

LWVSC Bills of Interest 2025-2026

The following list includes bills within the LWVSC areas of concern that we believe have a reasonable chance of being heard as well as some others that have little chance of a hearing but are of particular interest should they surface as active bills. The agenda at the State House is always shaped by the priorities of Senate and House leadership. The LWVSC board will determine priorities considering LWVSC and LWVUS positions, our available resources, information on the intentions of legislative leadership, and lobbyists' availability (see [LWVSC Priorities](#)). Should a bill of particular interest unexpectedly become active, it will be added to the list.

For full text and legislative history of the listed bills, see scstatehouse.gov. Bills may be accessed in several ways, including search by bill number or keyword.

Elections and Voting

Bill No.	Primary Sponsor	Description
H.3177	Garvin	Corrections to provide voting rights info to inmates
H.3310	Burns	closing primaries by party
H.3311	Burns	paper ballots only
H.3318	Gilliard	eliminate runoffs for primaries
H.3319	Guffey	prohibit some campaign literature at polling place
H.3386	Taylor	prohibits instant runoff voting
H.3396	Long	closing primaries by party
H.3398	King	removes voter disqualification for felony violation election laws
H.3459	W. Newton	requirements for 3rd party voter registration
H.3515	Beach	voter registration change of address
H.3517	J.L. Johnson	prohibits deepfake media 90 days before election
H.3518	J.L. Johnson	protection of election officials
H.3552	B. Newton	eliminate runoffs for primaries
H.3553	B. Newton and Wetmore	salary supplements for county election officials
H.3554	B. Newton	increases annual campaign contribution limits
H.3557	B. Newton	shortens candidate filing period, filing fee, party fee
H.3589	J.L. Johnson	instant runoff local elections permitted
H.3590	Kilmartin	removes qualifications for sheriffs, state Super. of Ed.
H.3628	Harris	voter registration roll changes
H.3639	Beach	party officials may require hand count audits by counties
H.3640	Bernstein and Collins	primary elections except President and VP to be conducted as non-partisan open primary elections
H.3643	B. Newton	closing primaries by party
S.3	Jackson	felony conviction not to disqualify voter
S.33	Grooms	voting by persons with disability and those under 18 before closing of registration books
S.36	Campsen	polling place establishment
S.38	Campsen	special election scheduling

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H.3177	Garvin	Corrections to provide voting rights info to inmates
S.87	Young	public hand count audits
H.4543	Caskey	polling place hours adjustments
S.109	Rice	closing partisan primaries by party
S.113	Cash	closing partisan primaries by party
S.123	Johnson	reopening candidate filing in case of death or withdrawal
S.124	Johnson	including cast vote records in FOIA
S.128	Johnson	proof of citizenship for voting
S.257	Devine and Sutton	uniform polling place time extensions in response to delays
S.305	Climer and others	closed primaries

Ethics and Accountability

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3321	Burns	some state officials not required to file SEI
H.3475	Stavrinakis	lobbyists to report contact with PSC and ORS
H.3554	B. Newton	increases campaign contribution limits
S.6	Jackson	FOIA improvements
S.75	Hembree	disclosure of candidate ethics fines
S.84	Young & Graham	campaign bank accounts + funding for Ethics Comm.
S.91	Young	required filing of campaign bank account statements

Women's Rights, Pregnancy, and Reproductive Health

H.3012	Pope	protects "pregnancy centers"
H.3092	Oremus and others	requires disclosure of persons having chemical abortion
H.3107	Garvin	defines fertilized eggs and embryos outside uterus as not persons
H.3112	Garvin	study committee on black maternal mortality rates
H.3243	Gilliard	State health plan to fund lactation care and services
H.3457	McCravy, G.M. Smith and others	extreme abortion
H.3504	Edgerton	protects "pregnancy centers"
H.3329	Collins	sales tax exemption for diapers and toilet paper
H.3412	J.L. Johnson	establish Joint Committee on Women's Reproductive Rights
H.3338	Dillard	exempts diapers from sales tax
H.3507	Stavrinakis and others	constitutional right to one's own reproductive decisions
H.3652	Bernstein and others	protects assistive reproductive technologies
S.10	Jackson	paid parental leave

