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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Greenville News:** Haley lays out DSS changes in Richland County

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/south-carolina/2014/05/13/haley-lays-dss-changes-richland-county/9037713/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley today announced changes to the state's social services operations in Richland County to address a spate of problems with child abuse and neglect cases. Haley told GreenvilleOnline.com that she still supports DSS Director Lillian Koller but wanted changes after the recent tragedy of a 5-month-old dying in Richland County.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley to implement additional changes at Richland County DSS office

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140513/PC1610/140519723/1031/haley-to-implement-additional-changes-at-local-dss-office>

Cynthia Roldan

Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday she is taking a hands-on approach with the Department of Social Services, following the death of an infant in Richland County.

**Note:** "I'm very hands on," Haley said. "When we had problems with DOT, I went into DOT. We had problems with (the Department of) Revenue. I went into Revenue. Now we're going into DSS."

**The State:** Haley: After child deaths, Richland DSS intervention underway

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/13/3444212/haley-after-child-deaths-richland.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley said the state Department of Social Services is focusing on improving case loads and management at the Richland County Social Services office.

**Note:** New hires at the county office and a "second shift" of caseworkers will assist the agency in reaching families and children outside of the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. workday, Haley said.

**Note:** "The more connections we can make to a healthier family, the better the environment for the child," Haley said, adding that Social Services case workers have tough jobs dealing with child abuse.

**WIS:** Haley unveils corrective action plan for DSS

<http://www.wistv.com/story/25503791/gov-haley-unveils-corrective-action-plan-for-dss>

Will Whitson

Gov. Nikki Haley says she has a plan to fix the issues and improve the state's troubled Social Services Department.

**Note:** "It's hard to go by number, as in what's the right number per case worker. It's really about how do you care for these kids? It's about putting enough quality time into each family and into each case to make sure we're protecting kids the best we can," said Haley.

**Note:** "We're going to have a DSS liaison that now works directly with the coroner, with the sheriff, and with CASA to make sure there's no line of communication we haven't hit," said Haley. "The goal of this is to always make it better than it was the day before."

**WACH:** Governor initiates DSS corrective action plan

<http://www.wach.com/news/story.aspx?id=1043794#.U3KKGPIdV8E>

Rob Starkey

Governor Nikki Haley has a plan to help fix issues at the state's Social Services office. After several high profile cases in Richland County and a Senate panel investigating the agency, the amount of cases workers are assigned in Richland County have been questioned.

**Note:** "The needs of children and families are not limited to a 9-5 schedule, and neither are DSS caseworkers. Establishing a second shift will make the agency more flexible and responsive to the needs of the individuals they serve, and the community as a whole," states Haley's plan.

### **Scout Boats Expansion News:**

**Post and Courier:** Scout Boats to expand, add 300 jobs in Dorchester County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140513/PC05/140519752/1010/scout-boats-to-expand-add-300-jobs-in-dorchester-county>

Warren L. Wise

Scout Boats has made a remarkable comeback since the depths of the recession in 2009 when the Dorchester County boat builder was barely afloat with about three dozen employees. On Tuesday, the Summerville company said soaring demand in the U.S. and overseas will propel the company to add 300 jobs by February 2015.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley hailed the expansion as an example of home-grown entrepreneurship. "They began here in our state, and they continue to grow and strengthen our economy," she said.

**Times and Democrat:** Scout Boats to create 300 jobs with Dorchester facility expansion

[http://thetandd.com/business/scout-boats-to-create-jobs-with-dorchester-facility-expansion/article\\_ebb1db5c-dabf-11e3-b952-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/business/scout-boats-to-create-jobs-with-dorchester-facility-expansion/article_ebb1db5c-dabf-11e3-b952-001a4bcf887a.html)

Scout Boats Inc., a manufacturer of sport fishing boats, is expanding its Dorchester County facility in response to increased customer demand - both domestically and overseas.

**Note:** "Scout Boats is a great example of South Carolina-grown entrepreneurship. They began here in our state, and they continue to grow and strengthen our economy. We congratulate them on their \$2.5 million investment and 300 new jobs," Gov. Nikki Haley said.

**WCSC:** Scout Boats expanding in Summerville, adding 300 jobs

<http://www.live5news.com/story/25503151/scout-boats-expanding-in-summerville-adding-300-jobs>

Philip Weiss

Scout Boats Inc., a sport fishing boat manufacturer, announced Tuesday plans to expand its facility in Dorchester County, an investment that is expected to create 300 jobs.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley applauded the company's decision to expand in Dorchester County. "Scout Boats is a great example of South Carolina-grown entrepreneurship. They began here in our state, and they continue to grow and strengthen our economy," Haley said.

### **Legislative Session News:**

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Senate votes to fund teaching U.S. Constitution as compromise on book cuts at College of Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140513/PC1603/140519714/1177/sc-senate-votes-to-fund-teaching-us-constitution-as-compromise-on-book-cuts-at-college-of-charleston>

Jeremy Borden

The S.C. Senate voted Tuesday to punish the College of Charleston and USC-Upstate for assigning books some senators viewed as "pornography" by telling the schools to teach the U.S. Constitution and other key historical documents.

