

## South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police

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**S.47 (Wearable Video Cameras)** is a General Bill by Senator Malloy and others that provides that all law enforcement agencies must equip their officers with wearable video cameras. The cameras must be worn and record activity while the officers are on duty.

1/13/15 Introduced and read first time in Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary  
2/9/15 Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Corbin, Hembree, Young, Kimpson  
3/26/15 Subcommittee Hearing: 9am in Room 407 Gressette (continued)  
4/15/15 Subcommittee Hearing: 10:30am in 308 Gressette (favorable with amendment - calls for a body camera policy to be created by CJA Training council which can be used by agencies or modified if approved by the council. A trust fund would be established to pay for equipment, maintenance, etc. Bill also addresses FOI requests limiting those who can request video.)  
4/21/15 Full Judiciary Committee: 3pm in 308 Gressette (favorable with amendment re: FOIA)  
4/28/15 Senate Calendar up for second reading  
4/30/15 Received third reading sent to the House where it was placed on the Calendar without reference.  
5/12/15 House Calendar - up for second reading on contested Calendar  
5/14/15 Received third reading sent to the Senate with amendments.  
5/20/15 Returned to the House with amendments  
5/26/15 Pending Question: Will the House concur with the Senate amendments?  
5/26/15 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment  
5/27/15 Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hembree, Malloy, Thurmond  
5/28/15 House Conference committee appointed Pope, Gilliard, Tallon  
6/4/15 Conference committee report adopted. Enrolled and Ratified. Awaiting Governor's action.  
6/10/15 Signed by the Governor

**S.5001 Appropriations Bill - House deleted funding for body cameras in the appropriations bill. Senate funded the program with an additional \$2.4million for FY16-17.**

**S.199 (Peanut's Law)** is a General Bill by Senators Grooms and Hembree relating to speeding in work zones and provides for offenses and associated penalties. The legislation speaks to "highway worker" which includes law enforcement and fire fighters, an emergency medical services provider, or any other authorized person, who removes hazards from bridges, roadways, shoulders, medians, and associated rights-of-way, or who responds to accidents and other incidents on bridges, roads, shoulders, medians, associated righter-of-way, or in highway work zones.

12/10/14 Prefiled  
1/13/15 Introduced and read first time in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation  
3/5/15 Passed out of Senate Transportation favorably  
4/29/15 Senate Calendar - read second time  
4/30/15 Senate Calendar - Read third time and sent to the House and referred to House Education.  
5/5/15 Transportation Subcommittee - Tuesday, May 5, at 1.5 hours upon adjournment in room 433 (referred to House Judiciary)  
5/14/15 Discussed in Criminal Laws Subcommittee, amended and carried over. (*Added emergency vehicle language*)  
5/19/15 Scheduled for Criminal Laws Subcommittee @ 11:30am in Room 516 Blatt

- 5/19/15 Pending outcome of Criminal Laws Subcommittee scheduled for full Judiciary @ 2:30 or 1.5 hours after adjournment in room 516 Blatt (passed out favorably with amendments)
- 5/26/15 House Read second time
- 5/27/15 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (Question: Will the Senate concur in House amendments?)
- 5/24/16 *Senate Calendar - (Pending Question: Will the Senate concur in the House amendments?)*

**S.381 Retirement Benefits** is a General Bill by Senator Shealy, et.al. which provides that any public employee covered under any of the retirement systems who is terminated within one year of full retirement shall have five days after termination to purchase the remaining time in order to attain retirement eligibility.

- 1/28/15 Introduced and read first time in Senate and referred to Senate Finance
  - 3/3/15 Scheduled to be discussed by Senate Finance Subcommittee @ 3pm in room 207 Gressette (Passed out favorably)
  - 3/10/15 Discussed by Senate Finance @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette (Passed out favorably)
  - 3/19/15 Passed Senate sent to House and referred to Ways and Means
  - 5/18/16 Ways and Means meeting scheduled on Wednesday, one and one half hours after adjournment in room 521 Blatt (passed out favorably)
  - 5/24/16 *House Calendar - up for second reading.*
- Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.429 Workers Compensation** is a General Bill by Senator Thurmond relating to the definitions of Injury and personal injury in workers' compensation and to provide that first responder and change the requirements of a first responder seeking workers' compensation for personal injury caused by stress, mental injury or mental illness and adds mental illness to related conditions that may be compensable if resulting from a significant traumatic experience.

