



SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION

Save Women's Sports (H4153)

The House Judiciary Committee tabled this bill early in the session, but it was reintroduced in the Special Laws Subcommittee, where it passed on a 4 to 1 vote. The bill is currently being considered by the House Judiciary and is expected to be recommended to the House floor. The bill may pass the House before the end of the session, but it will have to wait until January to be considered in the Senate.

Open Carry with Training (H3094)

This bill, which would allow concealed weapons permit holders to openly carry a weapon under limited conditions, passed the House 73 to 26. It has received first reading in the Senate and is currently being considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary is expected to recommend this bill to the full Senate floor where it is expected to pass.



Legislative Session Approaches Halftime

The South Carolina Legislature is approaching the end of the first half of a two-year Legislative session. Bills that pass at least one House of the Legislature during this session will be held over for consideration beginning in January. We are currently tracking several bills that have the potential for shaping South Carolina culture. The biggest win for conservatives in the current session so far has been the passage of the Heartbeat Bill. Other bills being considered include the Compassionate Care Act (S150, medical marijuana), the Save Women's Sports Act (H4153), Hate Crimes (H3620), the Religion is Essential Act (H3105), and the REACH Act (S38). Other bills that could have an impact on South Carolina culture include the Open Carry with Training Act (H3094). A brief update on the progress

Religion is Essential or Religious Freedom Act (H3104)

The House passed H3104 on an 83 to 22 vote. The bill would protect Houses of Worship from restrictions related to future emergency declarations by the Governor’s Office. Governor McMaster allowed churches in South Carolina to determine how they would respond to COVID restrictions, but many states attempted to impose limitations on churches that were not imposed on the broader business or private sector. The bill is now being considered by the Senate Judiciary and is expected to make it to the Senate floor where it will likely be passed onto the Governor for his signature.

The Compassionate Care Act (Medical Marijuana, S38)

S150 passed from the Senate Medical Affairs Committee to the Senate floor. An objection has been placed on the bill that may keep it from passing during this session. If it passes the Senate, it will be taken up in the House in January.

The Reach Act (s38) The Reach Act passed the Senate 41 to 0 and is on the way to the Governor’s Desk to be signed into law. This bill will require the teaching of the Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the Declaration of Independence in South Carolina schools.

of these bills is included in the columns to the left.

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Please pray for these SC leaders and contact their office to let them know you are praying for them.