

State House News: June 5th – 9th

June 9, 2017

Sen. **Richard Cash** (R-Anderson), who was elected to fill Lt. Gov. **Kevin Bryant's** (R) vacant Senate seat, was sworn in June 6 and cast his first votes on the Senate floor on June 6.

Rep. **Ronald "Ronnie" Young** (R-Aiken) was also sworn in on June 6 to fill the vacant seat left after former Rep. Chris Corley's resignation. Rep. **Seth Whipper** (D-Charleston) leaves another vacancy in the House after his resignation to [accept a position as a magistrate](#).

Budget Awaits Action by Governor

The conference report on the state's budget was [approved by the House and Senate on June 6](#), and now awaits action by Gov. **Henry McMaster** (R). The governor has until midnight on Monday, June 12 to veto any provisions. The final budget includes the funding necessary to complete the plan to help shore up the state's ailing pension system that passed earlier in the year. If no vetoes are submitted by the deadline, the budget as passed takes effect July 1, 2017.

Legislature Strips Power from State College Oversight Agency

The final budget conference report also includes the provision that removes the Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) power to review the state colleges' capital improvement project proposals. Unless vetoed by the governor, these projects will now be reviewed by the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

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