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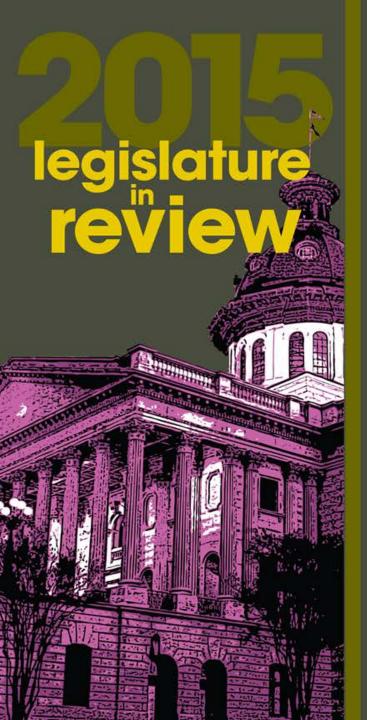
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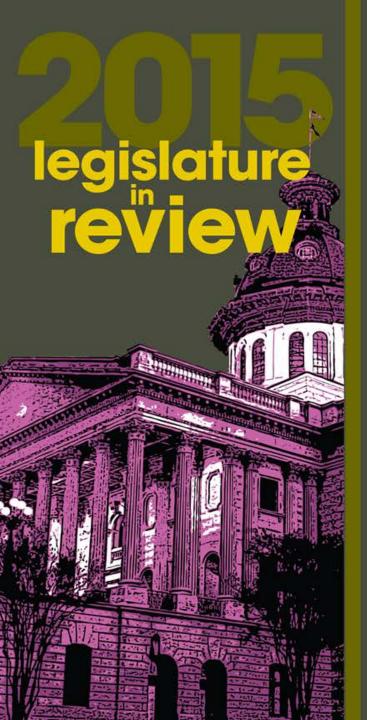
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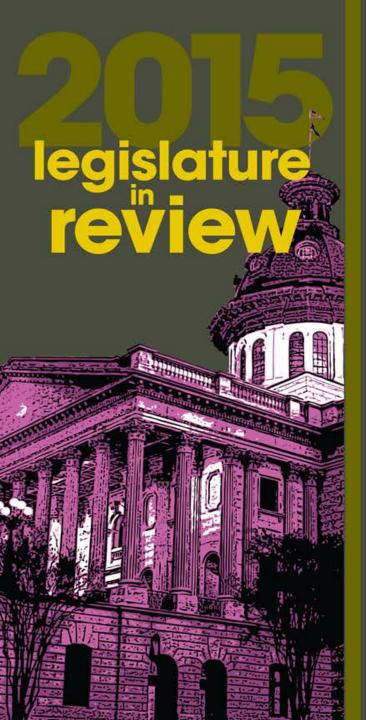
## **Budget highlights**

- BSC set at \$2,220; below \$2,801
- hold harmless
- provisos of interest
  - teacher appeal hearing officer
  - teacher evaluation exempt public disclosure
  - teacher salary study
  - rural teacher recruitment, retention



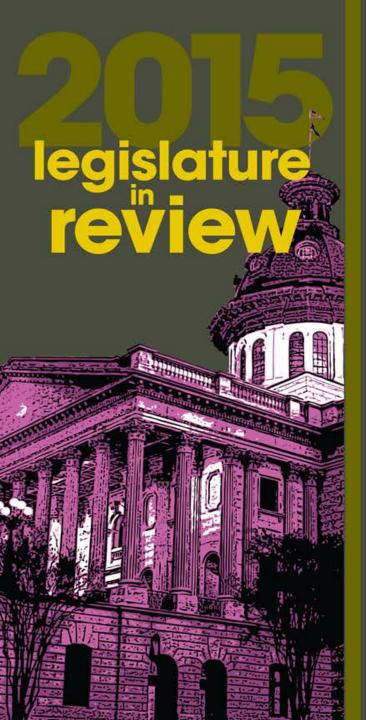
#### charter school ethics H.4084

- affirms ethics act applicable to charter school staff, board
- charter school contract must contain a statement of assurance of ethical compliance
- in response to attorney general's opinion



