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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Haley names new licensing and regulation director

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/12/08/3861252/haley-names-new-licensing-and.html>

Andrew Shain

Gov. Nikki Haley appointed an agency lieutenant Monday to head the state department that oversees professional licensing and workplace and fire safety. Richele Taylor has succeeded Holly Pisarik as director of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Taylor was named LLR's deputy director of administration this year after a 14-year legal career, most recently with Fisher & Phillips.

Note: Haley said Templeton and Pisarik have reformed an agency that she called "an absolute mess." The governor, who has made cutting red tape a priority, said Pisarik cut fees and investigation times to make it more customer-friendly during her tenure.

Note: Pisarik is not going far, Haley said, but she declined to provide details: "She will be in our circle."

Associated Press: SC licensing and labor agency gets a new director

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZdYuGcSX

Gov. Nikki Haley says South Carolina's labor and business licensing agency has a new director, though it's unclear why the current director is leaving. Haley announced Monday that Richele Taylor is her choice to lead the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The Senate still must confirm her appointment.

The State: New \$12 million bailout for SC State moves forward

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/12/08/3860800/new-12-million-bailout-for-sc.html>

Andrew Shain

State budget leaders agreed Monday on where to get \$12 million to help bailout S.C. State University over the objections of Gov. Nikki Haley. And the money, thought to be another loan for the cash-strapped school, could become a grant in a move that South Carolina's top government accountant said would circumvent usual reviews before spending state money.

Note: Haley said the audit was ordered this spring after state budget leaders agreed to a \$5.5 million loan. "It's completely irresponsible for us to do this at this time," she said, "This is not a Band-Aid where we say, 'OK, you're fine.'"

Note: Haley abstained in the vote Monday to get the money for S.C. State from a \$31 million fund of leftover cash from the previous budget year.

Times and Democrat: S.C. State closer to getting \$6 million but budget board has worries

http://thetandd.com/news/s-c-state-closer-to-getting-million-but-budget-board/article_79eaf74e-7f13-11e4-b081-5723c27da8a3.html

Dale Linder-Altman

The \$6 million approved last week as bailout funds for South Carolina State University by the S.C. Joint Bond Review Committee will be coming from the Contingency Reserve Fund. The Budget and Control Board on Monday approved the source of the funding by a vote of 3-1, but those voting in favor of it expressed concern about the action they were taking.

Note: Sen. Hugh Leatherman, State Treasurer Curtis Loftis Jr. and Rep. Brian White voted in favor of the motion. State Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom voted against it and Gov. Nikki Haley abstained.

Note: Haley noted she's supportive of the university but could not vote for approving the source of money. She said she was nervous at the last BCB meeting because S.C. State's financial reports differ from those of the budget board. "We have a responsibility to the stakeholders in South Carolina," she said. "We don't know how we're going to fix this. We don't know how big this story is."

Associated Press: South Carolina State to receive \$12M from reserves

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1CM9HDIn

Seanna Adcox

The state's financial oversight board agreed Monday to dip into reserves and give South Carolina State University \$12 million over three years, though questions remain about how the money will be doled out and whether the school must repay any of it.

Note: The Budget and Control Board voted 3-1 to get the money from tax collections that came in above advisers' expectations. Gov. Nikki Haley, the board's chairwoman, did not vote, calling the decision completely irresponsible to both the university and taxpayers. "If y'all choose to do this, I will not be any part of it," she said. "There are a whole lot of questions and very few answers."

Greenville News: Director of the state's prisons to stay on in Gov. Haley's second term

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/12/08/director-states-prisons-stay-gov-haleys-second-term/20102035/>

David Dykes

State Corrections Director Bryan Stirling will stay on in Gov. Nikki Haley's second term, he said Monday. Stirling succeeded William Byars, a former family court judge and director of the state Department of Juvenile Justice who retired. After he was first appointed by Haley in September 2013, Stirling said his top priorities were guard safety and "life lessons" for inmates to help them find jobs once they leave.

Associated Press: Transportation Commission OKs SC road needs plan

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xNVjCH5T

The South Carolina Transportation Commission has given final approval to a plan projecting the state will need to spend another \$60 billion during the next quarter century on roads, money which the state does not have. The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan, which was the topic of public hearings around the state earlier this year, was approved at last week's commission meeting in Columbia.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley plans to release her plan for paying for roads next month. But her office has said any road plan will not include raising taxes.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Lawmaker will introduce legislation to support advanced nurses

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141208/PC16/141209520/1177/lawmaker-will-introduce-legislation-to-support-advanced-nurses>

Lauren Sausser

A Summerville lawmaker will pre-file a bill this week in the state Legislature that would lift restrictions on advanced nurses, despite anticipated push-back from some doctors. Rep. Jenny Horne, R-Summerville, an attorney, said her bill is an attempt to improve health care access in rural areas.

Associated Press: Santee Cooper approves \$5 million in loans

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VOtygX5V

South Carolina's state-owned electric and water utility Santee Cooper has approved almost \$5 million in loans for industrial projects in Orangeburg and Anderson counties. The Santee Cooper board on Monday approved a \$4 million loan to Orangeburg County to build an industrial building to house a plant for Sigmatex which makes carbon fiber textiles.

Local News:

Island Packet: Beaufort County Council to take final vote on new zoning rules today

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/12/08/3476945/beaufort-county-council-to-take.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

Beaufort County Council will take its the final vote on a new, comprehensive update to its zoning rules and standards this afternoon at its meeting in Beaufort. The overhaul, called the Community Development Code, is the years-in-the-making replacement to the current technical zoning standards.

National News:

Washington Post: Congress on verge of releasing massive spending bill before leaving for the year

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/congress-on-verge-of-releasing-massive-spending-bill-before->

leaving-for-the-year/2014/12/08/c8cf5b4e-7edb-11e4-8882-03cf08410beb_story.html

Ed O'Keefe

Negotiators were racing the clock Monday to release a more than \$1 trillion spending package to keep the federal government open through the end of the fiscal year, capping the least productive congressional session in modern American history.

Associated Press: US unveils federal law enforcement profiling ban

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_RACIAL_PROFILING_GUIDELINES?](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_RACIAL_PROFILING_GUIDELINES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-12-08-06-08-35)

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Eric Tucker

The Obama administration issued guidelines Monday that ban federal law enforcement from profiling on the basis of religion, national origin and other characteristics, protocols the Justice Department hopes could be a model for local departments as the nation tackles questions about the role race plays in policing.

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