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2021-2022 Legislative Watch List

Category	Bill Number	Sponsors	Summary	Status as June 2021
Food Insecurity	H3006 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumber=3006&session=124&summary=B	Rep. Brawley, Robinson, Cobb-Hunter, Haddon, Henegan, J.L. Johnson, and Hosey	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-785 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT USE DEBT COLLECTION AGENCIES TO COLLECT OR ATTEMPT TO COLLECT OUTSTANDING DEBTS ON STUDENT SCHOOL LUNCH OR BREAKFAST ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT ASSESS OR COLLECT ANY INTEREST, FEES, OR OTHER SUCH MONETARY PENALTIES FOR OUTSTANDING DEBTS FOR STUDENT SCHOOL LUNCH OR BREAKFAST ACCOUNTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT APPLY TO DEBTS ON STUDENT LUNCH AND BREAKFAST ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT AND INCURRED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.	<p>Passed out of House Education and Public Works Committee with favorable report to Full House. Passed the Full House late April and is in Senate Education Committee.</p> <p>Wholespire testified in support of this bill in subcommittee. Wholespire will advocate for a committee hearing.</p>

Complete Streets/ Transportation	H3051 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3051&session=124&summary=T&PRINT=1	Rep. Pendarvis	A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-780, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER TO CONSTRUCT HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES, PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANES OR PATHS BEFORE BUILDING NEW OR EXPANDING EXISTING PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO ALL HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, TO PROVIDE THE FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION MUST BE BASED ON CERTAIN QUANTIFIABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEDICATED BUS LANES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO PROVIDE THE WRITTEN DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION DURING THE PRECONSTRUCTION PROCESS.	In committee
Active Living	H3120 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3120&session=124&summary=B	Rep. Hyde, V.S. Moss, Cobb-Hunter, Long, Cogswell, W. Cox, Gagnon, T. Moore, W. Newton, Finlay, Huggins, Ballentine, Caskey, Wooten and Crawford (more sponsors from both parties added in late April and May)	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.	This bill has support from multiple partners. Passed House Ways & Means subcommittee and now resides in Full Committee.
Food	H3130 -	Rep. Pendarvis,	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH	In Committee

<p>Insecurity</p> <p>Equitable Access</p>	<p>https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumber=3130&session=124&summary=B</p>	<p>Thigpen, and Cobb-Hunter</p>	<p>CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY ZONE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2021" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3805 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO TAXPAYERS INVESTING IN NEW PROJECTS LOCATED IN AN OPPORTUNITY ZONE IN THIS STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO ALLOW A TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT TO CLAIM A LOW-INCOME STATE TAX CREDIT, IF THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN DESIGNATED OPPORTUNITY ZONES IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3360, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JOBS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CREDIT FOR FULL-TIME JOBS CREATED IN TIER III AND TIER IV COUNTIES WITHIN DESIGNATED OPPORTUNITY ZONES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX REBATE AND CREDIT TO A GROCERY STORE VENDOR WHICH LOCATES A STORE IN AN OPPORTUNITY ZONE IN AN AREA WHICH IS DEFINED AS A "FOOD DESERT"; BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NONRECURRING AID TO TAXPAYERS INVESTING IN NEW PROJECTS IN A DESIGNATED OPPORTUNITY ZONE IN TIER III OR TIER IV COUNTIES ON A PRIORITY BASIS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-47 SO AS TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE A SOUTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY ZONE LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.</p>	
<p>Equity</p>	<p>H3183 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumber=3183&session=124&summary=B</p>	<p>Rep. Brawley, Robinson, Thigpen,</p>	<p>A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 11 TO TITLE 41</p>	<p>In Committee</p>

	www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3183&session=124&summary=B	Cobb-Hunter, Hyde, K.O. Johnson, King, Tedder, McDaniel, Govan, Cogswell, J. Moore, Pendarvis, S. Williams, Rose, Hosey, Clyburn, R. Williams, Parks, Garvin, Howard, Gilliard, Murray, Wetmore, and J.L. Johnson	SO AS TO ENACT THE "ACT TO ESTABLISH PAY EQUITY", TO PROVIDE THAT NO EMPLOYER MAY PAY WAGES TO EMPLOYEES AT RATES LESS THAN THE RATES PAID TO EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACES, RELIGIONS, COLORS, SEXES, INCLUDING GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGES, NATIONAL ORIGINS, OR DISABILITY STATUSES FOR COMPARABLE WORK, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF WAGES ARE UNLAWFUL, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROVIDE CIVIL ACTIONS ASSERTING VIOLATIONS MAY BE MAINTAINED AGAINST EMPLOYERS IN COURTS OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF UNPAID WAGES AND DAMAGES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR EMPLOYERS WHO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, TO ESTABLISH PAY EQUITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS AND TO BRING CERTAIN ACTIONS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL POST CERTAIN INFORMATION IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.	
Active Living	H3245 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php	Rep. Collins, Haddon and Hosey	A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 8:30 IN THE MORNING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SO AS TO REVISE THE STANDARDS	In Committee. This bill is an updated version of one that has been introduced in years past and is supported by active living partners and SCAHPERD.

