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Subject: Palmetto Kids FIRST - Senate Bill S 131 is HERE!!! Thank you Senator Davis!!!

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Senate Bill S 131 / House Bill H _____

NEXT: #1 Full Funding & #2 Independent Nonprofits

#1. S 131 Pre-Filed in the SC Senate!!!

> Thank You Senator Tom Davis!!!

#2. S 131 ... saves \$75 MILLION???

#3. What can YOU do???

> Call YOUR Legislators

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#4. Bonus P.S. It's NOT Complicated.

#4. House Pre-Filing on TUESDAY (12/18)

#5. Dec. 15th ... Anyone Received Funding???

Dear Parents, School Officials & Friends,

#1. S 131 Pre-Filed in the SC Senate!!! - Thank you Senator Tom

Davis!!!: No waiting around this year ... Senator Tom Davis (R - Beaufort) and the leader on School Choice in South Carolina pre-filed his \$60 MILLION #1 Full Funding & #2 Independent Non-Profits bill on Wednesday as expected.

This is THE YEAR for

#RealSchoolChoice !!!

No changes from last year's bill ... it was done right in the first place so no need to change.

\$25 MILLION "special needs"

\$25 MILLION "low income"

\$10 MILLION "homeschool"

www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=131

#2. S 131 ... Saves \$75 MILLION??? : We have all heard it before, it is ALL ABOUT THE NUMBERS!!! Well, let's get in to the numbers. Below is a letter sent to Executive Director Frank Rainwater this week, the Director of the SC Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office. Their office "scores" bills and estimates how much they might cost taxpayers.

Mr. Rainwater has already responded and we will be working with his office to determine EXACTLY what this program (S 131) actually cost ... OR SAVES ... taxpayers. Just accounting for the \$6,231 "average" the state pays (\$13,656 PLUS building costs) ... it appears to us this program **SAVES taxpayers over \$75 MILLION each year**. Win / Win for everyone ... and exactly how the now \$100 MILLION program was passed in Georgia (zero cost / tax savings approach) back in 2008. Why is SC over 10 years behind Georgia?!?!?!?

Stay tuned ...

#3. **What Can YOU Do???** : Easy ... three things ...

> **Call YOUR Legislators** : They have to hear from you. Tell you story and ask them to CO-SPONSOR Senator Tom Davis' S 131 or the companion bill in the SC House.

> **Follow on Facebook** : It matters. Like & Comment. Share what you are comfortable sharing with other parents and legislators online. They read it ... lots of people read it ... and lots of people read this weekly email update.

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#4. **Bonus P.S. It's NOT Complicated** : And always remember, when your State Senator or State House Representative tells you "it's complicated" ... they really mean it is complicated for THEMSELVES and their political career.

They asked for your VOTE ... they asked for the JOB ... doing the RIGHT THING is NEVER COMPLICATED . Co-sponsor the bill, help it get a PUBLIC HEARING, vote for the bill ... do what we sent you to Columbia to do. It's NOT Complicated .

[#5. House Pre-Filing on TUESDAY \(12/18\)](#) : Last Wednesday was pre-filing in the Senate ... we expect the companion bill to be pre-filed in the SC House on Tuesday. We will then know the H ____ bill number and we will be off to the races. Stay tuned ...

TUESDAY!!!
DECEMBER 18th!!!
H ____

[#6. Dec. 15th ... Anyone Received Funding???](#) : UNBELIEVABLE!
!! (not so) Exceptional SC has had \$12 MILLION in it's bank account since mid-JULY 2018. We are now in mid-DECEMBER and parents / schools have yet to receive funding for 2nd Semester.

Has anyone received
2nd Semester funding???

The SC Department of Revenue and the \$2 MILLION of "refundable" parental tax credits are no better. NO ONE we have

spoken to has heard a peep. Sad ...

Stay tuned ... LOTS MORE to update everyone on ... but that is more than enough for today!!! Keep sharing your story with your personal representatives in Columbia ... keep watching (and participating) on Facebook !!! LET'S GET YOUR PROGRAM BACK (with full funding) **IN 2019!!!**

THANK YOU for your support of the program and our kids. Email or call with any questions, we are always here 24/7 to support our families and schools.

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