

Focus Area	Bill Number	Title	Summary	Status
Business/Non-Profit	H 3093	Community Charge on non-profit Hospitals and Universities	Allows local governments and municipalities to charge a fee to hospitals and universities/colleges	
Education	H 3197	Parental Bill of Rights	Establishes parents as responsible for childrens education, health care, and mental health. Requires local school boards to take actions for parental involvement. Requires health care providers to obtain parental consent before treatment of a child, and establishes punishment for failure to follow law.	Referred to House Judiciary
Education	S 63	WiFi and School Buses	Requires the General Assembly to appropriate money to maintain a wifi connection on school buses.	
Education	S 69	Early Reading Development and Education Program	Expands the CERDEPP program to qualified children in districts based on poverty levels. Expands the program to all districts within 5 years.	
Education	S 123	First Step Reauthorization	Provides permanent reauthorization for South Carolina First Steps	
Education	S 126	Charter School Accountability Act	Provides for circumstances to remove school board members from charter schools and provides governance requirements.	
Education	S 128	Early Literacy and Numeracy Screening	Requires the state Department of Education to approve no more than five early literacy and numeracy screening tools. Creates the 'South Carolina Reading Panel' to advise on screening tools. Requires tools to screen for dyslexia and other reading disorders. Revises definitions in the Read to Succeed Act - including requirements for student retention and coursework. Removes the requirement for early literacy coaches in all schools	
Education	S 148	Free School Lunch Meals	Allows all schools participating in the school breakfast program to provide free school lunch and requires schools to provide 30 minute lunch periods.	Referred to Senate Education, Awaiting Hearing.

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Education	S 126	Student/Teacher Ratios	Establishes student/teacher ratios and requires school district to adhere to ratios. Restricts total number of students to 150 per teacher, per semester.	
Education	S 237	School Safety	Allows schools to appoint "Guardians" who are armed individuals charged with the protection of the school. Requires criminal justice academy to develop school guardian training.	
Education	S 285	Providing Academic Choice In Education (PACE)	Provides income tax credit for contributions to scholarship-providing organizations that fund home school and independent schools. Establishes requirements for school eligibility.	Favorable Report from Senate Subcommittee Hearing. Will be reviewed by full Senate Education Committee
Education	S 289	Board of Education & Commission on Higher Education	Establishes a scholarship fund for students seeking to become certified teacher in areas of critical need. Adjust eligibility for state scholarships.	
Education	S 305	Work Experience for New Teachers	Allows prior work experience to be included in teaching certification if it is in the area of focus for certification.	
Education	H 3197	Parental Bill of Rights	Limits the ability of government to infringe on the rights of parents and requires school districts to establish parental involvement policies. Creates a superceding right of parents during a state of emergency.	
Education	H 3284	Public School Library Material	State board of education creates a model for age-appropriate and grade-appropriate materials. Requires schools to only provide material deemed appropriate and approved by parents.	
Education	H 3295	Competency Based Education	Creates competency-based education regulations through the State Department of Education. Exempts competency-based schools from certain rules and regulations	

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Education	H3297	Designated Disciplinary Classrooms	Requires schools to create classrooms specifically for students under disciplinary action that is not to the level of suspension. Requires a progress plan for the student to return to regular classroom.	
Education	H3301	Racial Disparities in Testing	Requires schools to report on racial disparities on national academic assessments. Also requires schools to post results on their front doors with 5 year analysis of results.	
Education	H3304	Transparency and Integrity in Education Act	Prohibits certain concepts from being included in classroom instruction and professional development. Provides repercussion for violations and allows public review of educational materials by parents. States parents are primarily responsible for "morals, ethics, and civil responsibility" of their children.	
Education	H3323	School Lunches	Requires schools to provide equal food options for both free lunch students and non-free lunch students. Does not allow students to be declined for lunch based on an unpaid balance. Requires schools to discontinue sale of non-federal meal food to students on a lunch credit - strictly cash or debit basis.	
Education	H3326	Dual Enrollment	Allows for dual enrollment of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Creates requirements for students to participate in dual enrollment and receive lottery tuition assistance.	Referred to House Education & Public Works 1/10/22
Education	H3464	CRT Instruction Prohibition	States that public schools and higher learning institutions may not "direct or compel students" to personally affirm or adopt the tenants of Critical Race Theory.	Referred to House Education and Public Works
Education	H3308	School Psychologists	Allows the state Department of Education to accept the out-of-state credentials for school psychologist, social workss, and guidance counselors	Referred to House Education and Public Works
Education	S124	Non-Certified Teacher Pilot Program	Establishes a pilot program allowing school districts to hire non-certified teachers for up to 10% of their total teacher staff.	

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Education	S 65	Statutory School Year	Removes requirement for specific numbers of school days in a calendar year. Allows school districts to develop calendars based on the needs of each school. Includes academic, experience, and evaluation requirements	
Education	S 123	First Steps Permanent Reauthorization	Repeals the statutory section that requires SC First Steps to be reauthorized every 5 year and makes the agency permanent with its current operating model.	
Education	S 180	Charter School Enrollment Requirements	Creates penalties for charter schools whose student make up does not reflect the racial composition of the local school district.	
Education	S 237	School Guardian Act	Allows designated school staff to act as armed "school guardians" and allows them to carry firearms for the purpose of protecting students and staff.	
Education	H 3294	Non-Teaching Duties of Educators	Prohibits the assignment of additional or extracurricular duties without permission and compensation in teaching contracts.	