- 2/5/15 Introduced and referred to Judiciary
  - 2/27/15 Referred to Subcommittee: Gregory (ch), Bright, Coleman, Turner, Kimpson
  - 4/15/15 Subcommittee Hearing @ 11am in room 307 Gressette (continued)
  - 4/23/15 Subcommittee Hearing Thursday @ 9am in room 209 Gressette (favorable with amendment re: limited workers comp to PTSD only).
  - 4/28/15 Full Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette (passed out favorably with a minority report by Senator Turner)
  - 5/24/16 *Senate Calendar - up for second reading (Senator Gregory desires to be present).*
- Continue to work with Senator Thurmond and Senator Massey to move the bill forward.*
- Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.5001 General Appropriations Bill:** A proviso was adopted during Senate Finance budget deliberations. The proviso directs that from the funds (\$500,000) provided for First Responder PTSD Treatment, SLED is authorized to distribute 50% (\$250,000) to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program (SCLEAP) to reimburse law enforcement officers who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-pocket expenses not covered through worker's compensation claims and/or other insurance and can also be utilized to provide services through the SCLEAP program. SLED is also authorized to distribute 50% (\$250,000) to the South Carolina State Fighters Association for the Firefighter Assistance Support Team (FAST) to reimburse firefighters and emergency medical technicians who incur mental injury as a result of a critical incident during the scope of employment for actual out-of-pocket

expenses not covered through worker's compensation claims and/or other insurance and can also be utilized to provide services through the FAST team.

5/3/16 Senate Floor - The full Senate will begin budget debate @ 10am.  
5/4/16 Senate Floor - The full Senate read third time. Sent to House.

**647 (Photographing or Recording a Law Enforcement Officers)** by Senator Malloy and others is a General Bill that amends the code to provide that the criminal offense of hindering a law enforcement officer does not apply to a person who photographs or records a law enforcement officer performing the officer's official duties while the officer is in a public place or the person is in a place that person has the right to be.

4/14/15 Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary  
4/14/15 Subcommittee Malloy (ch), Hembree, Shealy, Turner, Kimpson  
4/30/15 Subcommittee meeting Thursday @ 9am in room 207 Gressette (passed out favorably)  
5/26/15 MEETING CANCELED: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette  
1/26/16 MEETING: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette Reported out favorably with a minority report by Senator Corbin.

5/24/16 Up for second reading on the Senate Calendar (minority report by Senator Corbin)  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**649 (Officer Involved Shooting)** by Senator Malloy is a General Bill amends the code to establish a process for officer involved shooting deaths whereby each agency shall develop a policy and that the policy ensures that two investigators are assigned to the investigation and neither officer is employed by the agency that employs the officer involved in the shooting.

4/14/15 Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary  
4/14/15 Subcommittee Malloy (ch), Hembree, Shealy, Turner, Kimpson  
4/30/15 Subcommittee meeting Thursday @ 9am in room 207 Gressette (passed out favorably and used only if S650 does not pass)  
5/26/15 MEETING CANCELED: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette  
1/26/16 MEETING: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette Recommended to Subcommittee. Bill was carried over.  
2/9/16 MEETING: Senate Full Judiciary Committee: Tuesday 4pm in room 308 Gressette Bill was carried over.  
2/16/16 MEETING: Senate Full Judiciary Committee: Tuesday @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette.  
2/18/16 Senate Calendar: Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time.  
2/23/16 Senate Calendar: Up for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

5/24/16 Senate Calendar: Up for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading (Senator Lourie desires to be present)  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.650 similar (H3973, H3990, H3991)** by Senator Scott and others amends the code to grant SLED specific and exclusive jurisdiction and authority to conduct an investigation of all officer-involved shootings that result in death or bodily injury.

4/14/15 Introduced and referred to Judiciary

4/14/15 Subcommittee Malloy (ch), Hembree, Shealy, Turner, Kimpson  
 4/30/15 Subcommittee meeting Thursday @ 9am in room 207 Gressette (passed out favorably)  
 5/26/15 MEETING CANCELED: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette  
 1/26/16 MEETING: Senate Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette S.650 was recommitted to subcommittee.  
 3/15/16 MEETING: Subcommittee meeting. Passed out favorably.  
 3/22/16 MEETING: Full Senate Judiciary Wednesday @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette. Amended to conform with SLED policy and passed out favorably.

