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## Legislature Wraps Up Before Scheduled End on June 5

The 2013-2014 regular legislative session is scheduled to end this Thursday, June 5.

With time running short, the General Assembly will be working to finish remaining bills on their calendars and the 2014-2015 budget. The legislature is expected to return to Columbia later this month to take up budget vetoes from the Governor.

Senate and House Conference Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, to discuss [S. 459](#) and reach a compromise on a statewide texting ban bill.

SC Department of Social Services (DSS) Oversight Committee is still scheduled to 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, in Gressette 207. The [agenda is available](#) and the meeting can be [viewed online](#). Director Lillian Koller was scheduled to testify but resigned yesterday, June 2.

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## S.C. Primary Elections Take Place on Tuesday, June 10

### Voting to Determine Ballot for Nov. 4 General Election

Statewide primary elections will occur next Tuesday, June 10. Primaries for many statewide offices are scheduled: State Treasurer, Superintendent of Education, Lieutenant Governor, US Senate and US House of Representatives Districts 2, 3 and 6.

County level elections are also scheduled, including SC House of

Representatives, and many sheriffs and county council positions.

Several online resources are available to help voters:

- [List of statewide candidates](#)
- [List of county candidates](#)
- [Personal voting information](#)

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## Public Meeting Scheduled for the Committee to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities (CECANF)

The federal advisory committee established under Protect Our Kids Act of 2012, Public Law 112-275, will hold an open meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on Monday, June 2, and Tuesday, June 3.

Texas has had the highest number of child deaths in each of the past five year with 215 child fatalities in 2012 according to [Child Maltreatment 2012](#) report.

CECANF was established to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect. The purpose of this meeting is for Commission members to gather detailed information and insight related to federal policy, research and practice associated with child abuse and neglect fatalities, with a practice focus on Texas.

The Commission will continue its public meetings in Tampa on July 10, and in Detroit on Aug. 28. Three additional meetings will be scheduled by the end of the year. Visit the Commission's new website for more information and how to participate in person or by conference call.

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## White House Hosts Healthy Kids and Safe Sport Concussion Summit

[Meeting to Discuss How to Ensure Safety for Children in Sports and to Address Growing Risk of Concussions in Youth](#)

President Obama highlighted the impact of concussions on youth sports and discussed growing risk of concussions in youth. He urged caution for parents and highlighted a number of research efforts to learn more about concussion injuries.

[President Obama's remarks are available.](#)

Learn more about [sports safety](#) from Safe Kids Worldwide.

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## White House Announces Summit on Working Families

[White House, U.S. Department of Labor and Center for American Progress to Host Summit on Working Families](#)

With focus on women and their families, the summit will explore ways that businesses can adapt to support working families and to identify working family-friendly initiatives that also benefit businesses and the American economy. The meeting will feature keynote speeches, panel discussions, research presentations and hands-on workshops.

The meeting is expected to explore challenges facing working families business, make the economic case for policies that support working families, showcase companies doing exemplary work in this space; and highlight model laws and policies from cities and states across the country. The summit will focus on key issues such as workplace flexibility, equal pay, workplace discrimination, worker retention and promotion, and childcare/early childhood education." Visit the [website](#) to learn more.

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## Child Welfare News from Around the Country

### Arizona Child Welfare Overhaul Passes Legislature

Two bills approved by the Arizona House and Senate will create and fund a new Department of Child Safety to replace the old Child Protective Services department. This gives the state's child welfare and protection agency a massive overhaul after investigations proved thousands of child abuse and neglect reports had gone investigated.

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