

Eat Smart Move More South Carolina

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.

ESMMSA is supportive of the bill and provided written comments to the subcommittee members at a meeting on Wed., March 3rd. The subcommittee ran out of time before a vote was taken on the legislation. The bill was scheduled to be taken up by the subcommittee at their meeting on Wednesday, March 10th, but this meeting was cancelled due to the House remaining in session. The subcommittee meeting has not been rescheduled at this time.

BILL: H4682, Physical Education in Schools
SPONSOR: Representative Erickson
COMMITTEE: House Committee on Education and Public Works
ACTION: Introduced March 3 -Not yet assigned to a subcommittee

OVERVIEW OF THE BILL:

PROVIDES THAT DANCE INSTRUCTION MAY BE USED TO SATISFY ONE-HALF OF THE REQUIRED PHYSICAL EDUCATION MINUTES

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

SPONSOR: Representative Cooper

ACTION: On the contested calendar in the Senate with an objection from Senator Ryberg.

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.

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 next week.

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.