5/24/16 **Senate Calendar: Up for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Senator Lourie desires to be present).**  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.676 (Officer Involved Shootings)** is a General Bill by Senator Sabb that provides that SLED must investigate officer involved deaths or where a law enforcement officer inflicts great bodily injury on an individual for state and municipal agencies. The Attorney General will assign a law enforcement agency to investigate SLED officer involved deaths or where a SLED officer inflicts great bodily injury on an individual. The Attorney General must prosecute the cases unless he has a conflict of interest in which case he must select another prosecutor. *NOTE: Similar to S.649 which is up for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on the Senate Floor with Senator Lourie desiring to be present.*

4/16/15 Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.958 (Mental Health Evaluations)** is a General Bill by Reps Gilliard, Hosey and Cobb-Hunter which provides that a person who is a candidate to become a certified law enforcement officer in SC must undergo a mental health evaluation before he/she may receive his certification. Additionally, the bill provides that all certified law enforcement officers must undergo a mental health evaluation before they can be recertified and all mental health evaluations must be conducted under the direction of the Law Enforcement Training Council.

12/09/15 Prefiled and referred to Senate Judiciary.  
 01/13/16 Senate Introduced and read first time)  
 01/13/16 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary  
 02/19/16 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hembree (ch), Corbin, McElveen  
 3/23/16 Subcommittee Scheduled and Canceled.

*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.289 similar H3692 (Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature)** is a General Bill by Senate Alexander that provides that the crime of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature occurs when a person injures a law enforcement officers, emergency medical service provider, or firefighter, in the discharge of or because of their official duties.

01/13/15 Prefiled and Referred to Senate Judiciary  
 03/20/15 Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Corbin, Young  
 02/11/16 Subcommittee Hearing in room 105 @ 10am. Bill was passed out favorably with amendment (Amendment: adds others to the list and 1<sup>st</sup> (becomes ABHAN), 2<sup>nd</sup> (becomes 1st) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (becomes 2nd) when a person injures a law enforcement officer, firefighters, emergency medical provider,

hospital employee, correctional employee.  
 02/16/16 Senate Judiciary @ 3pm in room 105 Gressette (no action).  
 02/23/16 FULL SENATE JUDICIARY DID NOT MEET LAST WEEK  
 3/1/16 Full Senate Judiciary @ 4pm in room 105 Gressette. Bill was carried over.  
 3/8/16 FULL SENATE JUDICIARY has not scheduled a meeting for this week.  
 4/26/16 Bill not placed on Full Committee agenda.

*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.3025 (Concealed Weapons)** is a General Bill by Representative Clemmons that revises the conditions that allow a holder of an out-of-state concealed weapons permit to carry a weapon in South Carolina.

1/13/15 Introduced and read first time in House and referred to House Judiciary  
 3/5/15 House Subcommittee: passed out favorably. Chief Stewart, SLED, Sheriffs Association all testified against the bill.  
 3/17/15 House Judiciary Committee: 2:30pm or an hour and one-half hours after adjournment in room 516 Blatt (passed out favorably)  
 3/24/15 House Calendar - up for second reading on contested calendar.  
 4/14/15 House Calendar - up for second reading on contested calendar (adjourned debate).  
 4/23/15 House Calendar - up for second reading on contested calendar (favorable with amendment authorizing concealed constitutional carry; prohibited where posted)  
 4/28/15 House Calendar - up for third reading on contested calendar (passed favorably)  
 4/29/15 House Calendar - read a third time and sent to Senate where it was referred to Judiciary  
 5/6/15 Senate Judiciary - Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Bright, Scott, Gregory, Shealy  
 5/28/15 Senate Judiciary - Subcommittee met and the bill was carried over  
 3/9/16 Senate Judiciary - Subcommittee Wednesday @ 11am in room 207 Gressette (Canceled)  
 3/24/16 Senate Judiciary - Subcommittee Thursday @ 9am in room 408 Gressette. Carried Over.

**H.3145 (Immunity From Damages if Saving a Child)** is a General Bill by Representative Sandifer, Lucas, et al provides circumstances in which a person is immune from civil liability for damage resulting from their forcible entry into a motor vehicle to remove a child who they reasonably believe is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not removed.

