



## **Ways and Means Completes Budget Work**

The House Ways and Means Committee completed work on its \$5.1 billion dollar budget Thursday afternoon after four days of hard decisions and large cuts. The Committee started proviso consideration Monday afternoon, and money line item consideration began on Wednesday. One of the most glaring cuts is \$84.5 million dollars from public school base student spending, which amounts to \$1,630 per student in public schools for fiscal year 2010 – 2011, down from \$2,700 per student in the current fiscal year. However, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Cooper (Piedmont) noted the 5.8% cut to public schools is not as bad as the cuts to other agencies. Chairman Cooper also publicly stated that with all of the cuts the Committee had to make, there is already talk of a nonrecurring deficit of \$700 to \$800 million dollars for FY 2011 – 2012, and that amount could reach a billion dollars, on top of what is being cut this year.

As the Committee worked throughout the week, each state agency's budget was severely cut, which will likely result in furloughed state employees and a reduction in work force.

## **Ways and Means and the Cigarette Tax**

A new proviso offered by Representative Chip Limehouse (Charleston) was adopted by the Committee Wednesday evening to impose a surtax on cigarettes equal to 1.50 cents per cigarette (30 cents per pack) with the revenue first being allocated to restore and maintain a balance in the Medicaid Reserve Account. A penny would be allocated to the Department of Agriculture for the marketing and branding of South Carolina-grown crops and/or produce and to assist in natural disaster relief affecting state-grown crops. A new Medicaid Reserve Fund would be created in the State Treasury as well. The proviso may be challenged when the entire House considers the budget the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Reduction of Recidivism Act**

The Reduction of Recidivism Act, [S.191](#), garnered much attention in the House of Representatives on Wednesday. Police officers from around the state filled the lobby of the State House and the gallery of the House Chamber. Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell (Charleston), who usually does not take the floor to offer comments or amendments, did in fact take the floor and said S.191 is a "very, very important piece of legislation." The bill contained language which would have suspended a law enforcement officer without pay for one day for failure to file a report, and Speaker Harrell offered an amendment with language providing discipline pursuant to the

employing agency's policies and procedures. The Speaker's amendment was adopted. Representative Garry Smith (Greenville) later offered an amendment containing language that would suspend the officer for failure to file a report if the employing police department did not have a policy in place regarding disciplinary action on failure to file a report. Representative Smith explained that "all a police department would have to do is write a policy," and his amendment was adopted.

After extended debate, S.191 received second reading by a vote of 81 – 26. The bill received third reading today and was returned to the Senate with amendments. If the Senate concurs with the House amendments, S.191 will be enrolled for ratification.

### **Bill Updates**

- [S.905](#) regarding fiscal impact statements issued by the state Board of Economic Advisors received a favorable report by the Senate Finance Sales and Income Tax Subcommittee Tuesday afternoon. The Subcommittee also gave S.1174 a favorable report as amended. [S.1174](#) was introduced by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Hugh Leatherman (Florence) and would provide South Carolina income tax credits for Haiti charitable contributions and provide for certain IRS tax conformity. Both bills are expected to be on the next full Senate Finance Committee agenda,
- Debate was adjourned on two bills dealing with water withdrawal by the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Environmental Affairs I Subcommittee: [H.4285](#), revisions to the Surface Water Withdrawal Act and [H.3132](#), which would enact the South Carolina Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act.
- [H.4551](#) regarding prepaid mobile telephones and 911 services received a favorable report as amended by the full House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee Tuesday afternoon. Several requests for debate were requested on the House floor, so the bill currently resides on the House contested calendar for consideration next week.
- [S.613](#) regarding the continuation of routine care coverage by health insurance while a patient participates in a cancer clinical trial received a favorable report as amended by the full Senate Banking and Insurance Committee Wednesday morning with no objections. The bill will now go to the full Senate for consideration; however, Senator Wes Hayes (Rock Hill - the bill's sponsor) is going to put his name on the bill once it is placed on the Senate calendar, which will hold the bill in place for now. The purpose for this is to allow the parties to continue working with House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee Chairman Bill Sandifer on a voluntary agreement for the continuation of routine care coverage by health insurance companies.
- [S.168](#) regarding medical service providers and voluntary services received a favorable report as amended by the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Business and Commerce Subcommittee Wednesday Afternoon. The amendment language is intended to help ease the strain on hospital emergency departments and resources due to the increasing numbers of behavioral health patients in need

of psychiatric care. The bill is on the agenda of the full Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee for next Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

