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### Governor Nikki Haley Signs Student Athletes Concussion Bill:

**Anderson Independent:** Gov. Haley signs student athletes concussion bill

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/15/gov-haley-signs-student-athletes-concussion-bill/>

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**Greenville News:** New concussion law designed to help protect student athletes

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/proart/20130815/news/308150036/new-concussion-law-designed-help-protect-student-athletes?pagerestricted=2>

Liv Osby

Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill today to better identify and treat concussions in student athletes. A concussion is a traumatic injury that occurs when the brain shifts violently inside the skull. Nationwide, there are 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related concussions each year, according to the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina. And experts say that's likely an underestimate. More than 40 percent of high school athletes return to play before they are fully recovered, according to the association, and the number of youth athletes seen in hospital ERs for concussions doubled between 1997 and 2007.

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**Greenwood Today:** Gov. Nikki Haley signs Student Athletes Concussion bill

<http://gwdtoday.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=27&ArticleID=26398>

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**WCNC:** Gov. Haley signs Student Athletes Concussion bill

<http://www.wcnc.com/news/regional/Gov-Haley-sings-Student-Athletes-Concussion-bill-219810411.html>

Governor Nikki Haley has signed a bill to help protect student athletes in South Carolina. She signed a concussion bill that works to advance the identification and treatment of concussions in all sports, focusing on concussion awareness and prevention. The bill requires specific guidelines for treating concussions, and they'll apply to all high school athletic events. The guidelines will be based on state standards. Parents will have to agree to the new rules for students to participate in sports, and any athletes who suffer a concussion will need doctor approval before returning to the team.

**WLOS:** Student Athlete Concussion Bill Signed

[http://www.wlos.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wlos\\_student-athlete-concussion-bill-signed-12835.shtml](http://www.wlos.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wlos_student-athlete-concussion-bill-signed-12835.shtml)



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## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**The State(Guest Column):** Charter schools deserve equitable funding

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/08/15/2919811/purcell-charter-schools-deserve.html>

Beth Purcell

Thanks to parent advocates' hard work, S.C. students begin this school year with more choices than ever before. As a parent, a former teacher and the leader of a state and national parent organization, I have rallied alongside other parents all the way from the State House in Columbia to the Capitol in Washington in support of expanded options and fair funding. I feel immense pride at the results of South Carolinians' hard work.

**Note:** The options available today exist largely thanks to our parents, many of whom joined me at an April rally in Columbia with the support of a number of leaders in the State House. We acknowledged these leaders with the Golden Apple award, a symbol of gratitude for their work on behalf of South Carolina public education. We also recognized Gov. Nikki Haley for her support of school options for all students.

## **South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** S.C. couple says they haven't seen 3-year-old

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/aug/15/sc-couple-says-they-havent-seen-3-year-old/>

Kristi Eaton

A South Carolina couple said Thursday they've yet to meet or talk to their 3-year-old adopted daughter as well as her biological father, despite their pleas and an ultimatum from Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin. Matt and Melanie Capobianco traveled to Oklahoma from South Carolina on Tuesday hoping to see 3-year-old Veronica. The girl has been at the center of an adoption dispute involving the couple and her biological father, Dusten Brown, who is a member of the Cherokee Nation.

**Post and Courier:** Sen. Tim Scott talks health care reform in Charleston, predicts partial repeal of the Affordable Care Act is 'very high'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130815/PC16/130819616/1006/>

Lauren Sausser

The federal government is scheduled to open health insurance enrollment online through a new insurance marketplace on Oct. 1, but Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., said Thursday he is doubtful that will actually happen. "They are still writing in the pages (of the regulations), so how, pray tell, are they going to know how all that stuff works together?," Scott asked. "I don't know how you can get someone to figure all this out between now and Oct. 1." "They are still writing in the pages (of the regulations), so how, pray tell, are they going to know how all that stuff works together?," Scott asked. "I don't know how you can get someone to figure all this out between now and Oct. 1."

