

2013/2014 SC Club for Growth House Scorecard Key

- 1. March 12, 2013 – Medicaid Expansion.** H. 3710, Amendment 1: This amendment would have forced South Carolina to take the Medicaid expansion money. While “free money” sounds enticing, taking this money would greatly expand South Carolina’s already growing Medicaid program and eventually leave South Carolina with the bill. The preferred vote was YES to tabling. Tabled 73-45.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130312.htm
- 2. April 30, 2013 – Ethics Reform.** H. 3945, Amendment 4: This amendment prevented elected statewide officials from appointing any relative or person that contributed to their election campaign to a board or commission. The good old boy system is alive and well in South Carolina. This amendment takes us in the right direction towards a more open and accountable government. The preferred vote was NO to tabling. The tabling motion failed 47-66
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110223.htm
- 3. May 15, 2013 – Department of Administration.** S. 22, Passage of Bill: This bill eliminated the archaic Budget and Control Board and gave some of its functions to an accountable cabinet level Department of Administration. South Carolina is the only state in the nation with a Budget and Control Board and the sooner it is abolished the better. The preferred vote was YES. The bill passed 91-23.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130515.htm
- 4. June 5, 2013 – Exceptional Needs Tax Credit.** H. 3710, Amendment 2a: This amendment established a school choice program for exceptional needs students. Individuals and corporations receive up to 60% off of their state tax liability for donating to a Scholarship Funding Organization, SFO. The SFO then distributes scholarships of up to \$10,000 to exceptional need students attending private schools. The preferred vote was YES. Passed 68-48.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130605.htm
- 5. June 26, 2013 – Veto 3 – Barnwell County Court House.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This budget veto would have removed money for Barnwell County Court House repairs. Courthouse upkeep and repair is the county’s responsibility and should not be left up to political favors. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 81-41 and then unfortunately overridden 89-31. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 6. June 26, 2013 – Veto 6 – Waddell Mariculture Center.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed a new line of recurring funding for marine research. The Department of Natural Resources requested one time funding for programs like this, but the original intent was not to make this a yearly part of the budget. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 114-2
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 7. June 26, 2013 – Veto 8 – Outreach Programs.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: News outlets reported that funding within this veto paid for a House member to go on a fishing trip. While outreach programs for hunting and fishing are important taxpayer money should not be used for fishing vacations. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 97-21
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm

- 8. June 26, 2013 – Veto 9 – State Museum Commission.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This years budget added \$150,000 in funding for positions within the Museum Commission. The veto’s intent was to encourage the commission to spend money on education and collections rather than marketing. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 85-36
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 9. June 26, 2013 – Veto 18 – Arts Commission.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: The purpose of this veto was to encourage the commission to reduce costs by partnering with other agencies for administrative and back-office functions. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 94-21
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 10. June 26, 2013 – Veto 31 – Lee County Bus Shop.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto targeted a proviso requiring funding for two bus shops while no other bus shops are mentioned. Not only is it an earmark but it also takes away the Superintendent’s ability to effectively run his agency. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 84-33
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 11. June 26, 2013 – Veto 61 – Cultural Visitor’s Center.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Parks Recreation and Tourism Department did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 87-30
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 12. June 26, 2013 – Veto 62 – Benjamin Mays Historical Preservation Site.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Department of Archives and History did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 62-58 and then unfortunately overridden 80-35. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 13. June 26, 2013 – Veto 63 – Sandy Island Boat Ramp.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Department of Transportation did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 80-39.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm
- 14. June 26, 2013 – Veto 64 – Security Lighting Upgrade.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Budget and Control Board did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 92-26.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj13/20130626.htm

- 15. June 17, 2014 – Veto 34 – Greenville Children’s Museum.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark for the Greenville Children’s Museum. There are children’s museums around the state that do not receive state funding – much less earmarks in the budget. Projects like this should stand on their own merit and not receive taxpayer money. Items like this in the budget speak to the truth that compromise in the legislature is, “I’ll vote for your project if you vote for mine.” The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 91-20.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 16. June 17, 2014 – Veto 35 – Woodrow Wilson Family Home.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark for the Woodrow Wilson’s Family Home. There are historical homes in all corners of South Carolina that do not receive an earmark in the budget. Instead of funding via political favors there are other ways for places like this to raise money. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 94-23.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 17. June 17, 2014 – Veto 55 – Sports Development Fund.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed \$2 million for grants to youth sports organizations. Funding youth sports is not a core function of state government and should not be in the budget. Sadly, this is one more example of how legislators spend your hard earned tax dollars on pet projects instead of returning them to you. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 98-19.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 18. June 17, 2014 – Veto 57 – Football Exhibition Games.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark spending hundreds of thousands of your dollars on football exhibition games. These games are an opportunity for college players from around the nation to play in front of professional scouts. This clearly is not a core function of government. If these games are worthwhile they should be self sustaining. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 94-22.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 19. June 17, 2014 – Veto 59 – Southeastern Wildlife Expo.** H. 4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have taken \$200,000 of taxpayer dollars away from an event large enough to pay the director a six-figure salary. The state should not be in the business of supporting festivals or expositions. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 91-27.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 20. June 17, 2014 – Veto 72 – Cherry Grove FFA Roof.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed funds for a Future Farmers of America Camp in Myrtle Beach. None of the buildings at this facility are state owned and should not be repaired using state funds. These funds could have gone to repair roads and bridges. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 98-18.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/hj14/20140617.htm
- 21. June 17, 2014 – Veto 76 – In District Pay Raise.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto removed the \$12,000 raise that legislators tried to sneak into the budget. Instead hiding it in the budget, the legislature should introduce a bill that raises their pay and debate it in the open. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 73-39 and then unfortunately overridden 73-29. Lawmakers that flipped or voted on correctly on first vote and walked on the second vote were penalized accordingly.
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