am

1:00 pm -- Blatt Room 433 -- SC Education Oversight Committee
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 12/03/2018 at 12:12 pm
Scheduled for Live Broadcast on 12/03/2018 at 12:16 pm
Agenda (in PDF format) revised on 12/07/2018 at 01:38 pm

Tuesday, December 11
1:00 pm -- CANCELED
Gressette Room 308 -- Education Lottery Oversight Committee
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 11/16/2018 at 02:49 pm
Meeting canceled on 12/10/2018 at 02:02 pm

Wednesday, December 12
10:30 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Health and Human Services Subcommittee Budget Hearing
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 12/06/2018 at 08:49 am

2:00 pm -- Gressette Room 308 -- Joint Education and Finance Study Committee
Agenda Available
Live Broadcast
Live Broadcast - Audio Only
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 11/19/2018 at 11:47 am
Scheduled for Live Broadcast on 11/19/2018 at 01:19 pm
Time changed on 11/25/2018 at 03:03 pm

3:30 pm -- Gressette Room 105 -- Special Subcommittee Meeting Disaster Recovery
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 12/11/2018 at 00:03 am

Thursday, December 13
3:30 pm -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judicial Merit Selection Commission
Agenda Available
REVISIONS:
Meeting added on 12/05/2018 at 03:15 pm
Agenda (in PDF format) added on 12/09/2018 at 09:00 am
Senate Finance Committee
Health & Human Services Subcommittee
Budget Hearing
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
10:30 a.m.

209 Gressette Building

Members:
Senator Alexander, Chairman
Senator Reese
Senator Verdin
Senator Nicholson

AGENDA
Because the legislative calendars are posted on Friday, there’s not a lot of time to plan!

- Read your email for relevant information
- Does it resonate with you?
- Do you feel compelled to share your story or opinion with your elected officials (i.e., your employees).
SHARING YOUR POSITION

Delivering Testimony

• Check the committee calendars for date, time & location of the meeting
• Write your testimony
  • Consult the “how to” handout
• Dress and behave professionally
• Arrive early
• Sign in
• Relax, and remember that these folks *work for you!*

Writing Letters

• Find out who your legislators are
  • [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php)
• Find their address
• Write your letter
  • Consult the “how to” handout
• Send your letter
  • Follow up with a phone call or email if you don’t hear back
Why I care.

Personal Story

3rd Finger:
• This is important to me because ________.

What is my issue?

2nd Finger:
• I’m here to talk about ________.

Introduce yourself.

1st Finger:
• Name
• Where you live
• I’m a constituent!

Why the Legislature should care.

4th Finger:
• This is an important issue in our state because ________.

Make the ask.

5th Finger:
• Will you support $______ in funding?
• Can we count on you to support Bill #__?
Full Senate and House Schedules

• You can use links to read bills, track bills, review sponsors and see when a bill will be before the full Senate or House.
Senate Calendars

An active link to a Bill ALWAYS goes to the most current version of a Bill. Therefore, linking to a Bill from an old Calendar may provide misleading information.

All Calendars are also available in Microsoft Word format and in PDF format.

Current Senate Calendar

2019 Senate Calendars

A link will be added here each session day in 2019 to provide access to that day's Senate Calendar.

Last Updated: 11/13/18 9:14 AM
SENATE TO MEET AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY

CALENDAR
OF THE
SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

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Wednesday, October 3, 2018

UNCONTESTED LOCAL
THIRD READING BILL

S. 1183 (Word version)–Senators Scott, Jackson, McLeod and McElveen: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE RICHLAND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MAY BY DELEGATION RESOLUTION DEVOLVE THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF RICHLAND COUNTY.
(Without reference–April 19, 2018)
(Read the second time–April 20, 2018)
(Contested by Senator Scott [WY 26.12])

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STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILL

H. 5341 (Word version)–Reps. Lucas, White, Simrill, Rutherford, Murphy, S. Rivers and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE INCOME TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR
H 3055 General Bill
By Robinson-Simpson, Clyburn, Gilliard, Mack, King and Henegan

Summary: Stop the School House to Jail House Pipeline Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE 'RESTORATIVE JUVENILE PRACTICES AND APPROACHES ACT' BY CREATING THE 'JUVENILE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES STUDY COMMITTEE' TO REVIEW JUVENILE JUSTICE LAWS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING RELATED REFORMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION, DUTIES, STAFFING, AND DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The following graphic is a general description of the legislation's status. Users must reference the bill history and the respective journals of the House and Senate for detailed status information.

[Diagram showing the status of the bill in the SC Senate and SC House, with stages such as introduced, out of committee, passed, ratified, and signed into law.]

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EXERCISE

Take 10 minutes to practice writing either a letter or testimony on an issue you are passionate about. Some examples of what we’re expecting this upcoming session are...

• Fetal Heartbeat Bill
  • Bans abortion as soon as a heartbeat is detected, with exemptions for the life of the mother, fetal anomalies or incest.

• Funding for new voting machines
  • Dedicating funds to replacing our current voting machines with ones that have an auditable paper trail.

• Hate Crimes
  • Adding statutory language to define hate crimes and provides for punishment.
NEXT STEPS

Ask #1
• Commit to communicating with your legislators this upcoming session, and follow the ACLU’s work at the capital.

Ask #2
• Commit to sharing what you’ve learned with a group in your area and encourage participation.

Ask #3
• Show up at “ACLU Day at the State Capitol” on January 16 for a post-legislative breakfast rally!
THANK YOU!

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