S.14	Hutto and Reichenbach	sales tax exemption for baby formula and baby food
S.27	Hutto	protects abortion rights until viability
S.40	Davis	protects assistive reproductive technologies
S.41	Davis	requires comprehensive reproductive health education
S.42	Davis	state health plan to include lactation

Health Care

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3377	Garvin	resolution for advisory referendum on Medicaid Expansion
S.44	Davis	medical assistant authorizations
S.45	Davis and Graham	advanced practice nurse authorizations
S.54	Martin	unlawful to require vaccination
S.240	Cash and others	parental right to affirm child's biological sex

Environment

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3309	G.M. Smith	substantially reduces regulatory review of utilities

Education

Bill No.	Primary Sponsor	Description
S.10	Jackson	Extend Paid Parental Leave for State Employees
S.13	RANKIN	Employer Match to 529 (College Inv. Trust) Contributions
S.18	Hutto	CAP (Firearm Storage) Legislation
S.30	Hutto	Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers
S.31	Hutto	Extend Suicide Prevention-Private Schools & No Student IDs
S.41	Davis	Exten Comprehensive Heath Beyond Abstinence Education
S.47	Davis	Tax Credits for Childcare Expenses
S.50	Davis	Tax Credit Scholarship for K-12
S.58	Allen	Teacher Pay to National Average
S.62	Hembree	K-12 Lottery Scholarship (ESA)
S.65	Hembree	Cell Phone Prohibition in Classrooms
S.66	Hembree	H.S. Athletic Eligibility & Name, Image, Likeness
S.70	Hembree	Local School Board Training & Ethics
S.73	Hembree	Enhanced Penalty for Assault of Educators
S.77	Hembree	Livestream School Board Meetings
S.78	Hembree	Work Experience Credit
S.79	Hembree	Non-Certified Teacher Pilot
S.86	Young	Permanent Certificate at 20 Years

S.88	Young	Work Experience Credit
S.94	Sabb	School Infrastructure Bank
S.104	Rice	Restrict books- child, youth, teen sections of public libraries
S.107	Rice	Increase Working Retiree Income Eligibility
S.108	Rice	Tax Credit for Private K-12
S.115	Adams	School Guardians Act (Armed Educators)
S.122	Garrett	School Chaplains
S.134	Kimbrell	Bible in History & ELA Curriculum
S.135	Reichenbach	Mandatory Recitation of Pledge
S.147	Devine	No Cost Meals & 30 Minute Lunch
S.153	Leber	Constitutional No Aid Clause Referendum
S.172	Johnson	Free Expression on Higher Ed Campuses
S.199	Climmer	Restrict Public School Restrooms to Single Sex
S.243	Cash	Parental Rights in Education
S.269	Turner	Security Personnel in Public School Districts
S.289	Martin	Waive up to 7 days for inclement weather
S.290	Turner	Waive makeup days for Hurricane Helene
S.306	Climmer	Tax credit for private, parochial or home school
S.322	Cash	Prohibit pronoun inconsistent with student's sex
S.368	Garrett	DEI prohibitions (Similar H.3927)
S.375	Jackson	Health, dental insurance for school board members
S.406	Martin	Failure to stop for school bus
S.416	Hembree	Expelling students
S.421	Grooms	Participation in interscholastic activities
S.423	Ott	Assessments for English language learners
S.425	Davis	Free school breakfasts & lunches
S.429	Hutto	Evaluation & services by private providers for students
S.430	Hutto	Suspension preschool students Similar (H 3974, H 4068)
S.450	Climmer	Petition for modified district superintendent certificate
S.451	Climmer	Interior cameras for new school buses
S.454	Hembree	Governance of charter schools
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H.3011	Pope	Parental Rights in Education Act
H.3052	Pope	Assault of Educators
H.3061	Rutherford	Penalties for Impersonating Online
H.3118	Burns	Parental Bill of Rights
H.3166	Yow	SPED Bus Services
H.3167	Yow	SPED Bus Driver Receipt of Information
H.3185	Magnuson	Transparency and Integrity Act
H.3192	Johnson	SPED starting teacher salary of \$52K
H.3195	Haddon	PE & Play
H.3196	Erickson	Educator Assistance Act 2.0
H.3197	Erickson	Workforce Readiness, Remedial Math & English, FAFSA, Educator Prep Report Card to SCDE, Online Access to Info on Value of College Degree
H.3199	Erickson	Open Enrollment
H.3200	Erickson	School Board Livestream

