



JULY 2025 EDITION SCLBC NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the July 2025 newsletter from the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus (SCLBC). This issue provides an overview of our recent activities and upcoming events, highlighting our continued work on legislative initiatives and community engagement.



MESSAGE FROM THE SCLBC CHAIR

Dear SCLBC Members, Friends and Fellow South Carolinians,

As summer reaches its peak, so does our opportunity to engage and educate our communities. The SC Legislative Black Caucus, alongside our dedicated elected officials and fellow citizens, is committed to getting voters excited about the impact of legislation at all levels of government

I am particularly proud of our members for hosting and participating in various Town Hall meetings. These gatherings are crucial for our mission. By educating our constituents, we empower them to make informed choices at the ballot box—electing lawmakers who truly represent their concerns.

I urge you all to attend these Town Hall meetings and other forums with elected officials. Your presence is invaluable, as you can help us correct misinformation and provide clarity to those with questions. Let's work together to ensure our communities are well-informed and actively involved.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the distinguished guests who recently came to South Carolina to share valuable information about the newly passed "Big Beautiful Bill." We are grateful for the insights provided by:

- **Congressman Jim Clyburn**, our own Representative from South Carolina.
- **Congressman Ro Khanna**, representing the wealthiest congressional district in the United States.
- **Congressman Jonathan Jackson**, from Chicago, son of our own Reverend Jesse Jackson, born in Greenville, SC.

Along with **Governors Gavin Newsom** and **Andy Beshear**, these leaders have been instrumental in explaining how this legislation will impact vital services such as Medicaid and other programs. We encourage all our

friends and members to continue following these gentlemen, as their updates will provide invaluable information.

As we move through the summer, let's continue to be inspired by our commitment to justice and service. We look forward to working with you to create a more equitable and prosperous South Carolina for all.

Thank you for your dedication to our shared mission.

**Committed to Justice and Service,
Rep. Annie E. McDaniel, Chair, South Carolina Legislative Black
Caucus**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SC Supreme Court puts hold on lawmakers in-district raise after GOP senator sues.

<https://www.wistv.com/2005/06/25/sc-supreme-court-grants-injunction-puts-temporary-pause-pay-raises-state-lawmakers/>

Interesting conversation piece. Individuals would have to vote against the entire budget to vote against this proviso. The current base salary for lawmakers is \$10,400.

BILLS THAT IMPACT US

Please note the SC Hands Free Driving Bill starts September 1, 2025. H.3276 https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/bills/3276.htm

Hate Crime Law still warranted in SC

Thank you to local governments which have adopted Hate Crime Ordinances all others to include school districts are encouraged to adopt Hate Crime Ordinances or Policies.

Hate crime ordinances, at both state and local levels, typically aim to provide enhanced penalties for crimes motivated by bias against a victim's race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or other protected characteristics. These laws acknowledge that crimes driven by prejudice inflict a deeper societal harm beyond the immediate offense, often terrorizing entire communities and undermining social cohesion. By recognizing and punishing such bias, these ordinances seek to deter acts of hate, promote equality, and send a clear message that discrimination-motivated violence will not be tolerated within a jurisdiction. They often work by allowing judges to impose longer sentences or higher fines when a perpetrator's intent to target a victim based on these characteristics is proven.

Despite the prevalence of hate crime legislation in many states, South Carolina remains one of the few without a statewide hate crime law. While

federal hate crime statutes can be applied in certain cases, their scope is limited, and they do not cover all bias-motivated crimes that might occur within the state. This absence means that individuals who commit crimes motivated by hate in South Carolina may not face the same enhanced penalties as they would in jurisdictions with such laws. Advocates for a state-level hate crime law argue that its implementation would provide stronger protections for vulnerable communities, deter bias-motivated violence more effectively, and align South Carolina with the majority of other states that have adopted similar legislation. Click below to read the entire bill https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/bills/3039.htm:

H 3578 Cursive Writing Bill - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE. This Bill unanimously passed the House. and it was sent to the Senate. The Senate referred it to their Education Committee. https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/bills/3578.htm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The SC Legislative Black Caucus has launched its updated website at <https://www.sclegislativebc.org/>

The SC Legislative Black Caucus will be hosting summits addressing concerns shared by you.

- **The State of Black SC: Economic Development & Outlook for Minority-Owned Businesses, August 28 2025 at Chayze Lounge, 607 Meeting Street, West Columbia, SC 29169**
- **SC Black Elected Officials Summit, September**
- **Minority Health Summit, October**
- **Annual Youth Legislative Summit, October**
- **Engaging with the Clergy Summit, November**
- **SCLBC Annual Retreat, December, Greenville, SC**

The SCLBC will reconvene on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.**

We invite all businesses across South Carolina that share our values and are committed to driving real change to join our Corporate Roundtable.

