

The State Capitol Report

By Rep. Anne Parks

House Floor Review January 25 - 27, 2022

The House concurred in Senate amendments to S. 865, legislation to adopt the 2020 US Census results and establish the election district boundaries for each member of the United States House of Representatives from South Carolina. Since this legislation has received three readings in both the House and the Senate, it has been ordered that its title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

The House did not concur in Senate amendments to H. 3255, a bill revising qualifications and other provisions governing the licensure and regulation of real estate appraisers to bring these state provisions into alignment with federal standards.

The House approved and sent to the Senate H. 3464, the "Seizure Safe Schools Act." The bill requires the establishment of seizure action plans in public schools and provides requirements for such plans and their implementation. 'Seizure action plan' means a written, individualized health plan between a school and the parent of a student who is diagnosed with a seizure disorder. The parent or legal guardian of a student may petition a school the student attends for the development of a seizure action plan for the student. A school will keep each seizure action plan on file

in the office of a school administrator or school nurse (if any) employed by the school and make the plan available to school personnel, and with the permission of the parent or legal guardian of the student, a volunteer responsible for the supervision of the student. The parent or guardian and the school shall develop the seizure action plan consistent with policies and procedures developed by the governing body of the school. The plan shall include all the particulars such as a statement from the health care provider, the type, dosage, storage and administration of the medicine, including a written statement from the parent indicating whether school personnel or volunteers are permitted to administer the seizure medication to the student in the applicable school year. School nurses have primary responsibility for administering appropriation medication. At least one other school employee must have training in administering medication if the nurse is unavailable. There are two types of training required: one for school personnel authorized to administer medication and one-hour training for all school employees that focuses on recognizing the signs of seizure and appropriation actions to take.

The House amended and gave second reading to S. 203

relating to the removal of school district trustees and filling vacancies. School district trustees who willfully commit or engage in an act of malfeasance, misfeasance, chronic unexcused absenteeism, conflicts of interest, criminal misconduct in office, or persistent neglect of duty in office, or are adjudicated medically incompetent or medically incapacitated, are subject to removal by the Governor upon any of the foregoing causes being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor. Before removing any such officer, the Governor shall inform him in writing of the specific charges brought against him and give him an opportunity on reasonable notice to be heard.

If you have a comment or opinion concerning the matters discussed in this report, or if I may be of assistance to you at any time, please feel free to call my legislative office in Columbia (803-734-3069); or (864-223-3193) or (864) 852-2232 in McCormick or write Post Office Box 181, Greenwood, SC 29648. If you would like any additional information on these bills, or any other legislation under consideration by the General Assembly, feel free to visit our website at www.scstatehouse.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the House of Representatives.

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native of her party and her family is well known for their conservative chops. Kinzinger, a veteran, is serving his sixth term in Congress. His constituents have been well served and his record reflects a number of bills he has put forward. Kinzinger received the United States Air Force Airman's Medal for saving the life of a young woman who was being violently attacked by a man with a knife. He was also named Republican Role Model of the Year in 2017. At 42 years of age he is the youngest member of the house but ranks in the top half of seniority in the full House of Representatives. Kinzinger and Cheney have seen Jan. 6 for what it is; a serious threat to our nation and our future as a democracy.

There is no excuse for what happened in the weeks leading up Jan. 6. All of those who took part in this sedition must pay a price for their actions and the damage and deaths they left in their wake. I cannot understand why the Republican Party has chosen to cleave to Trump and damage their brand so deeply. Maybe it is because Trump's ego is so hungry for power and incapable of accepting loss that he, too, has damaged his brand beyond redemption. Trump is not worth the destruction our country or the divestment of truth and honor. We the People and the Constitution of the United States of America deserve better. The Republican Party can do better!

- Roseanne Napier Riddick

Tuesday morning, with pre-registration required through the district's website or with school nurse Batchelor. She further indicated that the district would begin implementing DHEC's "Test to Stay" protocol on Tuesday, Feb. 15. The protocol is for students who have been exposed to the virus but are not exhibiting any symptoms. These students will be asked to take tests five to seven days after exposure to stay in school without quarantining, although they will be required to wear masks for ten days following their exposure. Test kits will be provided to adults for home testing to verify a student's lack of infection.

In other business -

- David Loadholt provided the district's revenue and expenditure report through Jan. 31. He reported revenues of \$4.3 million and expenditures of \$5 million out of a total general fund budget of \$9.6 million, and indicated that the district was on target to meet its budgetary goals for the school year.

- Trustees approved the first reading of new policy DDA, Federal Compliance, to implement last month's recommendations from the 2020-21 school year financial audit report, and an overnight trip to Charlotte, NC for the MHS Sisterhood Club. The trip, scheduled for April 8 and 9, will include a tour of UNC-Charlotte and attendance at a women's conference. All expenses for the trip will be covered by club fund-raising efforts.

- Trustees also approved the district's recommendation

to hire an additional school nurse.

- MES Principal Angela White, Assistant Principal Salisa McTeer, and Melissa Cockrell provided a presentation to the trustees on programs and activities at the Elementary School that included leadership efforts, curriculum and instruction initiatives, student interventions and support, and anti-bullying assistance.

- Dr. Hembree provided details of her submission to the SC Department of Education regarding the district's application for eLearning certification that would allow them to conduct virtual learning programs for students in the event of "one or more make-up days due to weather or other disruptive interruptions," that may include power outages, water main breaks or other emergency situations. The certification would apply to all grades, K through 12, with instruction provided through Google Classroom.

- Dr. Hembree announced that Feb. 14 would be a holiday for students. This day was set aside in the school calendar for a make-up day due to inclement weather conditions and was not needed.

There were no public comments at the meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, March, 7 at the MHS Media Center. The executive (closed) session will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the public (open) session at 7 p.m. This is a departure from the usual meeting schedule, which is normally on the second Monday of the month.

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