



2011-2012 Legislative Session Agenda

The House Republicans were trusted by South Carolina's voters during the 2010 election to enact conservative reforms to create jobs, reform government, and make our state a better place to live. The House Republicans will fight for the conservative values we share with our constituents. Next to each is the name of a member of the Caucus who is the point person for that piece of legislation.

Create Jobs in a Stronger Economy

- **Lawsuit Abuse Reform** – The Caucus will fight to protect our state's businesses from the threat of an unjustified, debilitating lawsuit, while preserving everyone's access to our legal system. *(Chairman Harrison)*
- **"Bill Wylie Entrepreneurship Act"** – This legislation will allow "Angel Investors" to claim an income tax credit for providing funding to small business start-ups in our state. *(Reps. Loftis, Stringer)*
- **"Point of Sale"** – Reforming our Point of Sale reassessment requirements will jump-start our real estate market. *(Rep. Merrill)*

Improving Education

- **Education Funding Reform** – Making education funding more equitable is a priority for our state. *(Chairman Cooper)*
- **Charter School law revisions** – Ensuring a healthy and vibrant charter school choice for parents is essential for a strong education system in our state. *(Chairman Owens)*

Transparency and Government Reform

- **On the Record Voting** – The House will again approve a statute providing for more recorded votes. *(Rep. Ballentine)*
- **Higher Education Transparency** – The Caucus will fight to open the books of state colleges and universities. *(Speaker Harrell)*
- **Agency Restructuring** – We will search for cost savings and operational efficiency in state agencies. *(Maj. Leader Bingham)*
- **Spending Caps** – The House Republicans will pass spending caps for the sixth time in 15 years. *(Rep. Garry Smith)*
- **Voter ID** – Voters should be required to present a photo ID a proof of their identity when they vote. *(Rep. Clemmons)*
- **Shorten the Legislative Session** – The House will work to shorten the legislative session, work more efficiently, and save taxpayers money. *(Maj. Leader Bingham)*

Pro-Life Protections – *(Rep. Delleney)*

- **Born Alive legislation** – This legislation ensures that babies born alive after an abortion procedure must be saved.
- **Freedom of Conscience Act** – This Act will require healthcare providers to not be held liable if they do not provide a service that is against their conscience.
- **Obamacare Abortion Opt-Out** – S.C. Doctors will not be required to perform abortions if required to by Obamacare.

Limiting Government Power

- **Repeal Amendment** – A federal constitutional amendment where two-thirds of states can vote to repeal a federal law. *(Speaker Harrell)*
- **Taxpayer Bill of Rights** – We will expand and update our state's Taxpayer Bill of Rights to ensure law-abiding taxpayers are treated with respect by government agencies. *(Rep. Murrell Smith)*
- **Regulatory Reform** – The General Assembly must vote, up or down, new agency regulations. *(Rep. Bedingfield)*

Illegal Immigration Reform – *(Rep. Bedingfield)*