12/11/14 Prefiled  
 1/13/15 Introduced and read first time and referred to House Labor, Commerce and Industry (LCI)  
 1/15/15 Sponsors added: Sottele, Forrester, Felder, Atwater, Toole, Huggins  
 1/27/15 Subcommittee meeting (favorable report).  
 2/3/15 Full Committee meeting (favorable report) and sent to the House floor.  
 2/5/15 Received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the House. Unanimous consent was requested and granted to give the bill third reading on the next legislative day.  
 2/10/15 Introduced and read first time in Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary.  
 3/19/15 Subcommittee meeting (continued): Massey (ch), Coleman, Gregory.  
 5/27/15 Polled out of committee.  
 6/3/15 Senate amended and carried over.  
 2/2/16 Senate calendar - awaiting third reading.  
 2/3/16 Senate calendar - read a third time.  
 2/4/16 House concurred in Senate amendments and enrolled for ratification.  
 2/11/16 Ratified and awaiting action by the Governor.  
 2/16/16 Signed by Governor.

**H.3168 (Emergency Management Law Enforcement Act)** is a General Bill by E. Tallon which allows for the SLED Chief to designate out of state law enforcement officers to assist regular law enforcement officers during states of emergency.

1/13/15 Introduced and read first time and referred to House Judiciary.  
1/29/15 Subcommittee (favorable report).  
2/4/15 Judiciary Committee (favorable report).  
2/11/15 Read second time in House.  
2/12/15 Read third time in House sent to Senate where read first time and referred to Senate Judiciary.  
2/20/15 Referred to Subcommittee Senators Hutto, Corbin and Young.  
4/15/15 Subcommittee Hearing: 10am in room 207 Gressette.  
4/28/15 Full Judiciary Committee Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette (passed out favorably).  
5/4/15 Senate Calendar - Up for second reading.  
5/12/15 Senate Calendar - read second time.  
5/13/15 Senate Calendar - read third time and enrolled for ratification.  
5/28/15 Ratified - awaiting Governor's action.  
6/1/15 **Signed by the Governor.**

**S.237 (Study Committee on Expungement of Criminal Offenses)** is a Joint Resolution by Senator Allen and others which continues the study committee on expungement of criminal offenses until December 31, 2015.

1/13/15 Introduced and read first time and referred to Senate Judiciary.  
2/19/15 Referred to Subcommittee: Senators Thurmond, Allen and Corbin.  
3/19/15 Senate Calendar up for second reading.  
3/26/15 Read third time and sent to House.  
4/14/15 Read first time and sent to Judiciary.  
4/16/15 Recalled from Judiciary and on House Calendar.  
4/23/15 Read third time and enrolled for ratification.  
5/7/15 Ratified R20.  
5/12/15 **Signed by the Governor.**

**H.3338 Personal Information** is a General Bill by Rivers and others which requires state agencies and political subdivision to develop and make available a process by which a non-elected official may request the removal of certain personal information available to the general public from any website maintained by the state agency or political subdivision.

1/20/15 Introduced and read first time and referred to House Judiciary.  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.3799 - (CWP permits for Georgia residents)** General Bill by Rep. Hixon and others amends the code so as to recognize concealed weapon permits issued by Georgia and North Carolina under certain circumstances.

3/5/15 Introduced and read the first time in the House, referred to House Judiciary.  
4/21/15 Full Judiciary @ 2:30 or 1.5 hours after adjournment in Room 516 Blatt (favorable).  
4/28/15 House Calendar read second time (concealed constitutional carry added).  
4/29/15 House Calendar read third time and sent to the Senate and read first time and referred to Senate Judiciary.

5/5/15 Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch) Bright, Scott, Gregory, Shealy.  
5/28/15 Senate - Subcommittee met and the bill was carried over.  
3/09/16 Senate Subcommittee - Wednesday @ 11am in room 207 Gressette (Canceled)  
3/24/16 Senate Subcommittee - Thursday @ 9am in room 408 Gressette. Passed out favorably.  
4/12/16 Senate Judiciary - Tuesday @ 3pm in room 308 Gressette.  
5/12/16 *Senate Calendar - Set for Special Order - up for second reading*  
5/24/16 *Senate Calendar - up for second reading*

**H.4428 (similar to H.4468 and S.958) - (Mental Health Evaluations)** is a General Bill by Reps Gilliard, Hosey and Cobb-Hunter which provides that a person who is a candidate to become a certified law enforcement officer in SC must undergo a mental health evaluation before he/she may receive his certification. Additionally, the bill provides that all certified law enforcement officers must undergo a mental health evaluation before they can be recertified and all mental health evaluations must be conducted under the direction of the Law Enforcement Training Council.

12/3/15 Prefiled and referred to House Judiciary.  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**S.923 similar to H.4448 (Law Enforcement Service Animals)** is a General Bill by Hill, Collins, Thayer, Gambrell, Gagnon, Putnam, White, Horne, V.S. Moss and Hosey which increases the violation of teasing, hurting or killing a police animal from a misdemeanor to a felony and increased penalties.

