



2024 K12 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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- SCSBA ANNUAL PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING NEW STATE LAWS, REGULATIONS, COURT RULINGS AND MORE
- EMAILED TO SCSBA POLICY SERVICES SUBSCRIBERS ANNUAL PUBLICATION

- 125TH SESSION SC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- 2ND YEAR OF TWO-YEAR SESSION
- BILLS MUST BE REFILED
- 11 BILLS (K12, OTHER) SIGNED INTO LAW
- 15 LOCAL BILLS
- BUDGET PROVISOS OF NOTE



**SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE HOUSE**

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GENDER REPORTING REQUIREMENT HOUSE BILL 4624 (EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2024)



PROHIBITS
ENCOURAGING,
COERCING
TRANSGENDER STUDENT
FROM WITHHOLDING
FACT FROM PARENTS

PROHIBITS WITHHOLDING
TRANSGENDER STUDENT'S
PERCEPTION FROM PARENT



PRINCIPAL, VICE
PRINCIPAL OR
COUNSELOR DIRECTED TO
NOTIFY PARENTS

ASSERTS TO STAFF HIS/HER
GENDER IS INCONSISTENT
ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE
REQUESTS USE OF
PRONOUN NOT ALIGNED
WITH GENDER



BOOSTER CLUB OFFICER NOTIFICATION

SENATE BILL 245

(EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2024)

ANNUALLY BY AUGUST 1
BOOSTER CLUBS **MUST**
REGISTER WITH DISTRICT BOARD
PRIMARY PURPOSE: RAISES \$\$
SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AFTER
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

REGISTRATION = NAME OF
CLUB AND PURPOSE,
OFFICERS, INCLUDING
FINANCIAL OFFICER
NO REGISTER? NO
TRANSACTIONS



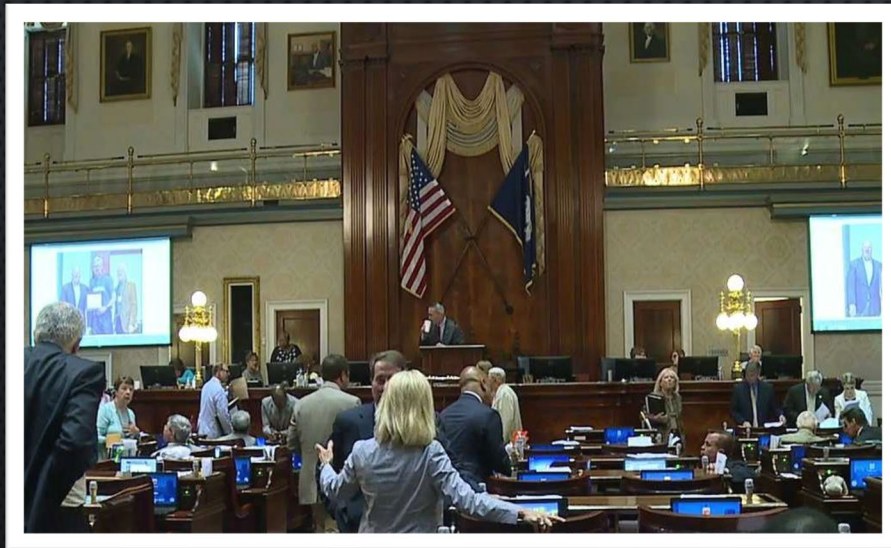
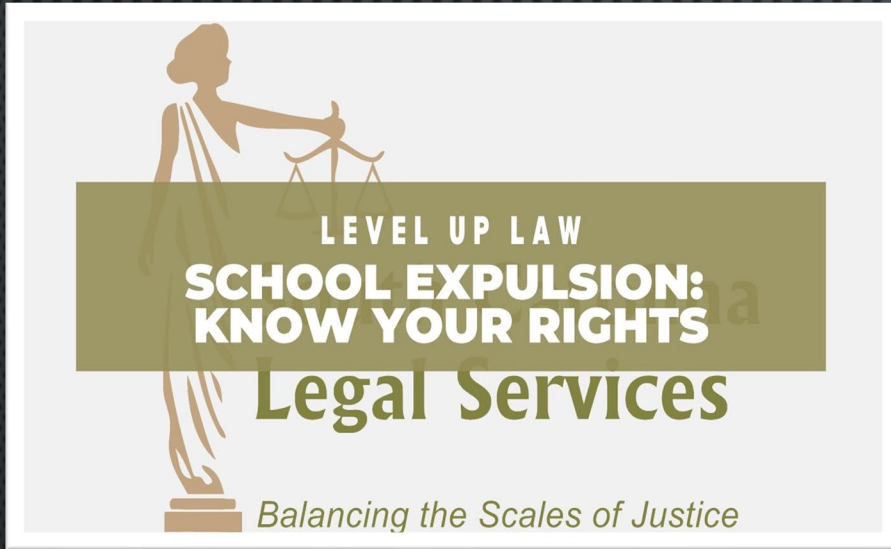
NO ONE CONVICTED OF
FINANCIAL CRIME CAN
SERVE AS FINANCIAL
OFFICER

