

**Rules of the House
of Representatives,**

**Committee Chairperson's
Manual and Committee
Rules,**

and

**Joint Rules of the
House and Senate
of the
State of Arkansas**

**The Honorable Matthew J. Shepherd
Speaker of the House**

Ninety-Third General Assembly

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1 proposed by the author of the bill, if the
2 Speaker deems such matter to be non-contro-
3 versial. The Speaker of the House shall main-
4 tain the consent calendar. Provided, that a list
5 of bills and other matters on the consent calen-
6 dar which are to be considered on a particular
7 day shall be circulated among the members of
8 the House of Representatives the day prior to
9 the date on which the consent calendar is to be
10 considered. If as many as five (5) members ob-
11 ject to a bill or other matter on the consent cal-
12 endar being considered as non-controversial,
13 the Speaker of the House shall remove the same
14 from the consent calendar and shall place it on
15 the regular calendar of the House business.
16 When deemed advisable, in addition to the reg-
17 ular calendar and the consent calendar, the
18 Speaker may provide for a supplemental calen-
19 dar on which shall be placed bills and resolu-
20 tions and other matters as requested by the
21 members for consideration. The list of bills,
22 resolutions and other matters on the suppl-
23 mental calendar for consideration on a particu-
24 lar day shall be circulated among the members
25 of the House. If as many as five (5) members
26 object to a bill, resolution or any other matter
27 on the supplemental calendar the same shall be
28 removed and placed on the regular House cal-
29 endar for consideration consistent with the
30 wishes of the House. No bill or resolution may
31 be placed for consideration on any more than

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1 one (1) House calendar, supplemental calen-
2 dars excepted.
3 71. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the elected
4 membership of the House of Representatives
5 shall be necessary to remove a bill from a com-
6 mittee. A bill may be reported by a committee
7 at any time as provided by the House Rules ex-
8 cept for bills introduced after the fiftieth (50th)
9 day of the Regular Session, or during a special
10 session, which shall, upon written request by
11 the author, be acted on at the next regular meet-
12 ing of the committee, but committees may de-
13 lay final action on a bill by a majority vote of
14 the committee.
15 72.(a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
16 no action may be taken in the House Commit-
17 tee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor or on
18 the Floor of the House of Representatives on
19 any bill that provides for licensure of any pro-
20 fession, occupation or class of health care pro-
21 viders not currently licensed or expands the
22 scope of practice of any profession, occupa-
23 tion, or class of health care providers unless the
24 House Committee on Public Health, Welfare
25 and Labor has initiated a study of the feasibility
26 of such legislation at least thirty (30) days prior
27 to convening the next legislative session.
28 72.(b) A bill providing for the licensure of
29 any profession, occupation, or class of health
30 care providers not currently licensed or ex-

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1 panding the scope of any practice of any pro-
2 fession, occupation, or class of health care pro-
3 viders may be acted upon without the initiation
4 of a feasibility study required in subsection (a)
5 upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House Pub-
6 lic Health, Welfare and Labor Committee
7 membership.
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9 73. All measures involving a tax or an ap-
10 propriation of money, or property, may be first
11 considered in a Committee of the Whole,
12 amendments can be offered in the Committee
13 of the Whole.
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15 74. The Speaker of the House, in setting the
16 calendar of budgets or appropriation bills to be
17 considered in the House shall, from time to
18 time, confer with the chairperson of the House
19 Budget Committee on the appropriation bills
20 pending and may designate specific days or
21 times to be set aside in the House to be devoted
22 solely to consideration of appropriation bills
23 and other budget matters. At least by the end
24 of business on the previous day before any ap-
25 propriation bill is to be considered by the
26 House, the chairperson of the House Budget
27 Committee shall cause to be prepared and
28 placed on each member's desk a listing of ap-
29 propriation bills to be considered in the Com-
30 mittee of the Whole or the House, broken down
31 as follows:

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1 74.(a) Appropriation bills sponsored by the
2 Joint Budget Committee or the House Budget
3 Committee, prepared in accordance with Leg-
4 islative Council recommendations;
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6 74.(b) All other appropriation bills spon-
7 sored by the Joint Budget Committee or the
8 House Budget Committee which were not con-
9 sidered by the Legislative Council;

10 74.(c) Bills introduced by members of the
11 House (or Senate) that shall have been recom-
12 mended by the Joint Budget Committee or the
13 House Budget Committee "do pass" or "do
14 pass as amended"; and

15 74.(d) Appropriation bills amended in the
16 Senate without Joint Budget Committee or
17 House Budget Committee action. The afore-
18 mentioned list of appropriation bills shall in-
19 clude the number of the bill, the author of the
20 bill, and the name and agency and/or program
21 for which the appropriation is to be made. In
22 the event the Joint Budget Committee or the
23 House Budget Committee recommendations in
24 regard to the appropriation shall differ, in any
25 respect, from the recommendations made by
26 the Legislative Council in regard thereto, said
27 list shall identify each such change in the ap-
28 propriation bill which differs from the recom-
29 mendation of the Legislative Council.

30 75. In forming a Committee of the Whole
31 House, the Speaker may leave his or her chair
after appointing a chairperson to preside, who

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Introduction of Health Care Legislation
Section 15. (A) Any proposed legislation affecting the licensure of any profession, occupation, or class of health care providers not currently licensed, or expanding the scope of practice of any profession, occupation, or class of health care providers to be considered by the General Assembly at a regular biennial session shall be introduced in the General Assembly during the first fifteen (15) calendar days of a regular biennial session.

(B) No such bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth (15th) day of a regular biennial session unless its introduction is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the full membership of each house of the General Assembly.

(C) The Senate and the House, and committees of the Senate and House, shall take no action on any such bill for an additional fifteen (15) calendar days after the fifteen (15) calendar day deadline for introduction of such bills has passed.

Method of Preparing Bills and Resolutions - Automated Bill Preparation System

Section 16. (A) No bill or resolution, as defined herein, shall be accepted for introduction by clerks of the Senate or of the House of Representatives unless such bill or resolution

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has been prepared for introduction by an automated bill preparation system developed by the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(1) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall establish and operate, in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the House of Representatives and the Senate, an automated bill preparation system in which all bills and resolutions, as defined herein, shall be prepared for introduction. Such system shall be designed in a manner which will permit either or both houses of the General Assembly to install compatible and interconnecting electronic equipment for the preparation of bills and resolutions in the same format as prepared by the Bureau of Legislative Research for introduction in either house of the General Assembly.

(2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives access by electronic medium to the central bill files in which bills and resolutions recorded in the automated bill preparation system are stored, to enable the engrossing rooms of the respective houses to have ready access thereto for enrollment of engrossed amendments adopted to such bills and resolutions.

(3) As used herein:

(a) "resolutions" shall mean all resolutions prepared for introduction which require the concurrence of both houses of the

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