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#### **Legislative Notes:**

- The House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Transportation and Facilities Infrastructure Subcommittee met today.
- They discussed the following:
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- Rep. Henderson is meeting with Rebecca on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. to discuss Prescription Drug task force.

#### **House Caucus Retreat:**

*Hearing that the House discussed the following topics during their retreat:*

##### **Tax Reform**

- Sales tax exemptions

##### **Education**

- The Abbeville sub-committees gave an update with suggested solutions
- They did not discuss the appointment of Sup of Ed

##### **Pro-Life Initiatives (5 Bills)**

- Pain capable bill
- Defunding Planned Parenthood

##### **Immigration Reform**

- Sanctuary Cities

##### **Ethics**

- To call out the Senate for not passing Ethics

##### **DOT Governance Reform**

- Barely discussed

Bills are to be drafted and presented to caucus in December for them to vote on for agenda items.

#### **Capital Bond Study Committee:**

Senate:

Alexander – *Leatherman appointment*

Peeler – *Peeler appointment*

Setzler - ?

#### **Special House Oversight of SC's Colleges and Universities**

Beginning in mid-September a special House Committee will begin examining governance structures for higher education around the nation to determine the best coordinating structure to oversee South Carolina's thirty-three public colleges and universities. Rep Bill Taylor will chair the ad-hoc committee. They will discuss proposed legislation, H.3249, which calls for the creation of a Board of Regents, similar to those in Georgia

and other states. They we will hear from national experts in the field of Higher Education governance structure. At subsequent hearings they will hear from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the SC Technical College System, the Presidents of our state universities and colleges, as well as others.

**Ad-Hoc Committee:**

Rep. Bill Taylor

Rep. Jeff Johnson

Rep. Ray Felder

Rep. Robert Brown

Rep. Gary Clary

Rep. Wayne George

Rep. Harold Mitchell

Rep. Jeff Bradley

Rep. Don Wells