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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville Business Magazine:** ACI Plastics expanding manufacturing operations into Oconee County  
<http://www.greenvillebusinessmag.com/View-Article/ArticleID/6935/ACI-Plastics-Expanding-Operations.aspx#sthash.5K67tgUE.dpuf>

Thermoplastics processor and recycler ACI Plastics, Inc. is expanding its manufacturing operations into Oconee County. The company's \$4.1 million investment is expected to create 25 new jobs.

**Note:** "When one of our existing businesses expands like ACI Plastics is doing, it sends a message to other companies that South Carolina is a place where they can find success. We celebrate ACI Plastics decision to invest \$4.1 million and create 25 new jobs - something that will have a very positive impact in Westminster and beyond. " -Gov. Nikki Haley

### 2014 Campaign Cycle News:

**Wall Street Journal:** Christie to Test Presidential Waters in South Carolina  
*Republicans in the State Still Not Happy About New Jersey Governor's Embrace of Obama After Superstorm*

<http://online.wsj.com/articles/new-jersey-gov-chris-christie-to-test-presidential-waters-in-potentially-hostile-south-carolina-1410879641>

Josh Dawsey

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, drew praise in his home state for physically embracing President Barack Obama after superstorm Sandy slammed into the Jersey Shore days before the 2012 election. In South Carolina, some felt differently.

**Note:** Mr. Christie's South Carolina visit will complete an early presidential trifecta this year: he has already visited Iowa and New Hampshire as chairman of the Republican Governors Association, and plans to go back to New Hampshire on Wednesday. He appears here Tuesday with Gov. Nikki Haley, who is expected to easily win re-election.

**Associated Press:** NJ Gov. Chris Christie visiting South Carolina  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gNwsHUT3](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gNwsHUT3)

Bruce Smith

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is the latest possible presidential contender to visit South Carolina, the home of the GOP's first presidential primary in the South.

**Note:** Christie was visiting Tuesday as chairman of the Republican Governors Association, attending a pair of fundraisers for Gov. Nikki Haley and a governor's association event in Charleston.

**Associated Press:** Voters back to polls in Pee Dee to select senator  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140916/PC1603/140919601>

Voters are returning to the polls in South Carolina's Pee Dee region to select a state senator to replace Yancey McGill of Kingstree who is now lieutenant governor. State Rep. Ronnie Sabb and Sam Floyd are running in Tuesday's Democratic runoff in Senate District 32.

**Post and Courier:** Thomas Ravenel releases new television ad  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140916/PC1603/140919585/1177/thomas-ravenel-releases-new-television-ad>

Schuyler Kropf

Independent U.S. Senate candidate Thomas Ravenel released a television ad today that mixes a bit of humor with issues of the day, ranging from government eavesdropping to special interest groups in Washington.

## **DSS Hearing News:**

**Associated Press:** Senators: DSS must quickly hire caseworkers

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lyHeO0qg](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lyHeO0qg)

Seanna Adcox

The Senate panel investigating DSS directed the acting director to create a plan within two weeks for getting certified and trained caseworkers on the job as soon as possible. South Carolina's vulnerable children can't wait for a budget process that creates a two-year delay, said Sen. Joel Lourie, D-Columbia.

**The State:** Acting DSS director mum on why call for 200 child-welfare workers did not come sooner

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/16/3684812\\_acting-dss-director-mum-on-why.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/16/3684812_acting-dss-director-mum-on-why.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/1084/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)

Jamie Self

The acting director of the state's child-welfare agency would not explain why the agency's leaders suddenly said they need more than 200 caseworkers and supervisors to alleviate heavy caseloads. On Tuesday, Acting Director Amber Gillum of the S.C. Department of Social Services, testified for the first time before a Senate panel charged with investigating the agency.