BOARD MAY REQUEST STATE
CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK
OF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MUST NOTIFY IF CHECK
REVEALS CONVICTION

EXPULSION HEARING NOTIFICATION

SENATE BILL 1188

(EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2024)



ADDED CERTAIN
INFORMATION REQUIRED
IN EXPULSION HEARING
LETTER TO PARENTS

RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL
COUNSEL AT HEARING

RIGHT TO QUESTION ALL WITNESSES,
ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIVE FILE
(DOCS, VIDEO) AT LEAST 3 DAYS
PRIOR TO HEARING
(APPROPRIATE REDACTIONS)

CONTACT
INFORMATION FOR
LEGAL AID (S.C.
LEGAL SERVICES)



S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY HOUSE BILL 3594 (EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, 2024)

PROVISION ALLOWED
CONCEALED WEAPONS
PERMIT HOLDERS TO HAVE
LOCKED WEAPON IN VEHICLE
ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

REMOVED REQUIREMENT OF TO
HAVE CONCEALED WEAPONS
PERMIT



REMOVED AGE
REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN
CONCEALED WEAPONS
PERMIT

PROVISO 1.65 "THE
ABILITY TO POSSESS A
FIREARM ON PUBLIC
SCHOOL PROPERTY IS NOT
EXTENDED TO AN
ENROLLED STUDENT."



SBE REGULATION 43-170

HOUSE BILL 5438

(EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, 2024)