			<p>TO REQUIRE AN OVERALL INCREASE IN MANDATORY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY MINUTES, TO REQUIRE DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, TO REQUIRE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONAL PLAY AND UNSTRUCTURED PLAY IN ADDITION TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DESIGNATIONS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND TO REVISE DUTIES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL PLAY AND UNSTRUCTURED PLAY FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.</p>	
<p>Food Insecurity Equity</p>	<p>H3319 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumber=3319&session=124&summary=B</p>	<p>Rep. King</p>	<p>A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-785 SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS MUST BE OFFERED THE SAME FEDERALLY REIMBURSABLE MEAL AS INELIGIBLE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE SUCH MEALS MUST BE OFFERED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER STUDENTS OWE MONEY FOR PREVIOUS MEALS, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS THAT OFFER FOOD AND BEVERAGES SEPARATELY FROM FEDERALLY REIMBURSABLE MEALS MAY NOT ALLOW STUDENTS TO ACCRUE BALANCES WHEN PURCHASING SUCH ITEMS AND ONLY MAY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENT OR ALLOW FUNDS TO BE ELECTRONICALLY DRAWN FROM PREPAID BALANCES, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PENALIZE STUDENTS FOR FAILING TO PAY FOR SCHOOL</p>	<p>Passed the SC House by a 113-0 Vote. Wholespire advocates took over 100 actions in support of this bill. Currently, the bill sits in Senate Education. Wholespire advocates have been taking action to request a Senate Committee hearing.</p>

			LUNCHES, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY AND TEMPLATE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF SCHOOL MEAL DEBT TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT.	
Food Insecurity Equity	H3454 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3454&session=124&summary=B	Rep. J. Moore, Pope, and Pendarvis	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-250 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SNAP GRANT PROGRAM" TO ENCOURAGE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) RECIPIENTS TO PURCHASE MORE FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A CERTAIN ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT, TO ESTABLISH THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SNAP GRANT FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL COORDINATE WITH LOCAL GROCERY STORES AND FARMERS' MARKETS TO DEVELOP CERTAIN PLANS.	In Committee
Equity	H3455 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3455&session=1	Rep. Pendarvis	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 31-21-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF "FAIR HOUSING TESTING" AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT YEARLY FAIR HOUSING TESTING.	In Committee

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Equity	H3456 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3456&session=124&summary=B	Rep. Pendarvis	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 31-21-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COVERED HOUSING AGENCY SHALL ADMINISTER ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HOUSING IN A MANNER THAT AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERS FAIR HOUSING.	In Committee
Equity Poverty	H3457 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3457&session=124&summary=B	Rep. Robinson	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDINGSECTION 11-11-250 SO AS TO CREATE THE "POVERTY ELIMINATION BANK" TO FUND POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVES IN SOUTH CAROLINA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD THE POVERTY ELIMINATION BANK.	In Committee
Food Insecurity Equity	H3543 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=3543&session=124&summary=B	Rep. J. Moore, Pendarvis, J.L. Johnson, Rivers and S. Williams	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 46 ENTITLED THE "BLACK FARMER RESTORATION PROGRAM", TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH THE BLACK FARMER RESTORATION FUND TO PURCHASE FARMLAND ON THE OPEN MARKET AND GRANT IT TO	In Committee

	ession=124&summary=T&PRINT=1 (H3543 cont)		<p>ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH THE "FARM CONSERVATION CORPS" TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN AN ON-FIELD ENVIRONMENT FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED RESIDENTS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 46 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".</p>	
Food Insecurity	S0352 - https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billssearch.php?billnumbers=352&session=124&summary=B	Senator McLeod	<p>A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS FROM THE ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS OF 21 U.S.C. 862a(a)(1) AND (2), TO ENSURE ELIGIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS AND FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY SEEK, APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, OR RENEW A WAIVER OF THE MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.</p>	In Committee