H.3201	Davis	Computer Science Education Initiative Act
H.3203	Collins	Palmetto Fellows LIFE for Grad School
H.3204	Collins	Masters Degree Required for Certification
H.3205	Collins	Mandatory Student Retention via Testing
H.3206	Collins	Reporting for Racial Achievement Gaps
H.3207	Collins	Permanent Certificate
H.3208	Collins	Grade Inflation
H.3209	Collins	Disciplinary Classrooms
H.3210	Collins	Other Duties as Assigned
H.3212	Collins	Time for Play
H.3216	Burns	Recording of Classes
H.3217	Beach	Ten Commandments Posted in Classrooms
H.3225	Garvin	SC Service Year Act
H.3231	Gillard	Offering Harbor Pilotage Courses
H.3236	Gillard	Metal Detectors in Schools
H.3237	Gillard	Weapons Detectors Study Committee
H.3240	Gillard	Prohibition on School Board Proxy Votes
H.3242	Gillard	School Bus Privatization
H.3244	Guffey	School Internet Security
H.3245	Guffey	Private School Sports
H.3247	Haddon	Excused Absences for FFA Participation
H.3248	Haddon	Private Security Firms
H.3253	W. Newton	Referendum-Delete Constitutional No Aid Clause
H.3256	Oremus	Ultrasound Video in Comprehensive Health Curriculum
H.3258	Pope	Mobile panic alert systems for schools
H.3260	Pope	Mandate for Religious Release Instruction
H.3263	Pope	Statute for School Bathroom Proviso
H.3264	Rose	Media Literacy & Critical Thinking Curriculum Pilot
H.3265	Rose	SPED and Comprehensive Health
H.3297	Ballentine	Extra Weighting for Select Charter Schools
H.3317	Garvin	Dating Violence Education
H.3327	Collins	Scholarships for Teacher Masters Degrees
H.3328	Collins	Exceptional Needs Scholarship for Children in Foster Care
H.3330	Collins	Limits on District Operation Expenditures
H.3331	Collins	Teaching Fellow Supplement
H.3332	Collins	Statewide Property Tax
H.3399	Guffey	Childrens Default to Safety Act
H.3400	Guffey	Child Data Privacy and Protection Act
H.3402	Guffey	SC Age Appropriate Design Code Act
H.3417	Kilmartin	Income Tax Exemption on Teacher Retirement Pay
H.3420	Long	Tax Credit Scholarship
H.3431	W. Newton	Social Media Protection for Children
H.3434	Oremus	Bus Driver Return to Work
H.3453	Rose	Veterans' Children Tuition Assistance
H.3455	Collins	Office of School District Administration
H.3456	Collins	Abolish State Board of Education
H.3478	Garvin	Mental Health in Schools Act

