

# 2023 HOUSE LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Repealing CON - Signed Into Law

The Certificate of Need requirement that prohibits healthcare providers from building new facilities or expanding services has been repealed! This will allow for more options in healthcare with less cost to patients.

## Protecting Life - Signed into Law

We passed the Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act that will protect life beginning with the first heartbeat and ban abortions after a heartbeat is detected except in cases of rape, incest, life of the mother and fatal fetal anomalies.

## Promoting Workforce Development - Signed into Law

The Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act streamlines the State's workforce development efforts through the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW). By improving efficiencies and achieving a more coordinated approach in the workforce and education pipeline, we will be able to prepare future generations for their career paths.

## Expanding School Choice - Signed into Law

The Education Scholarship Trust Fund will provide eligible elementary and secondary students with scholarships to cover education expenses at the school of their choice. This is a critical step to create a more equitable education system in South Carolina, empowering parents to make the best educational choice for their children.

## Banning CRT - Passed by the House

Critical Race Theory has no place in our classrooms. The Transparency and Integrity in Education Act will prevent the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools and ensure students learn a broad scope of history without being indoctrinated through a liberal lens.

## Constitutional Carry - Passed by the House

The Second Amendment Preservation Act, ensures that South Carolinians have the right to carry firearms openly or concealed with limited restrictions and imposes tough penalties on felons who unlawfully carry firearms.

## Other Important Legislation



### LAWS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

**Bringing Jobs to Our State** - Scout Motors will open a plant in the Midlands bringing an economic impact of \$15 billion by 2029 and bring more than 5,000 new, high-paying jobs to SC

**Restructuring DHEC** - this law will modernize and streamline this government agency to make it more efficient

**Expanding Paid Family Leave** - teachers who become new parents are now allowed to have up to 6 weeks paid family leave

**Penalizing Fentanyl Trafficking** - creates a criminal offense and increased penalties for trafficking fentanyl

**Ending the Revolving Door for Criminals** - enhances sentencing for a convicted criminal who commits additional crimes while out on bond

### BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

**Expanding School Choice with Open Enrollment** - allows students to attend a public school outside of their zip code in order to best fit their educational needs

**Banning ESG** - ensures the State's pension system must invest their funds in investment opportunities solely based on maximizing returns with no regard by Environmental-Social-Governance goals

**Increasing Access to Telehealth** - improves access to online healthcare services for all citizens



## 2023 House Budget Highlights

- Saved \$1 Billion for Rainy Day Funds
- Invested \$590 Million More for Schools
- Invested \$450 Million More for Roads and Bridges
- Raised Pay for Teachers
- Increased Funds for Vets and Military Readiness
- Raised Pay for Law Enforcement
- Raised Pay for State Employees
- Funded a School Resource Officer for Every School
- Froze Tuition Rates at Public Colleges
- Increased Funds for Land Conservation
- Increased Funds for Mental Health Programs

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FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

It is an honor to represent you in the State House of Representatives. At the beginning of 2023, my colleagues and I set an aggressive, conservative agenda for this year's legislative session. This agenda was built around: creating an environment for economic prosperity, reforming our education system, limiting government, protecting personal freedoms, lowering taxes, and bringing law-and-order to our communities. I am proud of the strides we made in just a few short months to achieving our goals. I hope you will find this report informative. And as always, please let me know if I can ever be of service to you.

*J. Pedalino*



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