



# 2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## **2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

- **LEADERSHIP PUSHES FOR PASSAGE OF MASSIVE SENATE EDUCATION BILL**
- **PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHER PROPONENTS PUSH EDUCATION SAVINGS ACT BILL – ELECTION YEAR**
- **RECORD REVENUE ESTIMATES**

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## SENATE BILL 419

- **THREE MONTHS OF DEBATE, FILIBUSTER LED BY SEN. FANNING PASSES SENATE MARCH 5 BY A VOTE OF 41-4 (FANNING, KIMPSON, MCLEOD, MARTIN)**
- **HOUSE ASSIGNS BILL TO EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**
- **SCSBA OPPOSITION TO REMOVAL OF SCHOOL BOARDS PROVISION REMAINS**
- **HOUSE WAS COMPLETING STATE BUDGET AND SANTEE COOPER ISSUE TAKES OVER IN BOTH CHAMBERS**

## OTHER

- **PASSES LACTATION SUPPORT ACT (H.3200) – GOVERNOR SIGNS**
- **PASSES LOCAL BILL CHANGING CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SEATS FROM AT-LARGE TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS (H.5034) – GOVERNOR SIGNS**

## **IN THE HOUSE**

- **SECTIONS OF HOUSE-PASSED EDUCATION BILL “SOUTH CAROLINA CAREER OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL ACT” (PASSED IN 2019) WERE FILED AS SEPARATE BILLS, AMENDED, PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE**

## **OTHER**

- **PASSES DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME LEGISLATION (S.11) - GOVERNOR SIGNS**
- **PASSES LOCAL BILL - CONSOLIDATION OF CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICTS 1 AND 3 (S.975) TO BECOME CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 IN 2021**



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**AND THEN ....  
CORONAVIRUS**



# COVID-19 EMERGENCY TAKES OVER

- CONGRESS PASSES CARES ACT **MARCH 27**, ALLOCATING FUNDING TO STATES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RESPOND TO COVID-19
  - THREE POTS OF FUNDING ALLOCATED: GOVERNOR (GEERS), SCDE AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- STATE EMERGENCY FUNDING ALLOCATION (H.4014) PASSES **MARCH 19**
  - DIRECTED STATE FUNDING TO DHEC (RESPONSE TO COVID-19)
  - PROVISION EXEMPTS RETIREE SALARY CAP TO RESPOND COVID-19 VIRUS (ENDS SEPTEMBER 1)
- SINE DIE PASSED **MAY 12**
  - SET RETURN DATE OF SEPTEMBER 15 – 24 TO COMPLETE STATE BUDGET AND..
  - ALLOWS CONSIDERATION OF ANY BILL THAT PASSED ONE CHAMBER – S.419 IN PLAY
  - HOUSE PASSES ITS OWN CONTINUING RESOLUTION BUT NOT SINE DIE

Zoom meeting,  
audio only



Zoom meeting,  
with video



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## COVID-19 MEASURES CONTINUED

- CONTINUING RESOLUTION (H.3411) PASSES **MAY 19**
  - CONTINUES 2020 STATE FUNDING LEVEL FOR DISTRICTS
  - AUTHORIZES STATE SUPERINTENDENT WAIVER AUTHORITY (NEGOTIATING SALARIES OF RETIRED TEACHERS )
  - FREEZES STEP INCREASE UNTIL FY 2020-2021 BUDGET FINALIZED (SCSBA REQUESTED)
  - ALLOWS DISTRICTS FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY TO INCLUDE CARRY FORWARD FUNDING (SCSBA REQUESTED)

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**Anyone know when  
them black eyed peas  
we ate for good luck  
on New Year's  
supposed to kick in**



## **COVID-19 MEASURES CONTINUED**

- **ALLOCATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING (H.5202) **PASSES JUNE 24****
  - **\$222 MILLION FOR ACADEMIC RECOVERY CAMPS, LEAP DAYS (5 ADDITIONAL DAYS OF INSTRUCTION FOR K-8) AND FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL**
  - **SUSPENDS ALL STATE-MANDATED TESTING FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UNLESS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW (SCSBA SUPPORTED)**
  - **MOBILE HOTSPOTS, BROADBAND EXPANSION PLANS**
  - **FUNDING MUST BE SPENT BY DECEMBER 31, 2020**

### **OTHER**

- **SCSBA WORKED WITH SC DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE (SCDEW) PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, "PROTECTING NONPROFITS FROM CATASTROPHIC CASH FLOW STRAIN ACT OF 2020," TO CORRECT UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS IN CARES ACT**

*I was lonely until I glued  
a coffee cup onto my car*



*Now everybody waves at me!*

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## WHAT'S AHEAD?