By becoming a member, you can ensure that the policies and laws shaping our state's economy support businesses of all sizes and industries. Your voice is crucial in helping us create an inclusive, forward-thinking, and business-friendly economic environment. To learn more or to join the Corporate Roundtable, please contact us at **803-734-3041** or via email at **SCLBC2025@gmail.com** We look forward to hearing from you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The State of Black South Carolina

Join us as we discuss this
important topic.

August 28, 2025

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Chayze Lounge

607 Meeting Street
West Columbia, SC 29169

Seating Capacity is limited to 60 people.

**August is National Black Business Month.
We encourage you to support Black Businesses.**

Notable Dates

August 3rd - National Friendship Day

August 11th - National Son's & Daughter's Day

August 12th - International Youth Day

August 21st - International Senior Citizens Day

August 26th - National Women's Equality Day

On this Day in History

August 28, 1963: *The March On Washington*

On this day, more than a quarter million people participated in the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, gathering near the Lincoln Memorial. The rally drew over 260,000 attendees from across the country, spurred by a growing tide of grassroots support and outrage over racial inequities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community Continues to Honor The Emanuel 9 And Survivors With A Call to Action

At their discussion, several people spoke about their hearts behind this, including State Representative Wendell Gilliard, who said this is not a black bill or a white bill, but a human rights bill. He said that as they continue to fight for the Hate Crime Bill to get signed off, they will continue their efforts before the legislation session starts.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/community-continues-to-honor-the-emanuel-9-and-survivors-with-a-call-to-action/ar-AA1H7QDL>

SPOTLIGHT ON CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE PARTNER

South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Research shows that CRNAs are the most cost-effective anesthesia providers, and that there is no difference in safety between CRNAs and anesthesiologists. CRNAs provide essential access to anesthesia care, especially in rural and other medically underserved areas in Arkansas and the rest of the United States.

Learn more at <https://southcarolina.crnasafe.com/the-issues/>



RESOURCES

South Carolina State House

Learn how to contact your state representative, keep up with legislative bills, view the Senate and House when they are in session, find out committee meeting schedules...

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/> or download the SC State House App at

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/mobileappinfo.php>

South Carolina Legislative Manual

Access the SC Legislative Manual online and learn about the state.

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/man24/manual24.php>

Energy Assistance & Rebate Programs

As the temperature rises, keeping our homes cool can become a challenge. Energy assistance programs are here to help families and individuals stay comfortable and manage energy costs during the hottest months. <https://energy.sc.gov/home/ebill>

South Carolina Education Association

Each and every student deserves a quality public education. The SCEA is uniting our members and the state to ensure all students have the resources they need to fulfill their potential and their dreams. Find learning resources for your child.

<https://www.thescea.org/student-success>

Acknowledgements and Celebrations



BACK TO SCHOOL

To ensure safety while driving back to school, remember to reduce speed, especially in school zones, and be mindful of school bus stops and crossing guards. Prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety by using crosswalks and maintaining a safe following distance. Avoid distractions, like cell phones, and be extra cautious around school zones, parking lots, and playgrounds.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEMINAR SERIES

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Greenville, SC

MEMBER BIRTHDAY RECOGNITIONS

June 4

Rep. Jermaine L. Johnson, Sr.

June 16

Rep. Heather Bauer

June 24

Rep. John Richard C. King

July 1

Rep. Wendell G. Gilliard

July 4

Rep. Jason Luck

July 12

Rep. Robert Q. Williams

Stay connected with the SCLBC as we lead with purpose, advocate for change, and build a stronger, more inclusive South Carolina and follow your legislators.

<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/index.php>



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Office Hours Tues – Thurs 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**Summer Office Hours -Wednesday and Thursday from
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. or by appointment**

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SCLBC Corporate Roundtable Partners

The South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus (SCLBC) acknowledges the invaluable contributions of our Corporate Roundtable Partners, whose active participation and generous support have been instrumental to our success. SCLBC is set apart from other political-based caucuses because of its status as a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(4) advocacy organization. The SCLBC purpose focuses on addressing critical issues and providing impactful services, and providing public policy solutions to challenges and issues facing Black and minority communities in South Carolina. We are deeply grateful for the support of our Corporate Roundtable Partners, who play a vital role in helping us achieve our shared vision of advancing equitable policies and empowering communities across South Carolina. Together, we are making a lasting impact.

CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE PARTNERS



SUPPORT SCLBC BY JOINING THE CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE

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