

# The SCEA Legislative Wins

## 124th General Assembly Mid-term Update

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### Passed Legislation

#### LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

- Retroactive 20/21 Step Increase (H.3069)
- Dual modality prohibited; educators compensated if used for 21/22 (S.704)
- Student identification must include suicide prevention & crisis resources (H.3476).
- Retiree earnings cap raised from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for the next 3 years (S.704)

### Pending Legislation

- Bill to remove Social Studies from 3rd - 8th grade testing passed House; assigned to Senate committee (H.3592)
- Requiring districts to plan for unencumbered planning time - passed House; assigned to Senate Committee (H.3465)
- No restraints in teacher employment contracts for teachers who terminate contracts to work in other districts; introduced & assigned to House Committee (H. 3246)

### Budgetary Wins

- Increase Disadvantaged Schools Capital Improvement Fund
- Increase Base Student Cost to \$2516
- Funding for a nurse in every school
- A 5% increase in the state-provided portion of bus driver salaries.
- \$1,000 teacher raise (regardless of step), raising SC starting salary to \$36,000
- Broadband expansion statewide
- Expansion of 4K access
- Reinstitute the NBCT stipend \*  
\* (Specific details still pending).

### State Supreme Court Win

The unanimous 5-0 decision by the court blocked a plan to designate \$32 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds for private school tuition. The South Carolina Supreme Court sided with The SCEA, affirming use of public funds for private schools is unconstitutional in SC. .

#### THE SCEA AGENDA

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