**Associated Press:** Rep. Anthony says he's running for superintendent

[http://www.theitem.com/news/ap\\_state\\_news/rep-anthony-says-he-s-running-for-superintendent/article\\_d77a6373-7116-56cc-8b4e-f578c0ad493c.html](http://www.theitem.com/news/ap_state_news/rep-anthony-says-he-s-running-for-superintendent/article_d77a6373-7116-56cc-8b4e-f578c0ad493c.html)

State Rep. Mike Anthony of Union says he wants to lead South Carolina's public schools. The retired teacher and coach is announcing Thursday that he's running for the Democratic nomination for state education superintendent. He could face Republican Superintendent Mick Zais next year. Anthony kicked off his three-stop tour in Union, which he has represented in the House for a decade. He also was head football coach and athletic director for Union High School. During his tenure, the Yellow Jackets won three state



football championships.

**Spartanburg Herald-Journal:** Rep. Anthony officially launches bid for SC superintendent of education  
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130815/ARTICLES/130819791/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Rep-Anthony-officially-launches-bid-for-SC-superintendent-of-education>

Lee G. Healy

State Rep. Mike Anthony chose a familiar place to formally announce his candidacy for state superintendent of education on Thursday morning. Surrounded by family, friends and supporters, Anthony, D-Union, kicked off a statewide tour and the beginning of his campaign at Union County Stadium, where he coached high school football for many years. The retired public school teacher with three state football championships under his belt is now a six-term representative with aspirations for the state's top education post. "I am here to stand for the teachers and, most of all, the kids of this state," Anthony, 63, told a group of about 50 supporters and community members.

**Associated Press:** Jenny Sanford interested in college presidency

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130815/APN/1308150866>

Former South Carolina first lady Jenny Sanford says she's interested in the president's job at the College of Charleston. Sanford tells The Post and Courier of Charleston ( <http://bit.ly/15JmNz8>) she would be crazy not to look at the opportunity. And she says that not all schools need to be led by someone with strictly an academic background. The 50-year-old Sanford says she has management skills from running her former husband Mark Sanford's campaigns, and working in the governor's office gave her an understanding of higher education budgets and other state issues. College President George Benson is stepping down next year after six years.

**Greenville New:** DOT cool to Connector's plan to nab deadbeats

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130815/NEWS/308150050/DOT-cool-Connector-s-plan-nab-deadbeats>

Tim Smith

State highway officials gave a cool reception this morning to a request by the organization operating the Southern Connector in Greenville County to help collect hundreds of thousands of dollars owed by toll violators. Tim Brett, a spokesman for the Connector 2000 Association and Steve Matthews, the association's lawyer, told the state Department of Transportation Board this morning that the organization is owed more than \$200,000 by "deadbeats" who go through toll stops on the 16.5-mile highway without paying. Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge has agreed to the organization's request to participate in a state program to take what is owed from violators' state tax refunds.

**Rock Hill Herald:** SC high school seniors set new record for scholarships

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/15/5118558/sc-high-school-seniors-set-new.html#storylink=cpy>

South Carolina's high school class of 2013 was offered a record \$1.15 billion in college scholarships, the state Department of Education says. That tops the amount offered to last year's public high school seniors by nearly \$89 million.

**Associated Press:** SC groups getting \$2M for health care law outreach

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130815/APN/1308150815>

Three South Carolina groups are receiving a total of \$2 million to help South Carolinians sign up for insurance under the federal health care law. U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced winning recipients Thursday of the Navigator grants. The \$67 million went to 105 organizations in states that are letting the federal government run their online insurance marketplaces. South Carolina is receiving \$750,000 more than the federal agency previously said it set aside for community groups in the state. The largest grant of more than \$1.2 million goes to DECO Recovery Management, which is working with the Benefit Bank of South Carolina for marketing and education. The Cooperative Ministry is receiving \$508,000 to target eight rural counties. The Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce is receiving \$234,000.