12/03/15 S923 - Prefiled and Referred to Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources.  
4/7/16 S923 - Subcommittee meeting @ 9:30am in room 209 Gressette. Passed out favorably.  
4/21/16 H.4448 - Subcommittee meeting @ 9am in room 516 Blatt. Adjourned Debate.  
4/28/16 S923 - Full Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources @ 9:30am in room 207 Gressette. (Passed out favorably)  
5/11/16 *S923 - Senate Calendar - Read second time in Senate.*  
5/12/16 *S923 - Senate Calendar - Read third time and sent to House*  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4454 Free DNR Combination License or Fishing License** is a General Bill by Representative Huggins which provides that Department of Natural Resources issue and combination license or fishing license to constables and volunteer firefighters at no cost to the individual.

12/03/15 Prefiled  
1/12/16 Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4455 Free Entrance Into the State Museum** is a General Bill by Representative Huggins which provides that the State Museum must allow a resident of SC who is a reserve police officer, constables and volunteer firefighters enter the State Museum at no cost to the individual.

12/03/15 Prefiled  
1/12/16 Referred to House Ways and Means Committee  
*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after*

*May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4456 Free Entrance Into Any State Park** is a General Bill by Representative Huggins which provides that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism must allow a resident of SC who is a reserve police officer, constables and volunteer firefighters enter any State Park at no cost to the individual.

12/03/15 Prefiled  
1/12/16 Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4476 Removing a Minor from a Vehicle** is a General Bill by Representative Limehouse, VS Moss and Clyburn which provides that any person may enter and remove a minor or animal from a vehicle if the person or animal is experiencing a life threatening or an extreme health threatening situation exists. The individual removing the person or animal is immune from criminal and civil liability. *Note: Similar to H3145 which was signed into law on 2/16/16.*

12/03/15 Prefiled  
1/12/16 Referred to House Judiciary

*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4490 (Retroactively) Applications for the Expungement of Criminal Records** is a General Bill by Pope, Burns and Hosey which provides that expungements that are currently allowed by law can be expunged retroactively.

12/03/15 Prefiled Referred to House Judiciary  
1/12/16 Referred to House Judiciary

*Did not make cross over date. May 1 crossover date rule: Legislation passing the originating chamber after May 1 will require the approval of two-thirds of the receiving chamber to discuss the legislation.*

**H.4507 (Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Advisory Committee)** is a General Bill by Tallon which increases the membership of the Committee from 7 members to 8 members by adding the president of the SCFOP or his designee.

12/3/15 Prefiled and referred to House Judiciary.  
2/4/16 Subcommittee: Favorable with amendment (technical change to Sheriffs Association language).  
2/9/16 Full Judiciary Committee: Tuesday @ 2:30 or 1.5 hours after adjournment in room 516 Blatt.  
Passed out of House Judiciary favorably.  
2/11/16 Received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the House.  
2/12/16 Received 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House and sent to the Senate.  
2/16/16 Full Senate Judiciary - Reported out favorably.  
2/18/16 Senate Calendar - Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time.  
2/23/16 Senate Calendar - Read 3<sup>rd</sup> time and enrolled for ratification.  
2/25/16 Ratified and awaiting Governor's signature.  
3/2/16 Signed by Governor

**H.4878 (Confidential Communications within Peer-support Teams)** is a General Bill by Rep. Tallon, et. al that provides that communications between a client and any member of a peer-support team shall be

confidential and privileged under certain circumstances.

2/1/16 Introduced, read first time and referred to House Judiciary  
3/1/16 Favorable with amendment  
3/16/16 Read second time in House  
3/17/16 Read third time in House and sent to Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary  
5/5/16 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee assigned: Hembree (ch), Corbin, McElveen  
5/18/16 Senate Judiciary @ 3pm room 308 Gressette (passed out favorably)  
5/24/16 **Senate Calendar - Up for second reading.**