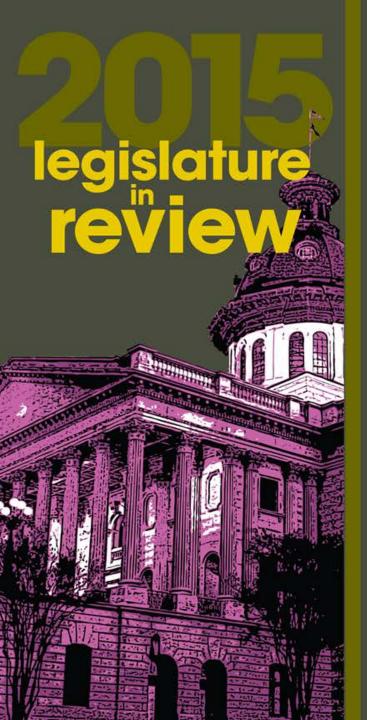
# question: who wrote the declaration of independence?

- a. John Adams
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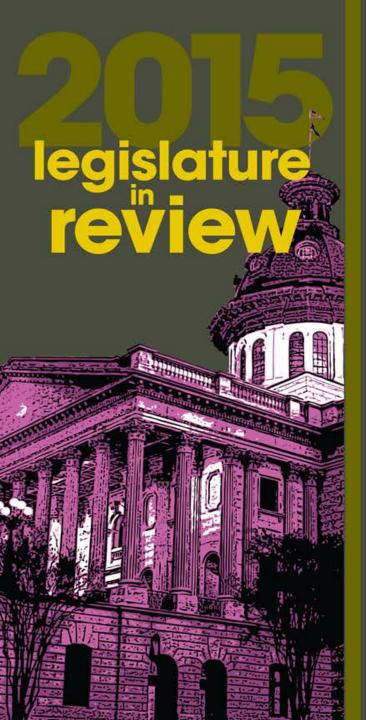
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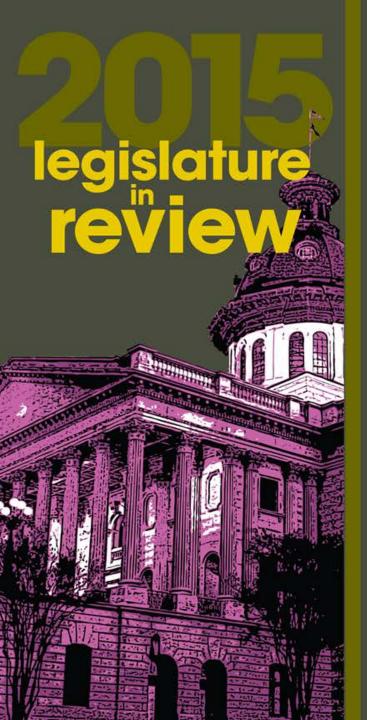
question: what is one right or freedom from the first amendment?

- a. right to free exercise of religion
- b. right to bear arms
- c. right to vote
- d. right to a speedy trial



