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Ethics Reform

The Senate gave third reading to H. 3945 late Thursday. The latest version of the ethics reform legislation provides for public officials to disclose sources of income, defines “consultants” and requires reporting and prohibitions, educational requirements for public officials and lobbyists, and the elimination of leadership political action committees. [Read more here.](#)

Pollution Control Act

The House approved clarifications to the Pollution Control Act in H. 3925. Specifically, the bill clarifies the parties that may petition regarding a violation of the Act and the applicability of the savings clause of Act 198 of 2012.

Prescription Monitoring

Legislation, S. 840, enhancing the State’s prescription monitoring program was adopted by the Senate this week and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

In the News

Proposed Defense cuts would hit SC

S.C. politicians slammed the budget and personnel cuts U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel proposed Monday. The cuts could hit some S.C. military bases, including Columbia's Fort Jackson, while protecting others. Hagel recommended shrinking the Army to its smallest size since before World War II, which could scale back operations in training facilities including Fort Jackson. [Read more here.](#)

Program to find veteran jobs grows

A program that has slashed unemployment to less than 4 percent from 16 percent in 2011 among S.C. National Guard members is being expanded statewide. Called Operation Palmetto Employment, the program would help troops of all branches leaving military service find jobs in the state. But it also would supply businesses, large and small, with dependable, trainable, drug-free and dedicated workers, Gov. Nikki Haley said. [Read more here.](#)

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South Carolina's early primary favorites

Although the state's presidential primaries still are two years away, party leaders from across the state already have an idea of who their favorites might be. [Read more here.](#)

Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 3

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Special Subcommittee to Review the Investment of State Retirement Funds

10:30 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Joint Screening Committee to Review Candidates for the Consumer Affairs Commission

11:00 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Majority Caucus

11:00 am -- Blatt Room 305 -- Minority Caucus

Upon adjournment of the House -- Blatt Room 112 -- Minority Caucus

2:30 pm -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee I, Health and Environmental Affairs

I. R.4429- Department of Health and Environmental Control

II. H.4543- Podiatric Surgery

2:30 pm or 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Committee

I. H.4519 - Capitol Police Force

II. H.4452 - Campaign Funds

III. H.4453 - Campaign Funds

IV. H.4454 - Campaign Expenditures

V. H.4455 - Campaign Bank Accounts

VI. H.4456 - Campaign Funds

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VII. H.4457 - Campaign Funds

VIII. H.3361 - Domestic Abuse

IX. H.3959 - Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

X. H.4476 - DUI Video Recorded at Breath Site

XI. H.3400 - Law Enforcement Certification

XII. H.4630 - Law Enforcement Certification

XIII. H.4408 - Child Fatality Advisory Committee

XIV. H.4670 - Mortgage Foreclosures

XV. H.4371 - Patents

3:00 pm -- Gressette Room 308 -- Finance Committee on S.511, S.525, S.954, S.962, S.985, S.1008, S.1033 and H.3021

I. S.511 - Four Percent Special Assessment Ratio

II. S.525 - Clean Energy Industry Market Development Advisory Council

III. S.984 - S.C. Public Employee Benefit Authority

IV. S.962 - South Carolina Retirement System

V. S.985 - Fairness in Lodging Act

VI. S.1008 - SC Retirement system

VII. S.1033 - Out of State Businesses

VIII. H.3021 - Iran Divestment Act

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

I. S.505 - Public Integrity Unit Established

II. S.561 - Nonferrous Metals

III. S.416 - Texting

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IV. S.857 - Felonies and Misdemeanors

V. S.866 - County Election Commissions and Boards of Voter Registration

VI. S.887 - Alteration, Modification or Rescission of a Court Order

VII. S.864 - Children's Advocacy Medical Response System Act

VIII. S.872 - Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children

IX. S.375 - Dilapidated Buildings Act

X. S.841 - Childcare Facilities

XI. H.3024 - Child Abuse

XII. H.3124 - Child Abuse

XIII. S.343 - Uniform Commercial Code

XIV. S.810 - College and University Trustee Screening Commission

XV. H.4529 - Military Service Integrity and Preservation Act

XVI. S.1034 - Revised Code Volumes 5 & 8

4:30 pm -- Blatt Room 427 -- Legislative Black Caucus

6:00-8:00 pm -Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center - Reception by York County Regional Chamber of Commerce

7:00-9:00 pm - Capitol City Club - South Carolina Governors School for Mathematics and Science

Wednesday, March 5

8:00 am - 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Legislative Breakfast-Leadership South Carolina

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee II, Medical Occupational Regulation and Licensing Boards

I. H.3934 - Teeth Whitening

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 433 -- EPW Higher Education Subcommittee on H.4535

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I. H.4535 - College and University Board of Trustees

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Election Laws Subcommittee

I. H.4805 - Appointment of Members of Board and Commissions

II. H.4812 - Duties of Executive Director of State Ethics Commission

III. S.815 - Candidate Nominations

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Judiciary General Laws Subcommittee

I. H.4629 - Unlawful Trade Practices

II. H.3539 - Election Day Liquor Sales

III. H.3662 - Motor Sports Complex

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 403 -- LCI Regulations Subcommittee

I. R.4316 - Department of Employment & Workforce -- Employer-Employee Relationship

II. R.4384 - State Athletic Commission -- Requirements of Licensure for Professional Boxing, Wrestling, Kick Boxing & Off the Street Boxing

