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Status Update: The bill has passed the House and is being considered in the Senate with amendments. It reflects ongoing work to strengthen parental rights and online safety protections for children. Learn more about this legislation here!

**Protection Against Abortion-Inducing Drugs Act**

This legislation focuses on addressing the use of abortion-inducing drugs by clarifying state law and strengthening existing protections. The bill is currently moving through the House committee process, where lawmakers are reviewing its language and hearing testimony before it advances further. We are grateful to Citizens for Life for their support, advocacy, and collaboration as we continue this important work.

Why this matters: This effort reflects the General Assembly's continued commitment to protecting life while ensuring South Carolina law is clear, enforceable, and consistent.

**SCDOT Modernization Ad Hoc Committee**

The House Department of Transportation Modernization Ad Hoc Committee continued meeting this week to tackle long-term infrastructure challenges facing South Carolina's roads and bridges. This group of lawmakers has been focused on how to modernize and improve the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), looking at ways to make the agency more efficient, streamline operations, and prepare for future growth. The committee's work includes discussions about:

Improving project delivery timelines and permitting processes. Evaluating how SCDOT can better address congestion and maintenance backlogs.

Reviewing funding mechanisms to support transportation infrastructure into the future.

This initiative reflects a forward-looking effort to ensure our transportation system keeps pace with economic and population growth.

This committee met on Thursday morning to continue building policy recommendations that will help lawmakers shape future legislation related to transportation.

**Stay Informed**

As the session progresses, I will continue to share updates like this one to keep you informed about the work being done in Columbia. These weekly newsletters are designed to provide insight into legislative priorities, progress, and key developments. If you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your input is invaluable to me and helps ensure that I am representing your needs effectively.

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# Kershaw County School Board elects officers and signs ethical principles



**The Kershaw County School Board of Trustees signs the SC-SBA Ethical Principles poster.**



**Shirley Halley was sworn in to serve as the Vice Chair and Chaplain.**



**Dr. James Smith was sworn in to serve as Chairman of the KCSD Board of Trustees.**

At its organizational meeting Tuesday, January 13, the Kershaw County Board of School Trustees installed officers and signed the SC School Boards Association's (SCSBA) ethical principles.

Dr. James Smith was re-elected as Kershaw County School Board chairperson and Shirley Halley was re-elected to serve as vice-chairperson and chaplain.

Chairman Smith appointed Ron Blackmon as the chair of the board's finance and facilities committee and Dr. Charles King as the board's legislative liaison.

Superintendent Harrison Goodwin and Chairman James Smith also recognized Vice Chair Shirley Halley for 15 years of board service. She was presented with a certificate and lapel pin provided by the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Kershaw County School Board members also signed SC-SBA's annual ethical principles that reinforce board members' commitment to open communication, support for public education and working together.



**Dr. Harrison Goodwin and Dr. James Smith congratulate Vice Chair Shirley Halley for 15 years for board service.**

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