- The House adopted the Committee amendment to [H.4343](#), the airline incentive bill, and then gave it second reading Thursday afternoon. Representative Brian White (Anderson) asked the House for unanimous consent for the bill to receive third reading today, which was agreed to. The bill will be sent to the Senate and will likely be read across the Senate desk and referred to a Senate Committee next Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The House then considered [H.4200](#), the extraordinary retail establishment bill. Chairman Cooper made a motion to adjourn debate on the bill until next Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, which was agreed to.
- [H.4603](#), which would allow the Local Government Fund to be cut in the FY 2010-2011 state budget, was approved by the Ways and Means Committee this week (a similar bill passed the General Assembly last year). The Ways and Means Committee also voted to cut \$28 million dollars from the Local Government Fund during its budget deliberations this week.

### **Next Week's Senate Budget Subcommittees**

The budget subcommittees of the Senate Finance Committee will continue their work next week and will hear presentations from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) and other agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) are tentatively scheduled to present their budgets on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **House to Work on Calendar**

Before the House adjourned for the week on Thursday, Speaker Harrell told members to be prepared to work through the House calendar over the next two weeks in order to clear the calendar and send bills to the Senate, so the House will not hold afternoon committee meetings. The Speaker would like to use the next two weeks to get the calendar work done before budget week begins on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Please take a moment to review the bills listed below and let us know if there are any you would like to track and receive updates on as they move through the legislative process. Feel free to call Ted, Hobart or Tara at (803) 799-9993 or email [tboone@rplfirm.com](mailto:tboone@rplfirm.com) with questions or comments.

## Children

### **Enact “Jaidon’s Law” – Placement plan developed by the Department of Social Services for a child removed from the custody of his or her parents, etc.**

- **H. 4630 - Rep. Forrester:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING "JAIDON'S LAW" BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1680, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS, APPROVAL, AND AMENDMENT OF A PLACEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A CHILD REMOVED FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE VISITATION RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENTS UNDER THE PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1690, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A PLACEMENT PLAN WHEN THE CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS INCLUDE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY THE PARENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN MANDATORY, RATHER THAN IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1710, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF THE PARENT IS CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OR AIDING OR ABETTING TO COMMIT HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED THREE HAIR-STRAND DRUG TESTS OVER A NINE-MONTH PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED TWICE IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A TREATMENT PLAN OR PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1940, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED PLACEMENT OF A PERSON IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT A PERSON BE PLACED IN THE REGISTRY IF THE PERSON GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2570, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TERMINATING SUCH RIGHTS ON THE GROUND OF SEVERE AND REPETITIVE ABUSE OR NEGLECT INCLUDES HOSPITALIZATION OF A CHILD FOR MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO INCLUDE IN THE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING SUCH RIGHTS A PARENT'S ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ABUSE WHEN THE PARENT'S ADDICTION IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME; AND TO PROVIDE AS A GROUND FOR TERMINATING SUCH RIGHTS A PARENT BEING CONVICTED OF MURDER, VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, OR HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT.  
**Referred to Committee on Judiciary.**

### **Education: K-12 AND Higher Education**

**A high school, career center or school district in which they are located and a state-supported institution of higher learning may enter into articulation agreements without the participation of the governing body of the institution of higher learning**

- **S.1205 - Senator Fair:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE A HIGH SCHOOL, CAREER CENTER, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED AND A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY ENTER INTO ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BY THE GOVERNING BODY OR COMMISSION OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING INCLUDING A LOCAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR ITS AREA COMMISSION LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY OR AREA WHERE THE HIGH SCHOOL OR CAREER CENTER IS LOCATED, AND TO DEFINE ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PROVISION. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.**

### **Education: Higher Education**

**Each public institution of higher learning must maintain a detailed transaction register of all funds expended each month and post the register on its website**

- **H. 4615 - Reps. Loftis, Haley, Ballentine, Viers, Edge, Gunn, M. A. Pitts, Spires, Toole and Willis:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST MAINTAIN A DETAILED TRANSACTION REGISTER OF ALL FUNDS EXPENDED EACH MONTH AND POST THE REGISTER ON ITS WEBSITE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE ALL OF ITS CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS AND THE CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS FOR CREDIT CARDS ISSUED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR PUBLIC USE. **Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.**