**Rock Hill Herald:** Comstock lobbies education officials in Columbia

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/08/15/5118948/comstock-lobbies-education-officials.html>

Anna Douglas

On Thursday morning, new Winthrop University president Jayne Marie Comstock made her first presentation to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in Columbia, with a message of



renewing the college's strategies and goals. In her presentation, she assured commission members that "Winthrop is in good hands." She highlighted the fact that 87% of the Winthrop student population is made up of South Carolina students and about 80% of the university's alumni remain in South Carolina after graduation.

**Florence Morning News:** Heinz nationwide layoffs reach Florence

[http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article\\_7b606dbc-05d3-11e3-a225-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_7b606dbc-05d3-11e3-a225-001a4bcf6878.html)

HJ Heinz Co.'s layoff announcement Tuesday is rippling through Florence after the company announced 600 job cuts nationwide, impacting three employees at the Florence plant. The company, known for its ketchup but locally for its frozen food plant, was taken private by investor Warren Buffet (owner of Berkshire Hathaway and subsidiary BH Media Group, which owns the Morning News) and 3G Capital in June for \$23.3 billion.

## **Local News:**

**Associated Press:** Papers show Greenwood sheriff's office spending

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YLLPBtZC](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YLLPBtZC)

Documents provided by the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office show the agency spent money on restaurants, Victoria's Secret and a trip to Disney World. The Index-Journal of Greenwood reports (<http://bit.ly/16f0LI8>) it reviewed nearly 750 pages of documents provided by the sheriff's office following a Freedom of Information Act request. The sheriff's office finances are being investigated by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division. SLED asked county interim attorney Stephen Baggett Jr. not to release the documents. SLED executive assistant to the chief Kathryn Richardson wrote Baggett in an email that releasing the information could jeopardize the investigation. But Baggett complied with the FOIA request and released all information not exempted.

## **National News:**

**Fox News:** Is ObamaCare a stepping stone to government-controlled health care?

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/08/14/is-obamacare-stepping-stone-to-government-controlled-health-care/>

Jim Angle

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid recently made clear what conservatives have long suspected: that he and other Democrats, including the president and key officials, see ObamaCare as a stepping stone to single payer, government-controlled health care. Reid told a television interviewer, "Don't think we didn't have a tremendous number of people who wanted single payer system." But, he added, it didn't happen because "you know, we have to get the majority of the votes and we weren't able to do that."

**CNBC:** Obamacare is coming, and so are the con artists

<https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/#label/RNC+War+Room/14081ce4dce78e45>

Herb Weisbaum

As the debate rages over who benefits from the Affordable Care Act, one thing is becoming clear: The controversial program is a dream come true for rip-off artists. Consumer experts warn that the program has created a huge opportunity for swindling people by stealing their money and their sensitive personal information. "Any time you roll out a big government program like this, confusion is inevitable," said Lois Greisman, an associate director in the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Federal Trade Commission. "This confusion creates a tremendous opportunity for the fraudster."

**Wall Street Journal:** Many Health Insurers to Limit Choices of Doctors, Hospitals

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323446404579010800462478682.html>

Anna Wilde Mathews

Similar situations are likely to occur around the country, as details emerge about the coverage available through the new consumer marketplaces created by the federal health law. Many of the plans will include relatively few choices of doctors and hospitals. In some cases, plans will layer on other limits, such as requirements that patients get referrals to see specialists, or obtain insurer authorization before pricey procedures. A McKinsey & Co. analysis of 955 consumer exchange-plan filings, from 13 states that were among the earliest to make them public, found that 47% were health-maintenance organizations or similarly designed plans. Such plans generally don't pay for care provided outside their networks. A number of other plans, though classed as preferred-provider organizations, or PPOs, will also have limited choices of doctors

and hospitals in their networks.

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