

WHAT IS DACA? ECONOMICS OF SC DREAMERS



DACA WAS RESCINDED IN SEPTEMBER 2017

However, due to a Federal Court ruling, USCIS is temporarily accepting renewal applications, **ONLY**, leaving thousands of DACA eligible youth undocumented.

DREAMERS are young immigrants who came to this country as undocumented children and were raised, educated, and have lived in the US most of their lives.

DACA Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Those with DACA status are allowed to study, work, pay taxes, and have a driver's license.

DACA was not a law. It wasn't immigration reform. It didn't lead to citizenship or legal status. It was a temporary protection for undocumented immigrants brought to the United States by their parents before the age of 16 and who were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012. The cost of a DACA application was \$495 and had to be renewed every 2 years.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since it was enacted in June 2012, DACA helped nearly **7,000** South Carolinians increase their social and economic impact, strengthening our communities and our nation.

South Carolina currently faces a workforce crisis:

- There are only **6 unemployed in SC for every 10 jobs** needing workers, so out-of-state workers fill the gap.
- At the end of 2018, SC workforce participation was only **58.7%** of our population - the **4th worst in the nation**.
- SC Dreamers are barred from working in **more than 40 occupations** requiring state licensure, including manufacturing, nursing, and teaching.

South Carolina stands to lose \$430.7 million in annual economic contributions if we do not allow our SC Dreamers to work and contribute to our economy.



UNMET POTENTIAL

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STRENGTHEN SC



DACA professionals still struggle in SC, where they cannot participate in the workforce to their full potential because professional licenses are not awarded to them.



South Carolina is one of only two states that refuse in-state tuition to DACA recipients.

DACA helped its recipients achieve milestones typically associated with the American dream, such as pursuing higher education, earning better wages to support their families, and buying homes.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF SC HOUSE BILL H.3404?

Sponsored by SC Rep. Neal Collins, District 5

This current legislative proposal would allow Dreamers to qualify for in-state college tuition, state sponsored scholarships, and state professional licenses. Below is a list of legislators that are co-sponsoring H.3404 (as of 3/2019) and ask your representative or organization to speak out in favor of education and jobs for Dreamers.

SC House Districts	SC Representative	SC House Districts	SC Representative
90	Justin T. Bamberg (D)	49	John King (D)
78	Beth Bernstein (D)	31	Rosalyn Henderson-Myers (D)
70	Wendy Brawley (D)	120	Weston Newton (R)
3	Gary Clary (R)	44	Mandy Powers Norrel (D)
66	Gilda Cobb-Hunter (D)	113	Marvin Pendarvis (D)
124	Shannon Erickson (R)	72	Seth Rose (D)
39	Cal Forrest (R)	74	Todd Rutherford (D)
54	Pat Henegan (D)	79	Ivory Thigpen (D)
118	Bill Herbkersman (R)	70	Will Wheeler (D)

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