### **Enact the “Higher Education Equity Funding Act”**

- **S. 1230 - Senator Elliott:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-145 SO AS TO ENACT THE "HIGHER EDUCATION EQUITY FUNDING ACT", TO ESTABLISH IN THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION A FUND NAMED THE "HIGHER EDUCATION EQUITY FUND" COMPOSED OF TWO ACCOUNTS FINANCED BY ALL NEW OR INCREASED FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, EXCLUDING CERTAIN FUNDS, TO PROVIDE WHAT THE ACCOUNTS MUST CONTAIN, TO PROVIDE HOW FUNDS CONTAINED IN THE ACCOUNTS MUST BE REMITTED,

AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CLOSING OF THE ACCOUNTS ONCE EQUITABLE FUNDING IS REACHED AMONG ALL PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.  
**Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

### **Education: K-12**

**State Board of Education – must develop rules and regulations re: disputes arising under the statewide high school athletic league**

- **S. 1218** - **Senator S. Martin:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-5-65 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MUST DEVELOP RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING RESOLVING DISPUTES THAT ARISE UNDER SECTION 59-5-66; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59, BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-66 TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS MAY APPEAL FINAL DECISIONS OF STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUES TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.**

**The area of each county of the state must also be constituted as a school district / a county may not have multiple school districts unless the county council passes an ordinance**

- **H. 4618** - **Reps. Herbkersman and Erickson:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ON JULY 1, 2012, THE AREA OF EACH COUNTY OF THIS STATE ALSO MUST BE CONSTITUTED AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A COUNTY MAY NOT HAVE MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES UNLESS THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF A COUNTY PASSES AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND FUND ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LOCAL LAW BEFORE JULY 1, 2012, SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE, FISCAL AUTHORITY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE NO PROVISIONS OF LAW NOW APPLY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS RELATING TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRED BY SECTION 59-17-160 ARE REPEALED AS OF JULY 1, 2012. **Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.**

### **Gaming**

**Permit the sale of lottery tickets on general or primary election days**

- **S. 1217** - **Senators Malloy and Ford:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACT, TO PERMIT THE SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS ON GENERAL OR PRIMARY ELECTION DAYS. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.**

## **Government**

### **Clean Water Fund / Drinking Water Fund**

- **[S. 1204](#) - Senator Leatherman:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-5-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO USES OF THE CLEAN WATER FUND, TO ALLOW ANY USE PRESCRIBED BY ANY FEDERAL LAW GOVERNING OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CLEAN WATER FUND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-5-55, RELATING TO USES OF THE DRINKING WATER FUND, TO ALLOW ANY USE PRESCRIBED BY ANY FEDERAL LAW GOVERNING OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DRINKING WATER FUND. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

**If the court finds that an employee was acting within the scope of employment regarding any civil conspiracy lawsuit brought upon a state employee, that state employee is immune from suit, liability and damages**

- **[S. 1210](#) - Senators Fair, Reese, Cromer, Campbell, Coleman, Shoopman and Williams:** A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-195, TO PROVIDE THAT IN ANY CIVIL CONSPIRACY LAWSUIT BROUGHT UPON A STATE EMPLOYEE, IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE EMPLOYEE WAS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES, THE EMPLOYEE IS IMMUNE FROM SUIT, LIABILITY, AND DAMAGES FROM THE CIVIL CONSPIRACY CLAIM. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Joint Resolution extending certain government approvals affecting the development of real property within the state**

- **[S. 1222](#) - Senator Cleary:** A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CERTAIN GOVERNMENT APPROVALS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

**\$1 surcharge added to each license fee for hunting and other licenses for the purpose of feeding hungry individuals in the state**

- **[H. 4616](#) - Reps. Littlejohn, Brantley, Hodges, Jefferson, R. L. Brown, Clemmons, Cobb-Hunter, Herbkersman and Weeks:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HUNTING AND OTHER LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A ONE-DOLLAR SURCHARGE TO EACH LICENSE FEE CONTAINED IN THE SECTION AND PROVIDE THAT THIS SURCHARGE MUST BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FEEDING HUNGRY INDIVIDUALS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTION 50-1-275; AND TO ADD SECTION 50-1-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ONE-DOLLAR SURCHARGE MUST BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FEEDING HUNGRY INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD IN EACH GAME ZONE TO OVERSEE THE EXPENDITURE OF THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THAT

GAME ZONE FOR THIS PURPOSE. Referred to **Committee on Ways and Means.**

**Encourage all citizens of South Carolina and all branches of state and local government to participate in Earth Hour 2010 by turning off all nonessential lights for a one-hour period beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2010**

- [S. 1227](#) - **Senator Lourie:** A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ALL BRANCHES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH HOUR 2010 BY TURNING OFF ALL NONESSENTIAL LIGHTS FOR A ONE-HOUR PERIOD, BEGINNING AT 8:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010. **The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