III. R.4385 - State Athletic Commission -- Requirements of Licensure in Mixed Martial Arts

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Finance Health and Human Services Subcommittee Budget Hearings

I. Department of Mental Health

II. Commission for the Blind

III. MUSC - Hospital Authority

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 307 -- Higher Education Subcommittee

I. H.3784 - National Guard College Assistance Program

II. H.3088 - Tuition Rate for Military Personnel

III. S.93 - Tuition Rate

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.817

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I. S.817 - Commission on National and Community Service

9:30 am -- Blatt Room 108 -- Procurement Review Panel

9:30 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Environmental Subcommittee

I. H.3592 - Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Act of 2007

9:30 am -- Gressette Room 407 -- Finance Criminal Justice Subcommittee Budget Hearing

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 408 -- Finance Constitutional Subcommittee Budget Hearing

I. Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr., Adjutant General

II. Curtis M. Loftis, Jr., Treasurer

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 307 -- Finance Higher Education Budget Subcommittee

I. CHE

II. Technical College System

III. SC State

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on Court Rules

I. Rule 244 of the S.C. Appellate Court Rules

II. Rules 11 and 77 of the S.C. Rules of Civil Procedure

III. Rule 41.2 to the S.C. Rules of Civil Procedure

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- L.C.I. Regulatory Subcommittee

I. H.3941 -- Political subdivision's authority to set a minimum wage

II. R.4410 Environmental Certification Board

III. R.4418 Contractors Licensing Board

IV. R.4426 Real Estate Appraisers Board

V. R.4435 Building Codes Council

10:30 am -- Gressette Room 406 -- Finance K-12 Education Subcommittee Budget Hearing

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I. School for the Deaf and Blind

II. John De Le Howe

III. Governors School for Mathematics and Science

IV. Arts Commission

V. ETV

11:00 am -- Gressette Room 407 -- Banking and Insurance Subcommittee on S.886, S.1026 and S.1065

I. S.886 - Department of Insurance

II. S.1026 - Contractor Payment Bonds

III. S.1065 - Risk-based Capital

11:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee on S.714, S.850, S.1010, S.1028 and H.4541

I.S.714 - SC Captive Alligator Program

II. S.850 - Turkey Baiting

III. S.1010 - Tom Yawkey Center Trust Fund

IV. S.1028 - Tugalo Lake Boat Motor Horsepower Increase

V. H.4541 - Gill Nets

11:00 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Transportation Committee

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm -- Blatt Room 112 -- Legislative Luncheon-SC Association of Community Development Corporations

1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Family and Probate Laws Subcommittee

I. H. 4348 - Child Visitation

II. H. 4346 - Registry of Child Abuse & Neglect

1:00 pm -- Gressette Room 207 -- Finance Special Subcommittee on S.279 on S.867

I. S.279 - Income Tax Deduction for Tuition

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II. S.867 - General Appropriations Act

1:00 pm -- Gressette Room 308 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.723 and S.755

I. S.723 - Special Purpose Districts

II. S.755 - Obtaining or Using Personal Information Obtained from a State Agency

6:00 pm - Clarion Hotel Downtown - American Legislative Exchange Council

Thursday, March 6

8:00 am - 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Legislative Breakfast-Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

8:45 am -- Blatt Room 433 -- EPW K-12 Subcommittee

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Judiciary Criminal Laws Subcommittee

I. H.4343 - Criminal Domestic Violence

II. H.4562 - Knockout Game Prevention Act

III. H.4398 - DUI Testing

9:00 am -- Blatt Room 403 -- LCI Regulations Subcommittee

I. R.4437 - Fees for Certain Professional and Occupations Licensing Boards

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Corrections and Penology Committee on Appointments and on S.831

I. S.831 - Licensing of Electronic Monitoring Vendors

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 407 -- Finance Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee Budget Hearing

I. Patients' Compensation Fund

II. Procurement Review Panel

III. Minority Affairs

IV. Office of Regulatory Staff

V. Department of Consumer Affairs

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VI. Department of Employment and Workforce

VII. Human Affairs

VIII. Public Service Commission

IX. Board of Financial Institutions

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.813

I. S.813 - Library Trespass Act

9:00 am -- Gressette Room 406 -- L.C.I. Labor and Employment Subcommittee

I. S.882 - Definition of Employment

II. .906 - Earned Paid Sick Leave Act

9:30 am -- Gressette Room 307 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S. 18

I. S. 18 - Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act

9:30 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Medical Affairs Committee

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Education K-12 Subcommittee

I. S.843 - Bullying

II. S.910 - Home School Students

III. R.4400 - Accreditation Criteria

IV. R.4401 - Accreditation Standards Filed

V. R.4406 - Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level

VI. R.4407 - South Carolina Virtual School Program

VII. R.4419 - Adult Education

VIII. R.4420 - Adult Education Program

IX. R.4422 - Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 408 -- Finance Sales and Income Taxation Subcommittee

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10:00 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.773 and S.788

I. S.773 - Transparency in Private Attorney Contracts Act

II. S.788 - Noneconomic Damages Limit

11:30 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Legislative Group (Rep. David Hiott)

2:00 pm -- Gressette Room 307 -- Finance Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Economic Development
Budget Hearing

I. Department of Insurance

II. Department of Natural Resources

III. Patriot's Point Development Authority

SC Housing Authority