Education	H 3441	Parental Involvement in Public Education	Requires the state board of education to create a mechanism for tracking parental involvement in childrens education.	Referred to House Education & Public Works 1/10/22
Education	S 408	Suicide Prevention Training	Requires teacher to acquire one hour of suicide prevention training as part of continuing education requirements.	
Education	S 39	Education Scholarship Act	Creates a school voucher program providing \$6,000 per student to attend private school. Monies can be used for tuition, books, fees, and transportation. Recipients must meet income qualifications - 200% of FPL the first year, 300% in the second, and 400% in the third year and in perpetuity.	Set to Pass Senate on 2/7, Moving to House of Representatives for committee assignment.

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Education	H3843	Open Enrollment	Establishes false information in school enrollment as a misdemeanor crime. Allows students to attend in adjacent counties.	
Financial Stability	S13	Child Support Obligations	Allows an employed parent sentence to jail for non-payment to serve jail time when not working. Also allows for garnishment of wages	Referred to Judiciary
Financial Stability	S25	Workforce Opportunity Act	Disallows the state from doing criminal background check on job candidates until they are offered and interview or conditional offer of employment.	Referred to Labor, Commerce, and Industry
Financial Stability	S287	Single Family Dwelling	Establishes a maximum number of adults that can legally reside in a single family dwelling.	
Financial Stability	H3140	Evictions	Creates the right to Counsel for tenants in eviction proceedings.	
Financial Stability	S284	Workforce Housing	Allows for the use of local accommodations tax to be used for workforce housing. Allows for use of the Special Fund for Tourism for construction of workforce housing.	
Financial Stability	H3726	Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act	Creates the Office of Statewide Education and Workforce Development to consolidate workforce coordinating council and centralize oversight of publicly funded workforce development services. Moves oversight of regional education centers from Dept. of Commerce and will support a multi-agency collaborative	Assigned to Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee
Financial Stability	S18	Healthy Rental Housing Act	Creates remedies for tenants whose rental has mold issues that impact health and safety	
Financial Stability	H3251	Residential Rental Property	Amends the Landlord Tenant Act Requires landlord disclosure of mold that materially affects tenant health or safety. Requires landlords to provide a mold-free environment for tenants.	
Health	S83	Drug Court Program Act	Establishes criminal intervention programs through state drug courts. Allows non-violent cases to be referred to drug court.	Referred to Senate Judiciary

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Health	S 226	Domestic Violence	Requires agencies serving victims of domestic violence to maintain confidentiality and disallows them from testifying under any circumstances.	
Health	H 3551	Vulnerable Child Protection and Compassion Act	Prohibits the performance of medical procedures, prescription, or medication issued to a minor that alters gender appearance or onset of puberty. Allows civil punishment for violations.	
Health	S 157	SC Hands Free Act	Creates additional prohibitions for operating electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. Creates a penalty for distracted driving.	
Health	H 3047	Tobacco Sales	Prohibits the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age of 21.	
Health	S 59	Medicaid Expansion	Provides for a statewide referendum on Medicaid Expansion concurrent with the 2024 elections.	
Health	S 337	Reproductive Health Education	Prohibits schools from teaching abstinence as the sole means of birth control.	
Health	S 399	Department of Behavioral and Public Health	Reorganizes DHEC and creates the Department of Behavioral and Public Health. Moves environmental duties to the Department of Agriculture.	
Health	S 445	Recovery Houses	Requires the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) to create standards and administer certification of recovery houses	
Health	S 157	SC Hands Free Act	Creates a "distracted driving" offense and provides penalties. Allows the offense to be included on individual driving records.	
Health	S 142	Safe Harbor for Exploited Minors	Expands the definition of sex trafficking of a minor to include participating in prostitution of a minor. Establishes duress and coercion as a defense for non-violent crimes committed as a direct result of being trafficked.	

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Health	S 343	Crisis Stabilization Units	Amends the Certificate of Need Licensure Facilities Act to include allowing hospitals and health facilities to operate short-term residential stabilization and Intensive Crisis Services in the definition of crisis stabilization unit facilities and to change the age of individuals served to include minors. No longer requires operation by the Department of Mental Health.	
Health	S 83	Drug Court Program Act	Requires each circuit solicitor to establish a drug court program for adults and juveniles who qualify and have non-violent offenses. Establishes an "Office of Drug Courts" with Coordinators to support court and defendant coordination.	
Tuesday, February 7th	K-12 Senate Finance Committee	3:00pm		
Tuesday, February 7th	Ways and Means Committee		Department of Employment and Workforce Presentation	
Tuesday, February 7th	House Education and Public Works Transportation Committee	3:30pm	Presentation of National Report Cards Information	
Wednesday, February 8th	Full Senate Education Meeting	10:00am		
Wednesday, February 15th	Joint Citizens & Legislative Committee on Children	9:00am	2022 Homelessness Report, Legislation Update, Annual Report,	
Wednesday, February 15th	Finance Natural Resources Subcommittee	9:15am		
Wednesday, February 15th	Senate Education Subcommittee	9:30am		
Wednesday, February 15th	Senate Education Budget Hearings, Higher Ed.	9:30am	University Budget Request	