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Legislative Update:

RRP legis update:

Both House members and Senators are planning on pre-filing resolutions regarding the resettlement program. Resolution concepts below.

1. To stop all funding for the Obama Refugee Resettlement program in South Carolina.
2. To cease and desist from all placement of refugees in the South Carolina
3. To suspend the resettlement program until conditions are met: SLED, DSS, DOE, LLR to investigate current impacts on the state.

County Councils say no to refugee resettlement program (resolutions passed):

Anderson County Council
Berkley County Council
Pickens County Council
Greenville County Council

State Budget proviso adopted by the South Carolina General Assembly this past session concerning the Refugee Resettlement Program states that “no state funds shall be expended to assist in the United States Refugee Resettlement Program unless the county council of the county where the resettlement is to occur approves the relocation”; and 2 WHEREAS, this resettlement is being directed and funded through a federal program under a bureau of the U.S. State Department, and where the Governor’s office has indicated that only federal pass through funds are being used in South Carolina;

County Councils being urged to say no to refugee resettlement program:

Aiken
Spartanburg

Groups say no to refugee resettlement program (resolutions passed):

Greenville County Republican Women’s Club
Conservative of the Upstate

House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force

The full committee met today for a review of the Task Force’s Findings as well as to hear reports from the following Subcommittees on:

Transportation and Facilities Infrastructure

Accountability (Academic and Financial), Continuous Improvement, and Leadership (District, School and Community)

Educator Recruitment, Retention, Effectiveness, and Professional Development

College and Career Pathways of High Quality Learning Opportunities in Elementary, Middle and High Schools

High Quality Early Childhood Education and Family Engagement

The committee approved and amended the proposed recommendations that will be used to create a report to the Speaker and the House of Representatives regarding the Abbeville Supreme Court decision. The Task Force will meet again on December 16th to review a draft of the report. The final report will be delivered by the end of the year.