**Establish in the State Energy Office the “South Carolina Small Business Micro Green Loan Program”**

- [H. 4638](#) - **Reps. Gunn, Hutto, Mitchell, King, Alexander, Hart and Wylie:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 52, TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH IN THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS MICRO GREEN LOAN PROGRAM", TO ESTABLISH A FUND TO PROVIDE LOANS UNDER THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PROGRAM AND TO DESCRIBE THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION, TO SPECIFY WHO MAY RECEIVE A LOAN UNDER THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MUST DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE LOAN PROGRAM. **Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.**

## Healthcare

**Federal Healthcare Reform – Joint Resolution – Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina to preempt any federal law or rule that restricts a person’s choice of private healthcare providers or the right to pay for medical services**

- [H. 4602](#) - **Rep. Viers:** A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS, BY ADDING SECTION 25 SO AS TO PREEMPT ANY FEDERAL LAW OR RULE THAT RESTRICTS A PERSON'S CHOICE OF PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OR THE RIGHT TO PAY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES. **Referred to Committee on Judiciary.**

**Prohibit a pharmaceutical sales representative from selling or marketing products on the premises of a hospital**

- [S. 1220](#) - **Senator Ford:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 39-1-120 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A

SALES REPRESENTATIVE OF A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY FROM SELLING OR MARKETING PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS ON THE PREMISES OF A HOSPITAL. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.**

**Enact the “Music Therapy Practice Act”**

- **[H. 4624](#) - Reprs. Chalk, Whipper, Allen, Allison, Brady, R. L. Brown, Clemmons, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Harrison, Hodges, Limehouse, Long and Willis:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 85 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE "MUSIC THERAPY PRACTICE ACT", TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF MUSIC THERAPY, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MUSIC THERAPY TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE EDUCATION, EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF LICENSED MUSICAL THERAPISTS AND THE PRACTICE OF MUSIC THERAPY, TO PROHIBIT THE CONDUCT OF MUSIC THERAPY WITHOUT A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE, FISCAL, INVESTIGATIVE, INSPECTIONAL, CLERICAL, SECRETARIAL, AND LICENSE RENEWAL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION; AMONG OTHER THINGS. **Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.**

**Enact the “Utilization of Unused Prescription Drugs Act”**

- **[S. 1226](#) - Senators Cleary, Pinckney, Verdin, Grooms, Bright, Ford, Elliott, Scott, Ryberg, Bryant, Hutto, Rankin, Campbell, Setzler, Land, Shoopman, Campsen, Rose, Peeler, Leventis, Reese, Lourie, Fair, Thomas, Alexander, S. Martin, McConnell, Hayes and O'Dell:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 16 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 TO ENACT THE "UTILIZATION OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SHALL DEVELOP A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM WHEREBY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES CAN DONATE UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OF PATIENTS WHO NO LONGER NEED THEM AND WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO DONATE THEIR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO CHARITABLE CLINICS PROVIDING SERVICES TO MEDICALLY INDIGENT PERSONS; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROGRAM PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS MUST BE PROMULGATED IN REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, INDIVIDUALLY, TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO OVERSEE AND ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT IN ESTABLISHING THIS PROGRAM AND IN CARRYING OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO RECEIVE AND DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS WHICH MUST BE AVAILABLE AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.**

## **Insurance**

**Establish certain conditions under which a protected cell may be created and maintained / captive insurance company records, etc.**

- **[H. 4608](#) - Rep. Sandifer:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-90-85 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PROTECTED CELL MAY BE CREATED AND MAINTAINED; BY ADDING SECTION 38-90-213 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO MAINTAIN ITS RECORDS IN A CERTAIN MANNER; BY ADDING SECTION 38-90-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A PROTECTED CELL TO BE FORMED AS A SEPARATE CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR THIS ACTION; BY ADDING SECTION 38-90-455 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL CAPTIVE TO MAINTAIN ITS RECORDS IN A CERTAIN MANNER; BY ADDING SECTION 38-90-457 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A PROTECTED CELL OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL CAPTIVE TO BE FORMED AS A SEPARATE CORPORATION OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; TO AMEND SECTION 33-9-100, RELATING TO ARTICLES OF DOMESTICATION, SO AS TO CHANGE REFERENCES OF "STATE" TO "JURISDICTION"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN CHAPTER 90, TITLE 38 PERTAINING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH VARIOUS TYPES OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY BE INCORPORATED OR ORGANIZED; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS, DIRECTOR DISCRETION, AND EXEMPTION OF SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXEMPTIONS MAY BE EXTENDED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND MAKE A SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 90, TITLE 38 NOT OTHERWISE APPLICABLE TO IT; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-180, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSURANCE REORGANIZATIONS, RECEIVERSHIPS, AND INJUNCTIONS, AND SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY ASSETS AND CAPITAL PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CHAPTERS 26 AND 27, TITLE 38 APPLY TO EACH OF THE SPONSORED

CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY'S PROTECTED CELL, INDEPENDENTLY, OR BOTH, WITHOUT CAUSING OR EFFECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-210, RELATING TO FORMATION OF A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY AND ESTABLISHING PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO ADD CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY FORMED OR LICENSED PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 90, TITLE 38 MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE PROTECTED CELLS TO INSURE RISKS OF ONE OR MORE OF ITS PARTICIPANTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SPONSORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL ENTITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PARTICIPANT WHOSE RISKS ARE INSURED THROUGH A PROTECTED CELL ENTITY FORMED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 38-90-215; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-235, RELATING TO TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND EXCEPTIONS FOR PROTECTED CELL INSURANCE COMPANIES APPLY TO SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF LAW WHEN A CONFLICT OCCURS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-485, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF CREATION, NAMING, AND MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS OF A PROTECTED CELL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION TO PROTECT CELLS FORMED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 38-90-457; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-830, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF A SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, SO AS TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF A SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY FORMED AS A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO CREATE A PROTECTED CELL AS A LEGAL PERSON SEPARATE FROM THE PROTECTED CELL COMPANY AND DELETE THE AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE A PROTECTED CELL UNDER AVAILABLE INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION OPTIONS.  
**Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.**

**Enact "Michelle's Law" – permit a dependent child on a medically necessary leave of absence from a postsecondary educational institution to continue dependent coverage, etc.**

- [S. 1224](#) - **Senator Thomas:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT MICHELLE'S LAW BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-71-355 AND 38-71-785 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS TO PERMIT A DEPENDENT CHILD ON A MEDICALLY NECESSARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TO CONTINUE DEPENDENT COVERAGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THAT COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-850, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CREDITABLE COVERAGE" FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND SPECIAL ENROLLMENT IN GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE,

BOTH UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996, SO AS TO ADD COVERAGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM AND TO ENACT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL ENROLLMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE OR AN EMPLOYEE'S DEPENDENT IN THE CASE OF TERMINATION OF MEDICAID COVERAGE OR COVERAGE UNDER A STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM OR THE INDIVIDUAL BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38-74-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CREDITABLE COVERAGE" FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH INSURANCE POOL, SO AS TO ADD COVERAGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 38-90-40, AS AMENDED, 38-90-45, AND 38-90-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE MAY CONSIDER THE NET AMOUNT OF RISK RETAINED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL RISK WHEN ARRIVING AT A FINDING RELATING TO ADDITIONAL CAPITAL OR NET ASSETS REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ASSOCIATION CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY AND INDUSTRIAL INSURED GROUP TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 38-13-80; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, SO AS TO PERMIT THE DIRECTOR TO GRANT ACCESS TO, USE, AND MAKE PUBLIC CERTAIN INFORMATION DISCOVERED OR DEVELOPED DURING THE COURSE OF AN EXAMINATION; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38 TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE STATUTES ALSO APPLY TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO PROVIDE A LISTING OF THOSE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38 THAT APPLY TO CERTAIN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-430, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38 TO SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL CAPTIVES, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE STATUTES ALSO APPLY TO SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL CAPTIVES; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 93, TITLE 38, RELATING TO THE PRIVACY OF GENETIC INFORMATION, SO AS TO ENACT FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2008 TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENETIC INFORMATION, PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF GENETIC INFORMATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF THE

**CHAPTER. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.**

### **Motor Vehicles**

**Procedures for motor vehicle dealers to follow when advertising for the sale or lease of motor vehicles**

- **H. 4607** - Reps. Sandifer, Huggins, Ott, Hutto, Howard, Anderson, Gambrell, Rice, Hayes and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 37-2-308 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS IN ADVERTISEMENTS MADE IN THE COURSE OF SOLICITING FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-108, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT ORDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS WHO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 37-2-308. **Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry**

### **Municipal**

**Municipality within the boundaries of more than one county / county does not implement a property tax reassessment in the same year**

