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| <p>3. S477 Pharmacist-prescribed Birth Control (Passed 44 to 0 on 5/6/2025). Expands access to hormonal birth control by allowing pharmacists to dispense “self-administered hormonal contraceptives” without a patient-specific doctor’s prescription.</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>✗</p> |
| <p>4. S102 Millage Rates: Property-tax Increase (Passed 37 to 2 on 5/1/2025). Allows municipalities without an existing operating millage to impose one, capped at one-third of the previous year’s general fund or proposed budget.</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>✗</p> |
| <p>5. S163 Central Bank Digital Currency Ban (Passed 38 to 1 on 5/1/2025). Prohibits state and local governments from accepting or requiring payment in a central bank digital currency (CBDC) or participating in CBDC testing.</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>★</p> |
| <p>6. S425 "Free" School Meals (Passed 45 to 0 on 4/1/2025). Forces South Carolina school districts to track student poverty, expand taxpayer-funded school meals, assist with applications, ban “lunch shaming,” and consider joining the federal Community Eligibility Provision.</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>✗</p> |

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