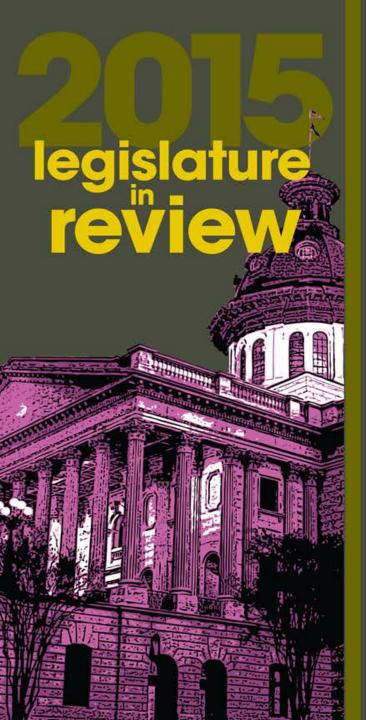
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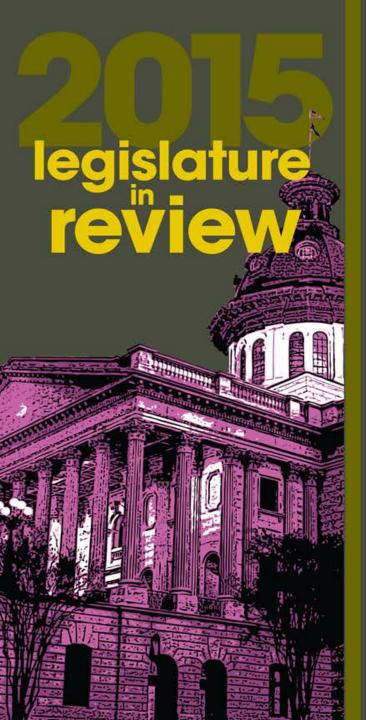
#### civics education S.437

- named after SC Governor James B. Edwards
- beginning entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders take U.S. immigration citizenship test as part of government class
- no minimum score required ("doesn't count")
- % students passing reported to Education Oversight Committee, printed on school report card
- districts may recognize students who earn a passing grade or higher but no state funding
- test use or administration at no cost to districts



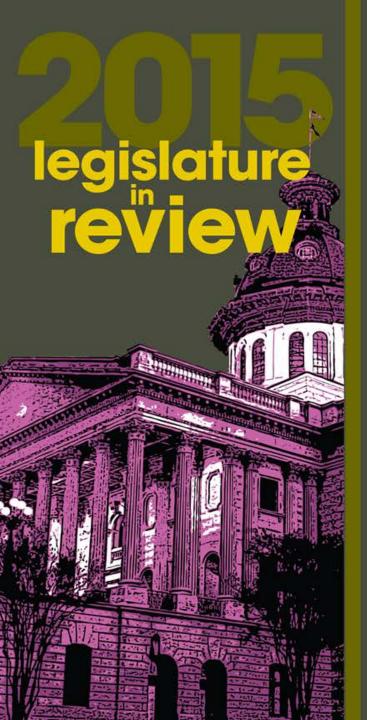
# makeup day waivers H.3890

- general assembly out of the waiver business
- Local school board can excuse up to 3 days w/ majority vote BUT ONLY AFTER ....
  - schools have made up three missed days (required to be built into calendar year)
- request to waive more than 3 days must be made to the sc board of education for approval



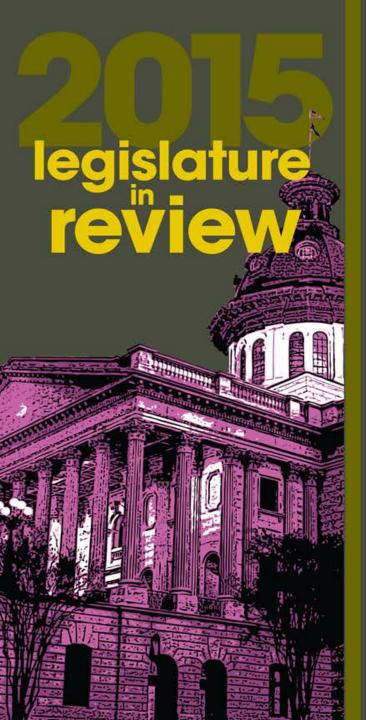
## waiver for ineligibility S.154

- currently state board of education may grant a waiver to a student if he or she is ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities, including athletics, due to an error on the part of district personnel
- S. 154 expands waiver criteria in two additional situations
  - ineligibility is the result of a long term absence due to a medical condition but cleared by physician
  - any other reasonable circumstance



