

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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Press:

The AP and The State are writing about H.3945, the Ethics Reform Bill, being passed out of House Judiciary. It is possible that we may issue a statement.

Cabinet:

DOI – Here are the latest Affordable Care Act numbers for South Carolina as of April 30, 2014:

- Number of SC citizens that have picked a plan and paid their premium on the Exchange: 85,453.
 - The 85,453 figure represents 71.34% of the 119,784 individuals that have gotten through the application, eligibility determination, and plan selection process in order to enroll on the exchange.
- Percentage of the 85,453 individuals that are receiving a federal subsidy: 89.86%.
- Average age on the exchange is 43.15 years old.
- Average age of the individuals that have secured coverage off the exchange is 35.15 years old.

Note: This data is a snapshot in time and, as such, should be expected to change based upon when the carriers pull the information. In particular, the 85,453 number reflects those citizens that have coverage in place (or scheduled to become effective at a future date) by paying their premium as of the data pull date. It is not meant to imply that this is the number of individuals that have paid their first month's premium ever as some individuals may have paid for their first month(s) of coverage and then, for whatever reason, have not paid subsequent monthly premiums, resulting in their cancellation or termination of coverage. There has been much focus at the national level on the number of people that have paid their first month's premium. This is not the focus of our data call. We are, instead, focused on the number of SC citizens that have coverage in effect at a given time as we believe this is the more accurate number.

Commerce / Special Projects – Beth attended the BB&T Financial Foundations Certification Ceremony at Westwood High School at the invitation of Mike Brennan.

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Legislative:

Denmark-Olar District 2 Bill – Today, Rep. Sellers’ Denmark-Olar District 2 Capital Millage bill (H.5024) received second reading on the Senate floor on a motion by Sen. Hutto.

Budget – Today, the Senate began debating the budget. Sen. Leatherman made a couple procedural motions to speed up the budget process. In the House Caucus meeting this morning, the Speaker indicated that he plans to have the budget completed, including the Governor’s vetoes, by Thursday of next week – May 15th. He also intends to shorten session this week and next so the House can hold committee hearings with the intent to not have committee hearings the last three weeks of session.

DOT / Janet Oakley – Tomorrow, the Senate Transportation Committee will take up Janet Oakley’s nomination to the lead Department of Transportation.

Legal:

H.3945, the Ethics Reform Bill – Today, the House Judiciary Committee unanimously adopted Chairman Delleney’s Subcommittee Amendment and passed the bill to the floor. Two House members (Whipper and Nanney) raised questions about whether the bill is truly independent, but no amendments were put forth to change the structure. We believe that the bill could go to the House floor as early as tomorrow, and we have secured Rep. Norman as a sponsor for our proposed amendment.

CON – Tomorrow at 9:30 a.m., the Governor will meet with Dir. Templeton on the CON grandfathering issue.

Hurricane Table-Top Exercise – All agency heads have RSVP’d to participate in the Governor’s Annual Hurricane Table-Top Exercise for this Monday, May 12th. Tomorrow, Kim Stenson will brief Becca on proposed changes to the format (i.e. “drilling down beyond general duties to specific scenarios”) and then will put it before the Governor to approve or change. *Note that the coastal fly-around is scheduled for Friday, May 30th prior to the beginning of Hurricane Season on June 1st.*

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