SCHOOLS MUST MAINTAIN
CATALOG/LIST ALL LIBRARY
BOOKS, MATERIALS UPDATE
ON WEBSITE

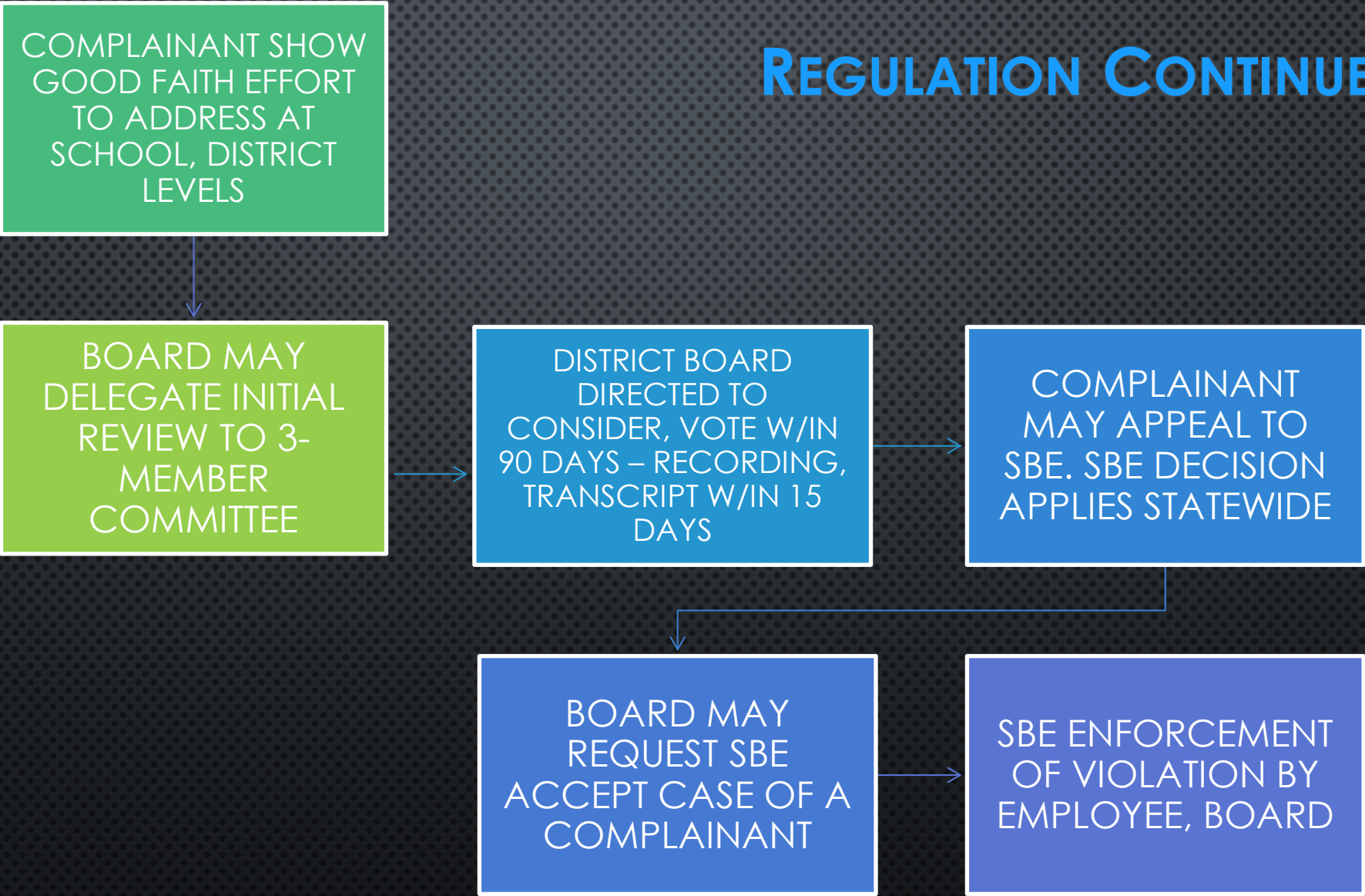
GENERATE MATERIALS
AVAILABLE IN CLASSROOMS
UPON REQUEST



BOARDS MUST REVIEW,
REVISE INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS REVIEW,
CHALLENGES POLICY TO
COMPLY W/ REG

TO CHALLENGE, MUST BE
PARENT OF ENROLLED STUDENT
– COMPLAINT FORM FROM
SCDE ON DISTRICT WEBSITE
(NO MORE THAN 5 IN A
CALENDAR MONTH)

REGULATION CONTINUED



SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT HOUSE BILL 3309 (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025)



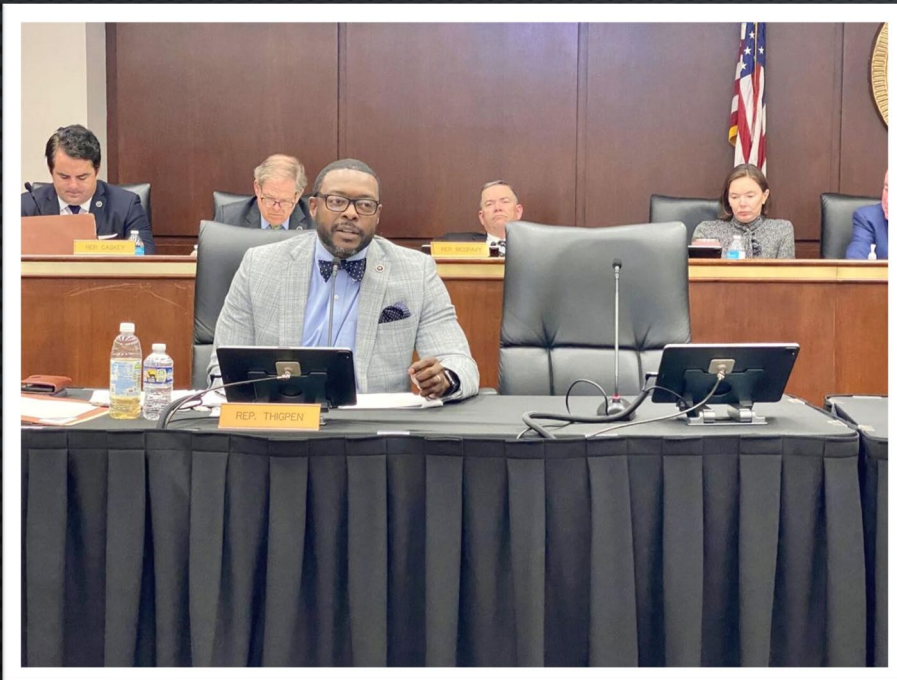
SEIZURE TRAINING PROGRAM (BASICS ABOUT EPILEPSY, SIGNS, SYMPTOMS OF SEIZURES AND MEDICATIONS) FOR STAFF

SEIZURE ACTION PLAN INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PLANS (IHPS) FOR STUDENTS W/ EPILEPSY. DETAILS SPECIFIC MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOOLS DEVELOP EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS (EAPs) FOR HANDLING EMERGENCIES – INCLUDED W/ IHP

