

Tomorrow, the SC House Education K-12 subcommittee will discuss a bill that makes it harder for families to enroll children in school.

H. 3866 will be discussed on Wednesday, March 3, 2026, at in Room 433 of the Blatt Building (one hour after House adjourns).

Read on to find out more about what this bill really does, and why it is potentially harmful to South Carolina students and families.



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H. 3866

This bill requires all adults enrolling children in school in South Carolina to have one of the following at the time of enrollment:

- SC driver's license
- other form of ID containing a photograph issued by the SCDMV
- United States passport
- military identification containing a photograph issued by the US government
- SC voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter



Unintended Consequences

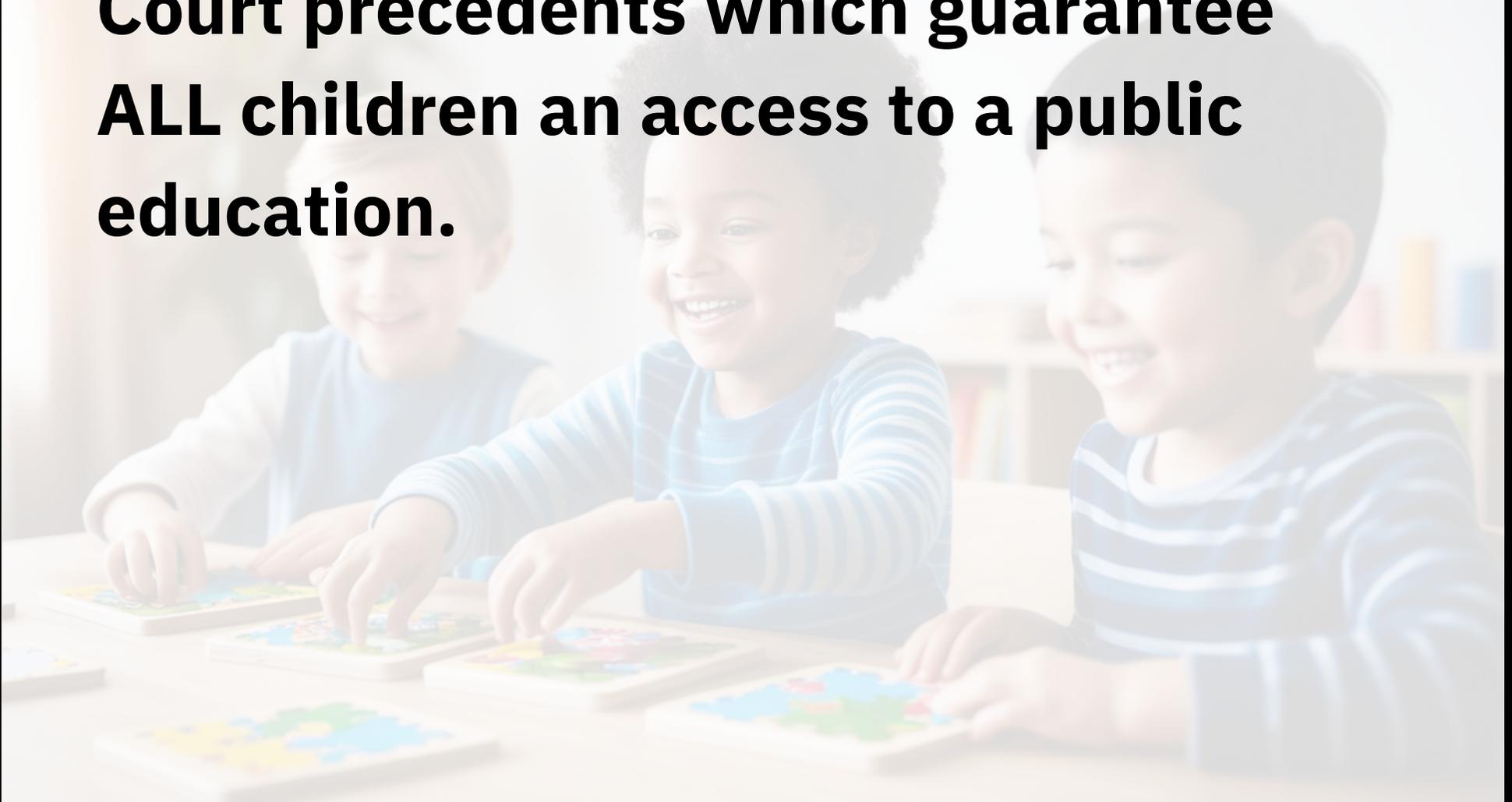
In addition to targeting children of immigrants, the bill will likely make it difficult for many South Carolinians of all statuses to enroll children in schools.

*Many **poor, rural, and elderly residents** do not have access to passports and other government-issued documents. For example, only about half of Americans currently have passports. Many documented immigrants or permanent residents may also not have access to these.*



Who wants this?

National political organizations like the **Heritage Foundation (authors of Project 2025)** are a major force behind bills like H. 3866, which are being filed across the country. The goal is to **challenge existing laws and Supreme Court precedents which guarantee ALL children an access to a public education.**



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Plyler v Doe (1982)

Supreme Court Case

The Court found that states **cannot prevent children of undocumented immigrants from attending public schools** “unless a substantial state interest is involved”.

This law seems designed to provoke a challenge against this long-established protection for children, regardless of their families’ immigration or citizenship status.

Bottom Line

All children need and deserve access to an education, as required by the State Constitution and by federal precedent.

Please contact subcommittee members (on the next slide) before tomorrow's meeting and urge them to protect ALL students and families! If possible, please attend the meeting IN PERSON to show solidarity with all SC families.

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