H.3482	McDaniel	Reporting Bullying and Harassment
H.3490	Bernstein	Increase Paid Parental Leave for State Employees
H.3547	Cobb-Hunter	Civics required in Middle School
H.3562	Collins	Tracking Parental Engagement
H.3567	Guffey	Social Media Safety Applications
H.3573	Garvin	Universal Head Start
H.3574	Gatch	Policies in First Language of Parent
H.3576	Lawson	Cardiac Emergency Response Plans
H.3578	Rivers	Cursive Writing
H.3583	Williams	Minimum Salary Schedule for Classified Staff
H.3585	Williams	Tax Credits-Paid Leave for Student-Teacher Conferences
H.3587	Bernstein	CAP (Firearm Storage) Legislation
H.3590	Kilmartin	Remove Masters Degree Requirement State Superintendent
H.3596	Jones	-CAP (Firearm Storage) Legislation
H.3621	Williams	PE, Nutrition, and Time for Play
H.3630	Bernstein	Suicide Prevention Training for Teachers
H.3631	Bernstein	Extend Suicide Prevention-Private Schools & No Student IDs
H.3633	Gilliam	Social Work Interstate Compact Act
H.3635	Gilliam	SCDE Approval of Professional Development Programs
H.3637	Rivers	Spanish Requirement & Statewide Assessment Program
H.3638	M. Smith	Parental Bil of Rights
H.3645	Bernstein	Extend Paid Parental Leave for State Employees
H.3736	W. Newton	Confidential Personal Contact Information
H.3758	Mitchell	Student's Voluntary Expression of Religious Viewpoint
H.3759	Pace	Partisan School Board Elections Statewide
H.3778	Bannister	Waive Inclement Weather Days Hurricane Helen
H.3792	Pedalino	Consolidate School Districts in Clarendon County
H.3795	Bustos	Preference for Residents at Higher Ed Institutions
H.3802	Bustos	Participation in Interscholastic Activities
H.3811	Pace	Tax Credit for Private, Parochial, or Home School
H.3850	Beach	Limits for Library Books that Appeal to Prurient Interests
H.3862	Erickson	Charter School Enrollment Priority for Military Dependents
H.3862	Davis	STEM Opportunity Act
H.3866	Pace	Adult's Govt. ID for Enrolling Child in Public School
H.3867	Pope	Annuity Contract Investments for Public Schools
H.3871	Erickson	PATH Scholarships
H.3873	Erickson	Mandatory Distribution of DNA & Fingerprint Kits
H.3877	Gilliam	Reapportion Laurens Co. 56 School Districts
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H.3912	Teeple	Traditional Approach to History in Soc St Standards
H.3927	Gilliam	Ending DEI & Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity
H.4014	Bustos	Abolish constituent school districts in Charleston Co.
H.4045	Pace	Requirements for public library board members
H.4059	Bauer	Protections for school librarians & student access to books
H.4068	Calhoun	Suspension of preschool students 4080

H.4123	Cromer	Expands definition of pornography & obscenity & limits affirmative defense to the teaching sex education & human biology
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Utilities and Regulatory Accountability

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3303	Hixon	petroleum pipeline revisions
H.3309	G.M.Smith et al	energy regulation bill (similar 2024 House bill)
H.3928	Herbskerman and others	Electric Rate Stabiilization Act
S.12	Rankin	authorizes joint SCPSA projects with investor owned utilities
S.51	Davis	RFPs for reuse of VC Summer 2 and 3
S.93	Young	natural gas rate stabilization

Judiciary

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3033	Chumley	require JMSC recusal of attorney-legislators
H.3050	Pope	increases civil jurisdiction of magistrates court
H.3071	Rutherford	revise Probate Judge qualifications
H.3526	Magnuson	gubernatorial appointment of judges
H.3530	W. Newton and Pope	JMSC review of magistrate candidates and other requirements
S.92	Young	ending magistrate holdover status

Constitutional Changes

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description
H.3491	Cobb-Hunter	resolution to allow initiative petition and referendum
H.3008	Forrest, G.M. Smith et al	resolution to apply for a convention of states to enact congressional term limits
h.3007	G.M. Smith and others	resolution to apply for a convention of states to enact a balanced budget amendment
H.3395	Long	resolution to rescind all applications for a convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution
H.3558	Taylor	changes in resolutions calling for U. S. Constitutional Convention
S.35	Campsen	deletes Comptroller General office
S.48	Davis	ERA resolution
S.95	Bright Matthews	citizen initiative petitions
S.105	Rice	resolution for convention of states for congressional term limits

Other

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S.47	Davis & Sutton	child care tax credit
S.99	Matthews	Hate Crimes
H.3039	Gilliard	Hate Crimes
S104	Rice	county library censorship