STORAGE & ADMINISTER MEDICATION. STUDENTS CAN SELF MONITOR, MEDICATE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

PARENT SIGN HOLD HARMLESS DISTRICT, EMPLOYEES AGAINST CLAIMS



FY 2024-2025 STATE APPROPRIATIONS

HOUSE BILL 5100

- \$14 BILLION STATE BUDGET
- \$200 MILLION STATE AID TO FUND REVISED TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE (ESTIMATED TO COST \$198)
- SALARY INCREASES ARE NOT APPLIED UNIFORMLY ACROSS THE BOARD – RANGE FROM \$5,694 INCREASE FOR TEACHERS WITH 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE AND BACHELOR'S DEGREE TO \$100 INCREASE FOR A TEACHER WITH 7 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH A DOCTORATE DEGREE
- **STATE FUNDING ALLOCATED DIRECTLY FOR DISTRICTS ONLY FOR TEACHER COSTS**



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**TEMPORARY
IN NATURE**

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OTHER K12 BUDGET PROVISIONS

\$5 MILLION TO DIGITALLY
MAP EVERY SCHOOL.
DISTRICTS PAY \$650
ANNUAL MAINTENANCE
FEE PER SCHOOL
(PROVISO 1.116)

\$2.7 MILLION TO
INCREASE TEACHER
SUPPLY STIPEND \$350
TO \$400



\$1.6 MILLION
REIMBURSE FREE MEALS
FOR REDUCED LUNCH
QUALIFYING STUDENTS
(PROVISO 1.115)

\$25 MILLION CAPITAL
NEEDS SCHOOL SAFETY
PROJECTS.
APPLICATIONS DUE
9.1.24 (Proviso 1.78)



OTHER K12 BUDGET PROVISIONS

\$75 MILLION FOR
11.8% HEALTH
INSURANCE PREMIUM
INCREASE

\$5 MILLION SCDE
DIFFERENTIAL TEACHER
PAY PILOT PROGRAM
(PROVISO 1.113)

2.25% PAY RAISE
FOR BUS DRIVERS

\$1.9 MILLION FOR
SAFETY TOOLS TO
MONITOR SCHOOL-
ISSUED DEVICES



K12 BUDGET NEW PROVISOS OF NOTE



1.120 BATHROOMS,
CHANGING FACILITIES,
SLEEPING ROOMS FOR
OVERNIGHT TRIPS
DESIGNATED FOR USE
BY GENDER

1.103 DISTRICTS IMPLEMENT
SBE POLICY PROHIBITING
STUDENT ACCESS TO
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION
DEVICES DURING
SCHOOL DAY



1.52 INCREASES
GRADUATION RATE FROM
BELOW 60% TO BELOW
70% SCHOOLS FOR
SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT
IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1.111 & 1.114 DISTRICTS
ENCOURAGE, WHERE
PRACTICAL, 30-MINUTES
UNENCUMBERED BREAK FOR
NURSES, 4K TEACHERS

K12 BUDGET PROVISOS OF NOTE



117.203 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PAYS REASONABLE COSTS ASSOCIATED W/ IG AUDIT INVESTIGATION

117.204 COMMERCIAL INSPECTIONS EXPANDED TO SCHOOL CAFETERIAS INCLUDE ENTIRE FACILITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS IMPACT OPERATIONS



1.121 DIRECTS SCDE TO REPORT RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO END MANAGEMENT OF WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

1.49 SCHSL PROVISO AMENDED TO REQUIRE FINES FOR SCHOOLS THAT FORFEIT GAMES EQUAL TO GAME REVENUE AMOUNT; SCHSL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT, ONE YEAR WAIVER HOMESCHOOLERS



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IN YOUR AREA

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- **BOARD ELECTION DISTRICTS REAPPORTIONMENTS:**
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD, ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD, ANDERSON ONE BOARD, ANDERSON TWO BOARD, CLARENDON COUNTY BOARD, EDGEFIELD COUNTY BOARD, FLORENCE TWO BOARD, GREENWOOD 50 BOARD, JASPER COUNTY BOARD, KERSHAW COUNTY BOARD, SALUDA COUNTY BOARD.
- **NO MORE PETITION SIGNATURES TO RUN:**
DORCHESTER FOUR BOARD, NEWBERRY COUNTY BOARD
- **SET THEIR OWN BOARD MEMBER SERVICE STIPEND:**
PICKENS COUNTY BOARD



THANK YOU!!!

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