

ALERTS

South Carolina Legislative Update - January 17, 2014

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On the Floor

The General Assembly returned for the second half of the 120th Session on Tuesday and will run until June 5, 2014.

Department of Administration

S. 22 - The South Carolina Government Restructuring Act of 2013 was approved by the conference committee and will be taken up by both chambers as soon as possible. The bill will eliminate the Budget and Control Board and create the Department of Administration, which will house many of the same functions as the Budget and Control Board and will be under the control of the governor.

Concealed Weapons

The Senate amended S. 308 regarding carrying a concealed weapon into establishments that sell alcohol and returned the bill to the House of Representatives for concurrence or nonconcurrence in the Senate amendment.

Workers' Compensation

The House gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 3147 , regarding workers' compensation expansion for law enforcement.

In Committee

The House Ways and Means budget subcommittees are receiving testimony from the various state agencies regarding budget requests.

Introductions of Note

Below are a few of the bills filed this week in both chambers. You may review all of this week's introduced legislation by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

S.908 - Risk Based Capital and Insurance

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S.909 - Captive Insurance

S.912 - Hospitality Tax for Roads and Bridges

S.916 - Trespasser Responsibility Act

H.4463 - Tax Deduction for Free Clinic Service

S.936 - Air Ambulance Affordability Act

H.4498 - SC Wage Assignment Act

H.4501 - SUPERB Fund Clarifications and Reimbursement Schedule Revisions

In The News

SC Government Restructuring for First Time in 20 years

House and Senate lawmakers have reached a deal to abolish the state Budget and Control Board, transferring most of the state's administrative duties to the governor's office in a major restructuring of state government.

SC Lawmakers Return for Session

When state legislators pack the State House Tuesday to begin the second session of the two-year General Assembly, the likely fodder for chatter will be S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's announcement Monday that he referred ethics allegations against House Speaker Bobby Harrell -- and a subsequent SLED inquiry and report -- to a state grand jury for further investigation. [Read more here](#)

Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 20

No Meetings Scheduled.

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:30 am -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee I. Department of Transportation II.State Infrastructure Bank
- Upon adjournment of the House -- Blatt Room 433 -- EPW Transportation Subcommittee on H.4384 (Mopeds)
- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee

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I. Department of Agriculture

II. SC State PSA

III. SC Conservation Bank

- 10:30 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive and Local Government Subcommittee

I. Lt. Governor's Office

II. PRT

III. Member Requests

- 11:50 am -- State House, 2nd Floor, Senate President Pro Tem Office -- Fourth Congressional District Delegation Election of a DOT Commissioner
- 2:00 pm -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee II, Medical Occupational Regulation and Licensing Boards

I. H.3949-Teeth Whitening

- 3:00 pm -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Committee

I. Regulation 4313- Child Support Guidelines

II. Regulation 4347-Emergency and E911 Certification

III. S.815- Party Nominations

IV. S.505- Establish SC Public Integrity Unit

V. S.268-Certification of Domestic and Foreign Records

VI. S.605- State Owned Aircraft Use

VII. S.560-Railroad Theft Penalties

VIII. S.561-Relating to the Purchasing, Selling and Transporting of Nonferrous Metals

IX. S.150-No Parole Offense

X. S.115-Constitutional Carry Act of 2013

XI. S.611-Eliminate Procedures for Recognizing a Native American Group

- 3:00 pm -- Blatt Room 523 -- Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee

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I. SC Public Charter School District

II. Governors School for the Arts and Humanities

- 3:00 pm or 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 433 -- Education and Public Works Committee on H.3231, H.3435 and H.4384
- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 321 -- Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, and Cultural Subcommittee

I. Lander University

II. The Citadel

III. Arts Commission

- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee

I. Department of Health and Environmental Control

- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive and Local Government Subcommittee

I. B&CB

II. Provisos

III. Member Requests

- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 305 -- Ways and Means Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

I. Attorney General's Office

II. Law Enforcement Training Council

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- General DSS Oversight Subcommittee
- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 321 -- Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, and Cultural Subcommittee

I. University of South Carolina-System

II. University Center of Greenville

- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Regulation and Resolution Subcommittee

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I. Regulation 4284-Limited Herbicide License

II. Regulation 4329-Cheese labeling for SC manufacturers of cheese

III. H.4166- Federal Outer Continental Shelf Boundaries

- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 403 -- LCI Health Insurance Subcommittee on H.3489 (Medical Laboratory Personnel Act)
- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee V, Social Services, Mental Health and Children's Affairs

I. H.4225-Create Hospital Costs Disparity Study

- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee

I. Governors School for the Arts and Humanities

II. First Steps Budget and Provisos

III. State Department of Education Provisos

IV. The Education Oversight Committee Provisos

- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive and Local Government Subcommittee

I. Governor's Office-Mansion & Grounds

II. Governor's Office-Office of Executive Policy and Programs

III. Provisos

IV. Member Requests

- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 501 -- Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee

I. State Accident Fund

II. Patient Compensation Fund

III. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

IV. Department of Employment and Workforce

- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 305 -- Ways and Means Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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I. Department of Public Safety

II. Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services

- 10:30 am -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee

I. Commission for the Blind

II. MUSC Hospital Authority

- 11:00 am -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee VI, Other Occupational Regulation and Licensing Boards

I. H.4389-Requirements of Licensure in the Field of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

- 11:00 am -- Blatt Room 403 -- LCI Banking and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee on H.4464
- 11:30 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Banking and Insurance Subcommittee on S.569 (Competitive Insurance Act) and S.826 (Workers Compensation Insurance)
- 1:00 pm -- Blatt Room 427 -- House Sportsmen's Caucus
- 1:00 pm -- Blatt Room 403 -- LCI Regulations Subcommittee on R.4399 (Workers Compensation Commission)
- 1:00 pm -- Blatt Room 110 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive and Local Government Subcommittee

I. Public Employee Benefit Authority

Thursday, January 23

- 8:00 am - 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Legislative Breakfast---SC Association of Christian Schools
- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 110 -- Legislative Group (Rep. Bill Herbkersman)
- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Criminal Laws Subcommittee

I. S.19- Relating to Bonds

- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Finance Sales and Income Taxation Subcommittee

I. S. 809

Senator Leatherman
Capital Project Sales and Use Tax

II. S.911

Senator Peeler
Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax

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III. S.940

Senators Young, Massey, and Setzler
Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax

IV. S.828

Senators Fair and Turner
National and International Convention and Trade Show Centers

V. S.402

Senators Peeler, O'Dell, Reese, Pinckney and Campbell
Tax Credits for Alternative Fuel Vehicles

VI. S.329

Senators Reese and Hembree
Tax Credits for Solar Installations

- 1:30 pm -- Gressette Room 105 -- Joint Legislative Committee to Study Services, Programs and Facilities for Aging

I. Presentation by Susan C. Reinhard, RN, Ph.D., FAAN
Senior Vice President and Director, AARP Public Policy Institute, Chief Strategist, Center to Champion Nursing in America