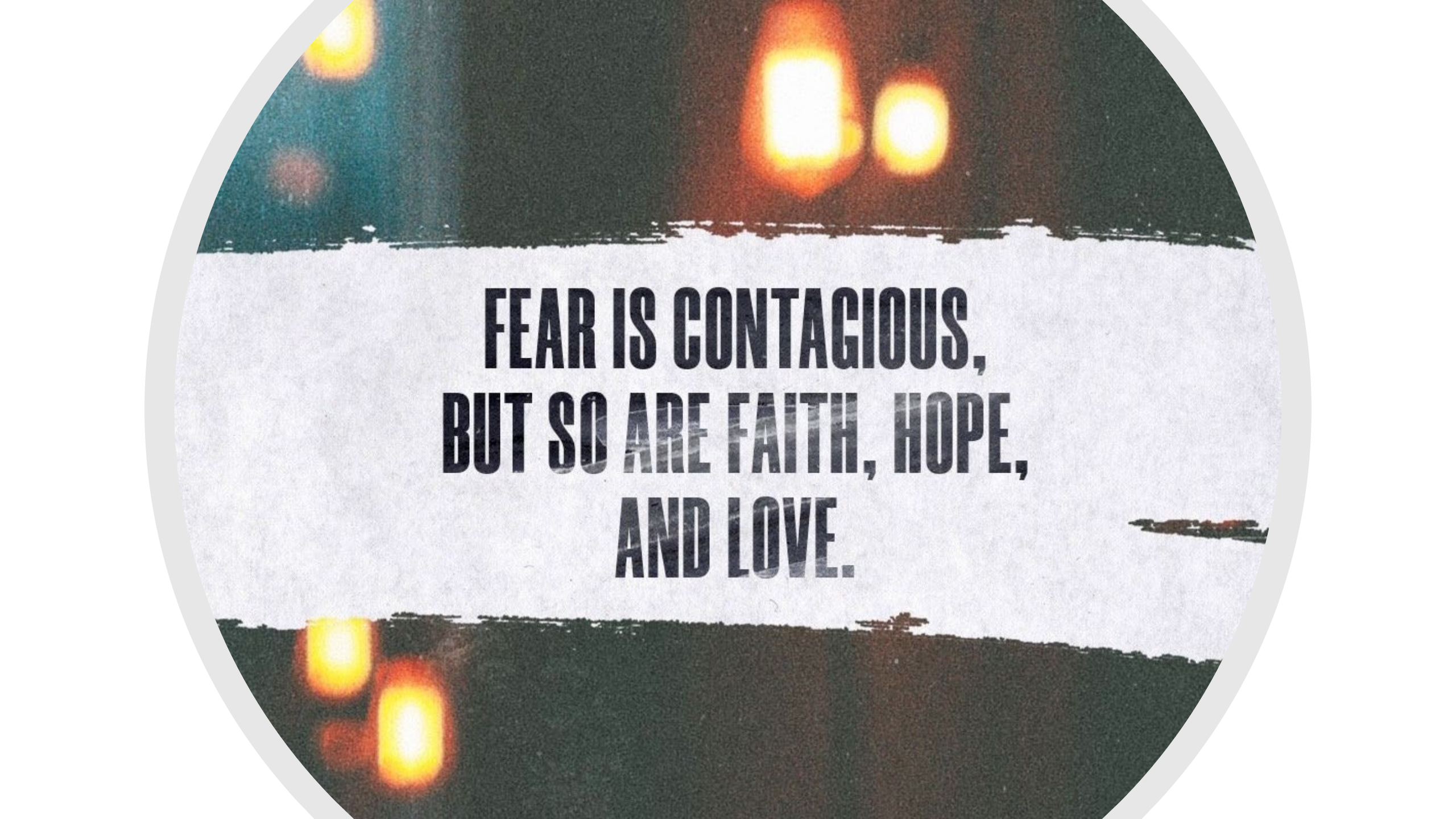
- SENATE RETURNS SEPTEMBER 2 TO TAKE UP ABSENTEE VOTING EXPANSION FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETURNS SEPTEMBER 15 – 24
  - STATE BUDGET (H.5201) PASSED BY THE HOUSE **MARCH 11**, NOW IN THE SENATE
    - BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS ARE MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 24 TO GET REVISED STATE REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR LAWMAKERS TO BUILD NEW BUDGET
    - SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET SEPTEMBER 1 – 3 & 8 – 10
    - GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES AGENCIES SHOULD PLAN FOR NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND POSSIBLY 1% - 3% CUT
    - SCDE WORKING ON REVISED BUDGET REQUEST – SCHOOL NURSES, COUNSELORS, MOBILE HOTSPOTS (EXPIRES DECEMBER 31)
    - RETIREE SALARY CAP THAT ENDED SEPTEMBER 1

## **WHAT'S AHEAD CONTINUED**

- **ALLOCATION OF CARES ACT FUNDING, PART TWO**
  - **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALLOCATED ONLY \$1.2 BILLION OF \$1.9 BILLION IN CARES ACT FUNDING – REMAINING FUNDING AND UNSPENT FUNDING TO BE ALLOCATED IN SEPTEMBER (UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND)**
  - **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER TO GET UPDATES ON FUNDING NEEDS AND UNSPENT FUNDING THAT WAS ALLOCATED**
  - **SCDE ESTIMATES THAT \$42.8 MILLION CARES ACT FUNDING WAS UNSPENT (38 DISTRICTS UNABLE TO HOLD FACE-TO-FACE ACADEMIC SUMMER RECOVERY CAMPS)**
  - **ASKING FOR FUNDING TO PROVIDE REMEDIATION SERVICES IN ELA, MATH FOR STUDENTS (TUTORS, INTERVENTIONISTS)**

**I HAVE A 30-PACK  
KIRKLAND SIGNATURE  
2-PLY BATH TISSUE**

**WILL TRADE FOR  
4-BEDROOM, 3-BATH  
HOUSE WITH ACREAGE**



**FEAR IS CONTAGIOUS,  
BUT SO ARE FAITH, HOPE,  
AND LOVE.**