



January 31, 2017

TO: Members of the South Carolina House

RE: H.3427 – Computer Science Coursework (Support)
H.3220 – EEDA Coordinating Council (Support)
H.3221 – Statewide Fiscal Accountability (Support)

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of the following bills designed to strengthen our state's education system and fill our workforce pipeline:

- H.3427 which enacts the South Carolina Computer Science Education Initiative and requires public high schools and charter high schools to offer computer science coursework. Technical education is crucial as the business community seeks to build our state's workforce.
- H.3220 which reinstates the Coordinating Council for the South Carolina Education and Economic Development Act. The Coordinating Council fosters necessary partnership and collaboration between our state's education system and the business community.
- H.3221 which requires the Department of Education to develop and adopt a statewide program for identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions. This legislation would provide for additional oversight of local school districts and encourage accountability in our state's K-12 education system.

Please note that the Chamber will score **your votes on H.3427, H.3220, and H.3221** in the *2017 Legislative Scorecard*.

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