**Greenville News:** DSS: More caseworkers needed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/16/dss-caseworkers-needed/15713889/>

Tim Smith

Senators are asking officials with the state's child welfare agency to look for funding to begin immediately hiring some additional caseworkers to reduce high caseloads. Sen. Joel Lourie, a Columbia Democrat who sits on a Senate panel examining the state Department of Social Services, said this morning new data from the agency shows more than half of the caseworkers at the agency's Richland County office in May have since left.

**WIS:** DSS to request more than 200 new employees

<http://www.wistv.com/story/26542010/dss-oversight-committee-to-review-jones-case-tuesday>

Katie McKee

The Senate Department of Social Services Oversight Subcommittee met Tuesday to take a look at the effectiveness of the agency's policy changes. Officials with the Department of Social Services says they plan to ask for 202 new full-time employees.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Greenville News:** No money for DOT until changes made

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/09/16/money-dot-changes-made/15720867/>

Tim Smith

The chairman of the House budget-writing committee told a panel studying road funding today that the state's transportation must change before it gets a dime of additional road funding. Rep. Brian White, an Anderson Republican who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee, told a committee appointed last week to recommend legislation on infrastructure funding that he will not support new funding unless it is paired with changes in the system.

**Associated Press:** SLED chief: Keep agents' access to death records

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u1kzQ2fp](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u1kzQ2fp)

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's top cop asked legislators Tuesday to ensure that agents who investigate child deaths continue to have access to records like autopsy reports and birth certificates, saying he hopes a recent court ruling won't change that.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Winthrop announces 10 percent budget freeze, resource review

[http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/16/6329845\\_winthrop-to-make-10-percent-salary.html?rh=1](http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/09/16/6329845_winthrop-to-make-10-percent-salary.html?rh=1)

Anna Douglas

Winthrop University's acting president announced on Tuesday afternoon a university-wide operating budget freeze of 10 percent. A campus study will be underway soon, school officials say, to determine whether Winthrop is appropriately funding its programs.



**WLTx:** Orangeburg Hosts Annual Gang Conference

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2014/09/15/gang-conference/15692623/>

Colby Gallagher

Law enforcement members throughout the state are trying to put a stop to gang crimes during a two-day conference in Orangeburg. Chief Mike Adams with the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety says gang presence in South Carolina is no secret to law enforcement.

**Local News:**

**The State:** Columbia council decides against partnering with Richland sheriff's department on drug analyses

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/09/16/3685322/columbia-council-decides-against.html#storylink=cpy>

Clif LeBlanc

A divided Columbia City Council on Tuesday again closed the door on coordinating with the sheriff's department – this time on drug analyses. By a 5-2 vote, council endorsed a plan to continue having SLED perform testing of seized narcotics at no charge to the city while city administrators devise a long-term strategy for building a modern police headquarters.

**Florence Morning News:** Florence County files new lawsuit against state, West Florence Fire District

[http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article\\_886e93ac-3dc8-11e4-8218-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_886e93ac-3dc8-11e4-8218-0017a43b2370.html)

Gavin Jackson

Florence County and County Council filed another lawsuit questioning the constitutionality of the West Florence Fire special purpose district. This lawsuit names the district, members of its newly elected commission and the state of South Carolina.

**National News:**

**Associated Press:** Probe: Healthcare.gov website must boost security

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_HEALTH\\_OVERHAUL\\_CYBERSECURITY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_HEALTH_OVERHAUL_CYBERSECURITY?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT)

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

HealthCare.gov, the health insurance website serving more than 5 million Americans, has significant security weaknesses that put users' personal information at risk, nonpartisan congressional investigators have found.

**ABC News:** White House: Unaccompanied Minor Crisis All But Over

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2014/09/white-house-unaccompanied-minor-crisis-all-but-over/>

Jim Avila

The Obama administration isn't claiming "mission accomplished" but it may be as close as the White House can get. The Border Patrol announced today that the unaccompanied minors crisis has all but ended, as the rise in children crossing the Southwest border has stopped.

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