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Governor Signs Study Committee Into Law

But beware of innocuous-sounding study committees. They sometimes assume a life of their own. [read more>>](#)

Session Now Shorter?

The governor just signed a bill shortening South Carolina's almost 6-month legislative session. Why does the length of session matter? And is ours really shorter now? [read more>>](#)

Gov. Haley Signs Disclosure Bill

Eight years ago, SCPC began advocating the principle of income disclosure for elected officials. Citizens, we argued – and we've been arguing ever since – have a right to know what special interests and lobbyist principals are paying elected officials. Initially the idea fell on deaf ears, but it's now fully part of the debate inside the State House.

Lawmakers' strategy, however, has been to pass weak, loophole-ridden versions of a disclosure law. That's what they did this year, and that's what Gov. Haley signed. The argument is far from over. We explain [here](#).

No Debate Over Arts Funding This Year

In Washington and in all 50 states, taxpayers support "the arts" with billions of dollars every year. But a new report raises some tough questions about the real-world results. [read more>>](#)

Project Conflict Watch

Not sure if your lawmaker is promoting legislation and policy changes that benefit him? Not convinced that the new disclosure law will reveal conflicts of interest? Neither are we. So we created an easy way to ask politicians to disclose their income voluntarily. [read more>>](#)

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