



SC Legislative News

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The second year of the two-year legislative session is winding down today, with the Legislature required to adjourn Sine Die at 5pm. Legislators will return on June 18th to adopt conference committee reports and address other measures in the Sine Die resolution, and on June 26th to finalize any outstanding legislative business and address any budget vetoes from Governor McMaster. While it is likely that the FY 24-25 budget will be finalized in June, it is too early to tell the fates of other legislation, like [S.915](#), the bill that would restructure the state's healthcare agencies; [S.408](#), a bill that would require one hour of suicide prevention training as a portion of the total continuing education requirements for licensure for counselors and social workers; and [H.4624](#), a bill banning gender affirming care for minors.

Friday, May 10th is a state holiday, so a legislative update will not go out. Instead, look for one in your inbox next week!

Save the Date! On Wednesday, May 15, from 11am to 1pm, SCDMH will hold its annual "Meet SCDMH" event at the Central Administration building on Bull Street. Invite your colleagues and your community to come learn more about SCDMH's services!

Visit the SC State House [website](#) to read any legislation of interest, [find out who represents you in the SC House and SC Senate](#), or to contact your legislators.