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South Carolina ETV and Public Radio provides comprehensive coverage of the 2026 legislative session

COLUMBIA, S.C. – South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) will offer extensive, accessible and transparent coverage of the 2026 legislative session which begins on Jan. 13. Through a combination of live broadcasts, in-depth reporting and livestreaming, SCETV continues its longstanding commitment to ensuring citizens remain informed and engaged with the decisions that shape the state's future.

[State House Today](#) delivers live coverage of the South Carolina House and Senate every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on ETV World. Broadcasting from the Statehouse in Columbia, the program provides real-time access to debates, decisions and votes, giving viewers a direct look at the legislative process. This year, SCETV reporters will also be providing updates on what to expect each day of the legislative session during the live broadcast, offering audiences added context and insight before proceedings begin. Viewers can watch ETV World using an over-the-air antenna, by streaming live on the [SCETV website](#) or by checking their cable provider's channel listings for ETV World (ETVW).

Complementing this live coverage, the [State House Gavel](#) is a daily online reporting blog scheduled to publish each morning Tuesday through Friday while lawmakers are in session. Journalists Gavin Jackson and Maayan Schechter offer timely, contextual reporting on legislative actions, debates and discussions to help South Carolinians stay informed about policies that have potential to impact their daily lives.

Coverage extends beyond the Statehouse chamber through programs such as [This Week in South Carolina](#), airing Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on ETV, providing a recap of the week's top headlines, and the [South Carolina Lede](#) podcast available on Saturdays and Tuesdays, offering in-depth discussions on public policy topics statewide. SCETV will also host a live taping of both programs at the SCETV studio in Columbia on Jan. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives Murrell Smith in a conversation with host Gavin Jackson and Maayan Schechter previewing the 2026 legislative session. The event is free and open to the public, with limited seating available and early [registration](#) encouraged. SC Public Radio also provides ongoing reporting during the legislative session during *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and through digital stories on the [SC Public Radio website](#). Audiences can also follow SCETV's legislative reporting and updates on the [SCETV News YouTube channel](#) and the [SCETV Facebook page](#).

As South Carolina's trusted source for public affairs programming and government transparency, SCETV remains committed to keeping citizens informed by providing access to important news and information. In collaboration with the South Carolina Legislative Services Agency, SCETV [livestreams](#) daily legislative activity from the House and Senate chambers, four Senate committee rooms and 15 House committee rooms. Beyond legislative proceedings, SCETV livestreams a range of public meetings, including the State Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and the Public Service Commission, reinforcing its commitment to providing open access to government activity across the state.

SCETV will continue its support of transparency in government by broadcasting and streaming the *2026 Gubernatorial State of the State* address in January live on television and radio as well as online. Governor Henry McMaster will outline his priorities for the 2026 legislative session before a joint session of the General Assembly in the South Carolina House Chambers. The Democratic message will follow the address, along with interviews with various members of the state legislature. More details on the *2026 Gubernatorial State of the State* address will be released in January.

For more information and the latest legislative updates, including livestreams, on-demand content and news coverage, visit [SCETV.org/news](https://www.scetv.org/news).

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“SCETV remains committed to delivering clear and accessible information about the work taking place in state government. Each legislative session, the agency strengthens its coverage to help residents stay informed about the decisions that guide South Carolina’s future. Through *State House Today*, *State House Gavel* and comprehensive public affairs programming, SCETV continues its role as a trusted source for vital legislative updates.” –**SCETV President and CEO Adrienne Fairwell**

“Expanding SCETV’s legislative reporting ensures that audiences receive timely, reliable information about the issues shaping communities statewide. With a skilled team of journalists and a strong presence at the Statehouse, we provide context and insight that help South Carolinians understand the impact of the policies being debated.” –**SCETV News Director Darryl Huger**

“Transparency is central to SCETV’s mission. By offering consistent coverage of the legislative process, including livestreams, meetings and daily reporting, the agency ensures that residents have meaningful access to the actions and discussions taking place in the Statehouse. This work supports an informed public and strengthens civic understanding.” –**SCETV Director of Government Transparency and Public Affairs Aimee Crouch**

“Covering the Statehouse offers an opportunity to explain both the day-to-day activity and the broader implications of policy debates. Through *State House Today*, *This Week in South Carolina* and the *South Carolina Lede*, SCETV provides essential context that helps audiences follow legislative developments and understand how these decisions affect the state.” –**South Carolina Lede and This Week in South Carolina Host Gavin Jackson**

“Legislative decisions shape every corner of the state, and SCETV is dedicated to making sure residents understand what’s happening inside the Statehouse. The *State House Gavel* helps deliver timely, dependable updates from the chamber and committee rooms, ensuring the public has access to the information they need.” –**SCETV Reporter Maayan Schechter**

FAST FACTS

- SCETV extensive, accessible and transparent coverage of the 2026 legislative session beginning Jan. 13. through live broadcasts, in-depth reporting and digital streaming.
- Broadcasting live every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on ETV World, *State House Today* delivers real-time coverage of South Carolina House and Senate sessions.
- The *State House Gavel* offers daily online updates from Statehouse reporters Gavin Jackson and Maayan Schechter.
- SCETV provides additional legislative coverage with programs like [This Week in South Carolina](#) and the [South Carolina Lede](#) podcast.
- Access SCETV’s latest legislative updates, including livestreams, on-demand content and news coverage, by visiting [SCETV.org/news](https://www.scetv.org/news).

About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is the state’s public educational broadcasting network. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *The Know Show*, *Making It Grow* and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *Books By The River*, *After Action*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South* and *Southern Songwriters with Patrick Davis*.

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