**H.5006 (Retirement - Makeup of the Retirement System Investment Commission) by Speaker Lucas.**

This bill makes comprehensive revisions regarding the governance of the state's pension systems and the investment of retirement system funds. The legislation prohibits lobbyists and placement agents from contacting certain individuals connected with the Retirement System Investment Commission. The legislation clarifies that the Board of the Public Employee Benefit Authority is the sole governing body of the authority. The legislation provide for a five year term and staggered terms of PEBA Board Members. The legislation establishes meeting requirements, makes provisions for an executive director, and establishes certain fiduciary duties. The legislation provides for revisions to the Retirement System Investment Commission by adding a gubernatorial appointment to the commission, limiting a member to two terms, and establishing further qualifications for members. The legislation makes provisions for an executive director and allows the commission to engage attorneys on a fee basis. The legislation revises the required audit of the Retirement System Investment Commission by requiring that the audit firm be selected using the Procurement Code. The legislation makes revisions relating to the investment of retirement system funds, so as to: require a reduction in the total amount of fees paid; establish a Review and Oversight Commission on the Retirement System Investment Commission; provide for its membership, and provide for its screening duties. The legislation makes revisions relating to the assets of the retirement systems and investment of retirement system funds, so as to require the Public Employee Benefit Authority to hold the assets of the retirement systems in a group trust and to prohibit investments in certain money mortgages and real estate investment trusts. The legislation revised provisions for the removal of officers by the Governor, so as to add the members of the Retirement System Investment Commission to the list of officers or entities the governing board of which may be removed by the Governor only for certain reasons constituting cause. Note: The Treasurer is now eligible to be Chairman of the Commission. Also, the one retiree representative has been changed to two representatives being appointed by the Governor *(of which one must be a active or retired PORS member, Judges and Solicitors System member or the National Guard System member).*

2/25/16 Introduced and referred to House Ways and Means  
4/12/16 Ways and Means General Government, Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521.  
4/19/16 FULL Ways and Means Committee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521  
4/26/16 House Calendar: Received second reading  
4/27/16 House Floor - Received third reading  
4/28/16 Introduced and read the first time and referred to Senate Finance Committee.

**H.5007 (Retirement - Assumed Rate of Return, Contribution Rates and Amortization Period) by Speaker Lucas.** This bill provides that the assumed rate of return for retirement system funds expires every four years unless action is taken by the General Assembly, and if not, the rate is set by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. The legislation revises retirement system employer and employee contribution rates for purposes of the retirement system, so as to reduce the amortization schedule from thirty years to twenty years (this is a phased in process). *NOTE: Current Assumed Rate of Return is 7.5 and current UAL for PORS is*

27 years.

2/25/16 Introduced and referred to House Ways and Means  
4/12/16 Ways and Means General Government, Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521. Passed out favorably with amendment removing the UAL language.  
20 year  
4/19/16 FULL Ways and Means Committee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521  
4/26/16 House Calendar: Received second reading  
4/27/16 House Floor - Received third reading  
4/28/16 Introduced and read the first time and referred to Senate Finance Committee.

**H.5008 (Retirement - Retired Members' COLA) by Speaker Lucas.** This bill revises provisions for making retirement allowance adjustments, so as to base the adjustment on the assumed rate of return and the five-year average investment return, and to provide that the adjustment may not exceed two and one-half percent. Changes the retiree benefit adjustment from a small but sure thing to a plan that ties future benefit adjustments to investment returns.

2/25/16 Introduced and referred to House Ways and Means  
4/12/16 Ways and Means General Government, Personnel and Benefits Subcommittee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521 (adjourned debate).

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**H.5034 (Bingo) by Representative White.** This bill requires DOR to develop a Bingo Webpage; redefines "building", extends the time (from 30 to 45 days) that DOR must respond to applications for a Bingo license, increases the allowance for promotions (\$100-\$200), increases the percentage (from 26% to 28%) that is distributed to charities, excludes certain raffles, allows payments from the Bingo account by electronic methods, allows the promoter to submit 100% of a deficit payment if the charity cannot pay their 50%. This can be considered a loan or a donation to the charity with the election of the promoter and approval of the charity.

3/3/16 Introduced and referred to House Ways and Means Committee  
3/15/16 Subcommittee on Sales and Income Tax @ 1.5 hours after adjournment in room 521 Blatt (*passed out of subcommittee favorably*)  
4/12/16 Full House Ways and Means has not scheduled a meeting for this week at this time.  
4/19/16 FULL Ways and Means Committee @ an hour and half after adjournment in room 521  
4/26/16 House Calendar: Received second reading  
4/27/16 House Floor - Received third reading  
4/28/16 Introduced and read the first time and referred to Senate Finance Committee.  
5/17/16 Senate Finance Subcommittee meeting @ 2pm and SFC @3pm in room 105 Gressette (*passed out favorably*)  
5/24/16 Senate Calendar - up for second reading