



SENATOR REX RICE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WEEK OF JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 17, 2020

GREETINGS! As the South Carolina Senator of District 2, who has the great privilege of representing Pickens County, I would like to thank you for reaching out to me. I gladly welcome and encourage feedback from my constituents, and if you are receiving this, I have received an email or phone call from you concerning various legislative matters. As a way of communicating updated information during this 123rd Session of the General Assembly, I will periodically send out informational emails, such as this. I hope you find it helpful.

Please feel free to contact my Senate office with questions or if I can be of service to you. My assistant's email is deanahage@scsenate.gov or you can call 803-212-6116. If you need immediate assistance, you can reach me on my cell phone at 864-884-0408.

WEEK IN REVIEW: January 13-17, 2020

Set for Special Order

S.419 –Education Improvement: A bill to make changes to the state's education policy, eliminate state mandated tests, codify minimum teacher salaries, set duty-free break periods, enforce school board code of ethics, and other related provisions.

Third Reading and Sent to the House

S.656 –Unclaimed Vehicles: A bill to provide for the transfer of a vehicle to an automotive dismantler or recycler and disposal of a vehicle. To conform changes related to the surrender of certificates and plates and permits to purchase or sell nonferrous metals.

S.996 –Public Service Commission Screening: A joint resolution to extend the screening for candidates for the Public Service Commission (PSC), Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7. To provide for the advertisement to three newspapers of general circulation of the District to be published once a week. Additionally, applicants who withdrew or was now found "qualified," shall not receive further consideration.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

State of the State Address -- Governor Henry McMaster will address the General Assembly in joint session for the annual State of the State Address on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

H.4246 -- Criminal Background Checks: A bill to change the time effective of Act 60 of 2017 relating to criminal background checks by the Real Estate Commission to July 1, 2020.

S.909 -- Professional Employer Organizations Tax Credits: A bill to relating to provisions of professional employer organizations which may be eligible for certain tax credits and economic incentives, as to delete the requirement that functions may be provided by regulation and make other changes.

H.4327 --Farm Structures: A bill to exempt certain farm structures that may accommodate up to three hundred guests without installing a sprinkler system, as classified in the 2015 International Building Code.

S.796-- Building Codes: A bill to provide that the council may promulgate the residential building codes no later than six years from date of publication or previously adopted building codes.

H.3200-- Lactation Support Act: A bill to provide that employers shall provide reasonable unpaid break time and reasonable privacy accommodations for employees to express breast milk in close proximity to the work area.