**Associated Press:** Senate to disapprove of college books in budget

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=l8vKSIml](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=l8vKSIml)

South Carolina senators have voted to punish two public colleges for assigning gay-themed books by forcing them to spend money on teaching the nation's founding documents. Senators took a voice vote on the compromise following days of debate. The proposal initially cut those amounts from the universities' budgets.

### **Speaker Harrell Investigation:**

**Huffington Post:** South Carolina Judge Rules Grand Jury Can't Investigate Top GOP Lawmaker

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/13/south-carolina-bobby-harrell\\_n\\_5317039.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/05/13/south-carolina-bobby-harrell_n_5317039.html)

Andrew Perez

A South Carolina state judge ordered a grand jury on Monday to stop investigating state House Speaker

Bobby Harrell (R), finding that only Harrell's colleagues can begin a probe into allegations of corruption against him.

**Post and Courier:** Attorney General Alan Wilson says he will go forward with investigation of House Speaker Bobby Harrell

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140513/PC1603/140519739/1177/ag-wilson-says-he-will-continue-ethics-related-investigation-into-harrell-other-options-available>

Jeremy Borden

Attorney General Alan Wilson plans to continue an investigation into House Speaker Bobby Harrell despite a judge's order saying he cannot use a grand jury or other investigative agency to do so. Wilson said in an interview with The Post and Courier late Monday night that he would continue investigating Harrell, R-Charleston, while an appeal is under way.

**The State:** Wilson to defy judge, keep Harrell investigation alive

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/13/3444117/wilson-to-defy-judge-keep-harrell.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

The investigation into S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell will continue despite a circuit judge's order that an ongoing SLED and State Grand Jury probe be shut down immediately, state Attorney General Alan Wilson says.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**USA Today:** Probe targets why U.S. was 'last flag' in Benghazi

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/05/13/probe-why-us-last-flag-in-benghazi/9036033/>

Oren Dorell

The intention of the chairman of a select committee on Benghazi to bore in on why the United States was "the last flag flying" in the militant-infested Libyan city may reveal what the CIA was doing there and focus on Hillary Clinton's role in the lax security at the U.S. facility where four Americans died.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** 6th guilty plea in SC State University probe

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

A former chief of staff and general counsel at South Carolina State University on Tuesday admitted in court of lying to FBI agents in the ongoing public corruption investigation at the historically black school. Edwin Givens, 50, of Columbia, pleaded guilty to misprision of a felony before U.S. District Judge David Norton.

**The State:** Former lawyer for S.C. State University pleads guilty in federal court to knowing about kickback schemes

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/05/13/3443885/former-lawyer-for-sc-state-university.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

Ed Givens, a former attorney and chief of staff at S.C. State University, pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday morning in Charleston to misprision of a felony. The guilty plea was part of a multi-year federal investigation into activities at the Orangeburg school.

**WLTX:** SC State Lays Off 90 Temporary, Part-Time Workers

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2014/05/13/south-carolina-state-university-layoffs/9045447/>

Tony Santaella

South Carolina State University announced Tuesday it will lay off 90 temporary and part-time employees as it works to fix an ongoing financial crisis. The university says the employees got their termination letters Tuesday, and their final day will be Thursday. The university told the employees the cuts were necessary because of "significant budgetary challenges."

**WIS:** SC State lays off 90 employees

<http://www.wistv.com/story/25505371/sc-state-lays-off-90-employees>

SC State University announced on Tuesday plans to lay off additional part-time and temporary employees. The move comes as the university continues to implement a deficit recovery plan aimed at cutting spending and balancing the university's budget.

## Local News:

**Greenville News:** Greenville nonpartisan elections need fed OK

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/05/13/city-changes-elections-nonpartisan/9025725/>

Anna Lee

In a final 4-3 vote, council members Amy Ryberg Doyle, Gaye Sprague, Susan Reynolds and David Sudduth voted to approve the switch to nonpartisan races, doing away with party labels on the ballot in a move that critics said would hurt minority voters more than anyone else.

**Associated Press:** Summerville boat maker adding 300 jobs

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=phB1CScx](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=phB1CScx)

A boat manufacturer is expanding its plant in Summerville and adding 300 jobs. Scout Boats Inc. announced Tuesday it is investing \$2.5 million in its plant. The company makes sport fishing boats. The new space will be devoted to making composite parts for the company's LXF boat series as well as its new 275 and 320 Dorado series.

## National News:

**Reuters:** Obama's decision on U.S. deportations poses political risks

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/13/us-usa-politics-immigration-idUSBREA4C04020140513>

Jeff Mason, Julia Edwards

President Barack Obama's decision on possible changes to U.S. deportation policy sets up an election-year skirmish that could help Democrats win points with their political base while irritating Republicans who are open to immigration reform.

**Fox News:** Obama nominees face liberal ire

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/05/13/obama-nominees-face-liberal-ire/>

President Obama's nominees to the federal courts and other positions increasingly are coming under fire from the left, in a change of pace from the days when the administration said Republicans were the ones creating confirmation headaches. The latest to face the wrath of the president's supposed allies are a pair of judicial nominees.

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