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## ***Now on The Nerve***

### **Bill would divert gas-tax-hike money to interstate widening projects**

Lawmakers promised that revenues generated under the gas-tax-hike law passed last year would go toward fixing South Carolina's bad roads and bridges. But one lawmaker has introduced a bill that would divert a big chunk of that money to the controversial State Transportation Infrastructure Bank to widen interstates. Find out more about the bill - as well as the latest gas-tax-hike spending in your county - [here](#).

## ***Still Hot***

### **Special corruption prosecutor won't seek release of Harrell file**

In 2018, The Nerve asked the State Law Enforcement Division four times to release its investigative file on ex-S.C. House speaker Bobby Harrell, but was denied each time. David Pascoe, the special prosecutor assigned to the case, won't seek the public release of the file, though closed criminal cases generally are considered public records. Read more about it [here](#).

### **Little-known S.C. panel regularly OKs requests to release sensitive information**

Sensitive health information on S.C. citizens contained in a massive "data warehouse" is being routinely approved for release by a few members of an obscure state panel. Read more about it [here](#).

## Big pay hike sought by S.C. judges also would fatten their retirement wallets

In submitting the proposed 2019-20 budget for the S.C. Judicial Department, Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Beatty called for pay raises for judges elected by the Legislature - including himself. What he didn't say was how big the pay hike would be, or how it would affect special retirement benefits that some judges already are receiving on top of their six-figure salaries. Read [here](#) what we discovered.

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