

Eat Smart Move More South Carolina

ESMMSC Advocacy Day 2010

ESMMSC held a successful Advocacy Day this Wednesday with over 20 members participating. Representatives Bakari Sellers and Joan Brady spoke to members, and after a hands-on training by PPA, members visited legislators to discuss the Farm to School bill, the Nutrition in Schools bill, and the mission of ESMMSC.

BILL: **H4411, Breastfeeding Mothers**

SPONSOR: Representative Hutto

COMMITTEE: House Judiciary General Laws subcommittee

ACTION: No action taken

OVERVIEW OF THE BILL:

PROVIDES THAT WHEN AWARDING CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION, IF THE CHILD IS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE AND THE MOTHER IS BREASTFEEDING THE CHILD, THE COURT SHALL TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

ESMMSC is supportive of the bill and provided written comments to the subcommittee members. This bill was placed near the end of agenda and the committee ran out of time before it could act on the bill. However, several individuals had an opportunity to speak in support of the legislation before the meeting was adjourned.

BILL: **H3179, Farm to School Bill**

SPONSOR: Representative Cooper

ACTION: On the contested calendar in the Senate. Senator Ryberg has objected to the bill which places it on the contested calendar.

OVERVIEW OF THE BILL:

CREATES THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM ACT", TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF ITS DIRECTOR, AND TO ESTABLISH A WEBSITE DEDICATED TO PROGRAM INITIATIVES.

BILL: **H3297, Nutrition in Schools Bill**

SPONSOR: Representative Sellers

ACTION: On the contested calendar in the Senate. Senator Grooms has a minority report on the bill. ESMMS members met with Senator Grooms this week and it is unlikely he will remove the minority report.

OVERVIEW OF THE BILL:

RELATING TO SNACKS SOLD FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION IN SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FAT, CALORIE, AND SUGAR CONTENT STANDARDS THAT SNACK FOOD AND BEVERAGES MUST MEET IN ORDER TO BE SOLD IN SCHOOLS; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MAY OFFER ONLY FULL MEALS FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FAT, CALORIE, AND SUGAR CONTENT STANDARDS THAT FOODS AND BEVERAGES MUST MEET IN ORDER TO BE SOLD IN SCHOOLS.

BILL: **State Appropriations Bill, DOE provisos**

ACTION: Provisos are part of the House Ways and Means Committee budget proposal. The House will debate the budget the week of March 15th

OVERVIEW:

Provisos impacting physical education courses are those that would delete the physical education assessment funds, suspend staffing ratios in classes, and eliminate all testing except that which is required by No Child Left Behind federal legislation. Provisos are in effect for one year.