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SC Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. S425 "Free" School Meals (Passed 94 to 15 on 4/30/2025). 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.

YES



2. H3944 Weight-limit Exceptions for EVs (Passed 87 to 23 on 4/22/2025). Allows electric battery-powered motor vehicles to exceed normal weight limits by up to 2,000 pounds.

YES



3. H4134 Corporate Welfare (Passed 90 to 19 on 4/22/2025). Extends the Angel Investor Tax Credit Act through 2035.

YES



Estimated cost per household: **-\$2.53/year.**

4. H3930 Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act (Passed 85 to 10 on 4/9/2025). Bans government gun-owner registries and blocks credit-card companies from using merchant codes to track firearm or ammunition purchases.

NONE



5. H3927 DEI Ban (Passed 82 to 32 on 4/2/2025). Bans state and local institutions from promoting DEI programs, requires compliance certification, and allows enforcement by the attorney general.

NO



6. H3558 Con-Con Rules (Passed 76 to 29 on 3/5/2025). Sets deceptive rules for selecting and overseeing South Carolina's delegates to a potential Article V convention, including eligibility, oversight, and compensation.

NO



Scorecard Votes: 20%



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\$290,986

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of June 2, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. "Free" School Meals

S425 requires every public school district in South Carolina to annually identify how many of its students live in poverty and expand access to free school meals for those students. It also mandates that districts consider participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed S425 on April 30, 2025 by a vote of 94 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because feeding children is the responsibility of parents, not government. This bill grows the unconstitutional welfare state by using taxpayer dollars to provide "free" meals, further entrenching debt, dependency, and poverty. It also advances the UN's Agenda 2030, which promotes state control over "food security." Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution does not grant government authority to run these programs.

2. Weight-limit Exceptions for EVs

H3944 allows electric battery-powered motor vehicles to exceed normal weight limits by up to 2,000 pounds.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3944 on April 22, 2025 by a vote of 87 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government should not grant special exemptions based on the type of vehicle one drives. Such favoritism violates the fundamental principle of equal protection under the law. This bill advances the leftist, globalist climate agenda by incentivizing electric vehicles in line with the United Nations' Agenda 2030 climate goals.

3. Corporate Welfare

H4134 would extend the state's High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act—also known as the Angel Investor Tax Credit Act—for another ten years, through 2035. It renames the law to the "High Growth Small Business Job Creation Act of 2013 – Angel Investor Tax Credit Act."

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H4134 on April 22, 2025 by a vote of 90 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill violates the Declaration of Independence's principle that all men are created equal and the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection under the law. Government should remove burdensome regulations and allow businesses to succeed or fail through the free market.

4. Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act

H3930 prohibits government entities from keeping records of privately owned firearms or their owners. It also bans payment card networks and other financial processors from using merchant category codes (MCCs) that identify firearm or ammunition retailers in order to track transactions.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3930 on April 9, 2025 by a vote of 85 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill blocks unconstitutional efforts to track lawful firearm purchases through credit-card data. The ISO's adoption of a merchant category code for gun and ammunition retailers—backed by globalist entities and embraced by federal agencies—paves the way for mass surveillance and a de facto national gun registry. Such tracking violates the First, Second, and Fourth Amendments.

5. DEI Ban

H3927 would ban state and local public institutions—including state agencies, public schools, colleges, and universities—from promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3927 on April 2, 2025 by a vote of 82 to 32. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because DEI programs advance racial and ideological favoritism, undermining the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the law. Equity-based policies promote Marxist ideas of group privilege rather than individual liberty, fostering division instead of unity. Although this bill unfortunately allows for exceptions (which legislators should eliminate), it takes an important step toward pushing back against the Left's collectivist agenda.

6. Con-Con Rules

H3558 establishes a process for selecting, qualifying, and overseeing the state's delegates to a potential Article V constitutional convention.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3558 on March 5, 2025 by a vote of 76 to 29. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill gives a false sense of security that an Article V convention can be controlled, even though delegates from other states would not be bound by South Carolina's rules and could propose sweeping changes. Convention of States simulations in 2016 and 2023 produced amendments massively expanding federal power, spending, and control—the very abuses advocates claim they want to stop. A convention today would be a "Trojan horse" for globalists and leftists seeking to dismantle constitutional limits on government. Rather than risking a runaway convention that could alter or destroy our founding charter, legislators must honor their oath, nullify unconstitutional federal actions, and use Article VI to enforce the Constitution.