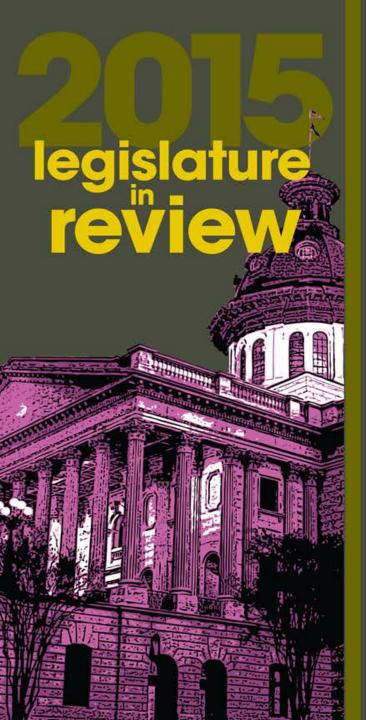
## meeting notices changes S.11

- public notice (dates, times and locations) of all regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar year (no change)
  - agenda posted on publicly accessible bulletin board at office or meeting location and on website at least 24 hours before meeting
- public notice (agenda, date, time, location) for any called, special or rescheduled meeting no later than 24 hours before meeting
- not applies to emergency meeting



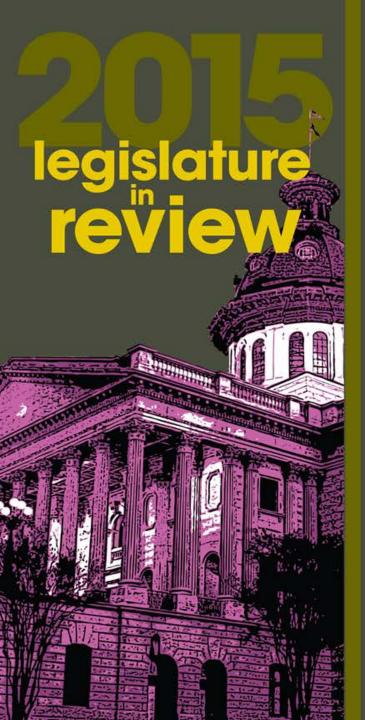
## agenda changes

- once agenda is posted (24 hours before meeting), no changes can be made without an additional 24 hours notice
- 2/3rds vote (present members) required to add "action" item
- 2/3rds vote and finding of emergency or exigent circumstances required to add final action item with no opportunity for public comment
- required public hearing items do not apply (ex. budget hearing)



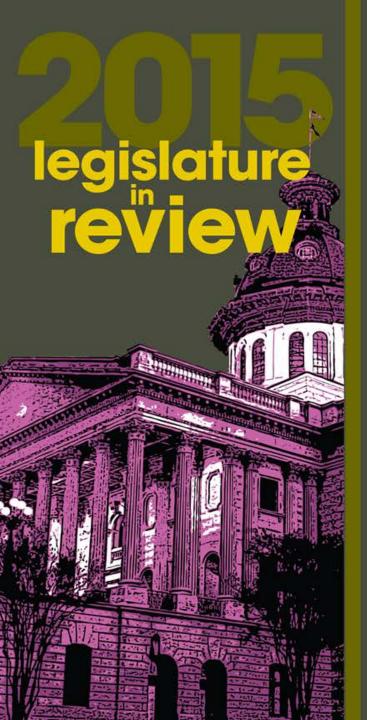
#### domestic violence instruction

- comprehensive bill makes changes to criminal offense and other judicial processes
- education component added
- domestic violence added to the list of subjects that must be covered in a district's comprehensive health education program for grades 6 – 8 starting in 2016-2017 school year



#### other

- raffles for charitable
  - certain non-profits, including education institutions, can conduct raffles for fundraising
- school bus driver physical exam
  - expands the type of eligible medical providers (chiropractors)
- extension of state reading plans deadline
- local surplus public fund investments



## looking ahead

- school start date
- statewide turnaround district
- opt-out of testing
- school funding lawsuit legislative response (5 areas)
  - transportation, facilities
  - accountability, leadership, continuous improvement
  - education recruitment, retention, effectiveness, professional development
  - early childhood, family engagement
- uniform school board election, governance