- **S. 1206** - Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX, BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-300 TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MUNICIPALITY IS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MORE THAN ONE COUNTY AND THE COUNTIES DO NOT IMPLEMENT REASSESSMENT IN THE SAME YEAR, THEN FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING PROPERTY TAX VALUE, THE MUNICIPALITY MUST NOT CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE DUE TO IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE COUNTY IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S POPULATION RESIDES IMPLEMENTS REASSESSMENT. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

**State Aid to Subdivisions Act – Restrictions on amending or repealing provisions are suspended for FY 2010-2011**

- **H. 4603** - Rep. Cooper: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6-27-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AMENDING OR REPEALING PROVISIONS IN THE STATE AID TO SUBDIVISIONS ACT ARE SUSPENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 COUNTIES MAY TRANSFER AMONG APPROPRIATED STATE REVENUES AS NEEDED TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

## Taxation

### **Homestead Exemption for emergency medical technicians who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of a service-connected disability**

- [S. 1207](#) - **Senator Reese:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXTEND TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AS A RESULT OF A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY AND THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ALLOWED SIMILARLY DISABLED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FIREFIGHTERS. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

### **Tax credits for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems – increase and further provide for the credit**

- [S. 1208](#) - **Senators Lourie, Ford, Williams, Pinckney, O'Dell, Cleary, Campbell, Rose, Cromer, Reese, Nicholson, Thomas, Mulvaney, Alexander, Anderson, Massey, Land, Matthews, Verdin, Hutto and Setzler:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3587, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS SO AS TO INCREASE AND FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CREDIT IN REGARD TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND FOR CREDITS IN REGARD TO OTHER USES AND PURPOSES OF THE CREDIT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR EACH TYPE OF CREDIT. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

### **Revise definition of “Index of Taxpaying Ability” to provide that the index for each school district is based on the wages of the county in which the district is located**

- [H. 4619](#) - **Reps. Herbkersman, Chalk and Erickson:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY" TO PROVIDE THAT THE INDEX FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IS BASED ON THE WAGES OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DISTRICT IS LOCATED. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

### **Exempt a portion of the fair market value of all real property associated with a facility for the generation of electric power placed into service after the effective date of this section**

- [H. 4622](#) - **Reps. Clyburn, Cooper, Weeks, Agnew, Anthony, Edge, Harvin, Hayes, Hosey, Jefferson, Kennedy, McLeod, Rice, White and T. R. Young:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-221 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXEMPTION OF A PORTION OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL REAL PROPERTY

ASSOCIATED WITH A FACILITY FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER PLACED INTO SERVICE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND TO SUBJECT THE REMAINING PORTION TO A STATE PROPERTY TAX AND PROVIDE FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE, WITH AN AGGREGATE ANNUAL CAP ON DISTRIBUTION TO A COUNTY AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS AND TO PROVIDE THAT AMOUNTS OVER THE AGGREGATE COUNTY CAP MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN IN WHICH THE FACILITY IS LOCATED. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

**Legislation providing tax incentives or subsidies must be introduced in separate bills and is subject to a recorded vote**

- **[S. 1229](#) - Senators Davis, Mulvaney, Shoopman, Campsen, Bryant, Rose, Verdin and Bright:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 66 TO TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LEGISLATION PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES OR SUBSIDIES MUST BE INTRODUCED IN SEPARATE BILLS AND IS SUBJECT TO A RECORDED VOTE, TO PROVIDE THAT TAX INCENTIVES AND SUBSIDIES ARE TO BE GRANTED AS FORGIVABLE LOANS, TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET FOR THE LOANS TO BE FORGIVEN, TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX INCENTIVE AND SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL CONDUCT ANALYSES AND REVIEWS OF TAX INCENTIVES AND SUBSIDIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 66, TITLE 12. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

**Tax credit of 25% of the purchase cost of a geothermal heat pump system**

- **[H. 4631](#) - Reprs. Pinson, Parks, Loftis, Mitchell, D. C. Smith, J. R. Smith, Thompson and Toole:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3592 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE PURCHASE COST OF A GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEM AND TO DEFINE A "GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEM". **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

**State Budget**

**Amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina – General Fund and Capital Reserve Fund, changes beginning FY 2012-2013**

- **[H. 4637](#) - Reprs. Gunn, Mitchell, Hutto, King, Alexander, Norman, Hart, Millwood, Stringer and Wylie:** A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 36, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND AND THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND MUST BE INCREASED EACH YEAR BY ONE PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR UNTIL IT EQUALS EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF SUCH REVENUES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL RESERVE FUND MUST BE EIGHTEEN PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

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