

# 2021 - 2022 Legislative Agenda



Bill Number	Sponsors	Summary	Explanation
<b>H3006 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3006&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3006&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	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.	This bill will ensure that public schools and public school districts cannot use debt collection agencies to collect outstanding debts on school lunch accounts or collect any monetary penalties, like interest or fees, on those accounts. This act will apply to debts on student lunch accounts that have outstanding debts on and after the effective date of this act.
<b>H3051 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3051&amp;session=124&amp;summary=T&amp;PRINT=1">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3051&amp;session=124&amp;summary=T&amp;PRINT=1</a>	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.	This is the Complete Streets bill. This will affect the construction of high occupancy vehicle lanes, pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes. Examples of measures include proximity to grocery or convenience stores, existing bicycle lanes and footpaths, and safety and crash data.
<b>H3120 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs">https://www.scs</a>	Rep. Hyde, V.S. Moss, Cobb-	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	This bill will provide an income tax credit to

<a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3120&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3120&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	Hunter, and Long	TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.	property owners that have recreational trails on their property.
<b>H3130</b> - <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3130&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3130&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	Rep. Pendarvis, Thigpen, and Cobb-Hunter	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH 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.	This bill will provide 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”.
<b>H3183</b> - <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3183&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3183&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	Rep. Brawley, Robinson, Thigpen, Cobb-Hunter, Hyde, K.O. Johnson, King, Tedder, McDaniel, Govan, Cogswell, J. Moore, Pendarvis, S.	A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 11 TO TITLE 41 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	This is the “Act to Establish Pay Equity”. This bill will ensure that employees are paid the same wages for comparable work regardless of race, religion, color, sex, including gender identity and sexual orientation,

<b>(H3183 cont)</b>	Williams, Rose, Hosey, Clyburn, R. Williams, Parks, Garvin, Howard, Gilliard, Murray, Wetmore, and J.L. Johnson	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.	age, national origin or disability status and provide penalties for employers that violate this act.
<b>H3319 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3319&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3319&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	Rep. King	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 LUNCHESES, 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.	Under this bill, students that are eligible for free and reduced lunch must be offered the same federally reimbursable meal as ineligible students and these meals must be offered regardless of if the student owes money for previous meals. Districts cannot penalize students for failing to pay for school lunches and the State Department of Education will develop and provide a model policy and template for school meal debt collection to each school district.
<b>H3454 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3454&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3454&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	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	The Healthy Bucks bill is back! This bill will encourage SNAP recipients to purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables through the Healthy Bucks program. It will also establish the

<b>(H3454 cont)</b>		FARMERS' MARKETS TO DEVELOP CERTAIN PLANS.	Fruit and Vegetable SNAP Grant Fund and ensure that DSS will coordinate with local grocery stores and farmers markets to develop the program.
<b>H3455 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3455&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3455&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	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.	This bill will include a definition of “fair housing testing” and will make fair housing testing a yearly operation of the Commissioner of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission.
<b>H3456 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3456&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3456&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	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.	This bill will ensure that any covered housing agency has to administer programs and activities that affirmatively further fair housing.
<b>H3457 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3457&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3457&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a>	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.	This bill will create the “Poverty Elimination Bank” and have it added as a voluntary contribution on the income tax return check off.
<b>H3543 -</b> <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3543">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3543</a>	Rep. J. Moore, Pendarvis, and J.L. Johnson	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	This bill will direct the Department of Agriculture to establish the Black Farmer Restoration Fund and the

<p><a href="#">&amp;session=124&amp;summary=T&amp;PRINT=1</a></p> <p><b>(H3543 cont)</b></p>		<p>FARMLAND ON THE OPEN MARKET AND GRANT IT TO 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>	<p>Farm Conservation Corps to provide training in an on-field environment for disadvantaged residents.</p>
<p><b>S0352 -</b>  <a href="https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=352&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B">https://www.scs.tatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=352&amp;session=124&amp;summary=B</a></p>	<p>Senator McLeod</p>	<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>	<p>This is a SNAP eligibility bill. This will ensure eligibility for food assistance programs for families under certain circumstances and that DSS can apply for waivers of the mandatory work requirements for SNAP. This bill will include a sunset provision, which means it will not be in effect after a certain date unless another legislative act is passed.</p>