

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
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Friday, March 10, 2017
09:00 AM
Room 272, State Capitol
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Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
 Sen. Eddie Cheatham, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Stephanie Flowers
 Sen. Missy Irvin

Sen. David J. Sanders
 Sen. John Cooper
 Sen. Scott Flipppo
 Sen. Lance Eads

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS, Friday, March 10, 2017

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB612	Irvin	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WAIVE OR SUBSTITUTE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAUMA SYSTEMS.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS, Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB522	E. Cheatham	TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY; AND TO MAKE THE PILOT PROGRAM ON COVERAGE FOR MORBID OBESITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT A PERMANENT PROGRAM.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB311	B. Johnson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006; TO ALLOW PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESSES THE OPTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING.
HB1434	Collins	TO CREATE THE SEX DISCRIMINATION BY ABORTION PROHIBITION ACT.
SB355	B. King	TO TERMINATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "PRIVATE OPTION" AND THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.
HB1264	Pilkington	TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED.
HB1183	Dotson	TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.
SB364	D. Sanders	TO SIMPLIFY AND MODERNIZE THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
SB434	B. King	TO REMOVE THE ENROLLMENT CAPS IN THE LIVING CHOICES ASSISTED LIVING MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.
SB439	Teague	CONCERNING FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.
HB1501	McCollum	TO MODIFY AND REPEAL LANGUAGE REFERENCING THE SUPERSEDED ELDERCHOICES PROGRAM.

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HB1566	Hammer	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS.
SB488	A. Clark	TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN GAMBLING DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1586	Payton	TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT NO. 4 OF 1948; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB285	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006 TO INCLUDE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE WITHIN THE DEFINITIONS OF SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE.
HB1465	Miller	TO CREATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB524	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND THE POWERS OF THE HVACR LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF HVACR WORKERS.
SB564	D. Sanders	TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF HEALTHCARE FRAUD; AND TO UPDATE THE MEDICAID FRAUD ACT AND THE MEDICAID FRAUD FALSE CLAIMS ACT.
SB566	D. Sanders	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE FUND.
HB1436	House	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING EXPIRATION DATES OF LICENSES AND REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
HB1584	House	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING A TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR A DISPENSARY OR CULTIVATION FACILITY.
SB238	Rapert	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1371	House	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES.
SB601	Hester	TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS PREVAILING WAGE LAW; AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
SB606	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROFESSION OF COSMETOLOGY; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOLS OF COSMETOLOGY; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENSING.
SB613	J. Cooper	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF ASSESSMENT GRANTS FOR POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES FOR THE FACILITATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT; AND CERTAIN RELATED TRUST FUNDS.
SB615	Bond	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BIRTH REGISTRATIONS AND NEW CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH.
SB635	J. Hutchinson	TO EXEMPT OWNER-OPERATORS AND CONTRACTED DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYMENT" FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
SB641	Rapert	TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE.
SB649	Teague	TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTS IN ARKANSAS.
SB652	D. Sanders	TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO EMPLOYERS TO DETERMINE THE MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR INJURIES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO 13.
SB654	D. Sanders	TO CREATE THE VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM TO REWARD ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND DEMONSTRATE EXCEPTIONAL, SUSTAINED ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE.

[SB674](#) Irvin TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".

[SB675](#) Irvin TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND TO CLARIFY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PAYMENT FOR A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CALCULATED UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

[SB682](#) D. Sanders TO CLARIFY WORKERS' COMPENSATION DEATH AND PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY PAYMENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT NO.4 OF 1948

[SB695](#) Collins-Smith TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A FRANCHISOR AND FRANCHISEE REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE".

[SB696](#) Hester TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".

[SB704](#) Elliott TO AMEND THE CHRONIC INTRACTABLE PAIN TREATMENT ACT, ARKANSAS CODE § 17-95-701 ET SEQ.; AND TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TREATING SICKLE CELL DISEASE TO PHYSICIANS.

[SB717](#) Irvin TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; TO AMEND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES; AND TO CLARIFY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PAYMENT CALCULATED UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.

[SB721](#) Rapert TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".

[SB722](#) Rapert TO ENACT CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

[SB730](#) Elliott TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BARBERS.

[SB733](#) A. Clark TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD WELFARE NETWORK HOTLINE AND CHILD WELFARE NETWORK MISCONDUCT REGISTRY.

[SB735](#) A. Clark TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A NAME ON THE CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY.

[SB744](#) D. Sanders CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN DISEASES.

[SB745](#) Flippo TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND STATE EMPLOYEES FROM FACILITATING OR PAYING FOR ABORTIONS ON WOMEN WHO ARE IN STATE CUSTODY.

[SB755](#) J. Hendren TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHY CENTURY TRUST FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[SB756](#) J. Cooper TO IMPLEMENT COST SAVINGS AND MANAGE GROWTH IN OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION TO PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE.

[SB764](#) Irvin TO ESTABLISH A STROKE REGISTRY.

[SB765](#) Irvin TO HARMONIZE THE INTERPRETATION OF FEDERAL MEDICAID REGULATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL IN REGARDS TO PROVIDER AUDITS.

[SB769](#) D. Sanders TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND MARIJUANA DISPENSING DATA TO THE ARKANSAS ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE.

[SB779](#) Bledsoe TO AUTOMATE AND COORDINATE THE LONG-TERM CARE AND ADULT MALTREATMENT AND CHILD MALTREATMENT REGISTRIES TO CREATE GREATER EFFICIENCIES TO IMPROVE PROCESSING TIMES AND CONSISTENCY IN PROCESSES.

[HB1460](#) Wing TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY.

[HB1626](#) Pilkington TO AMEND THE PROHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

[HB1721](#) Davis TO AMEND THE LAW TO MAKE THE REGISTRATION OF ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS OPTIONAL; TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND.

SB592	J. Hutchinson	TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO USE THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND FOR PERSONAL SERVICES.
SB593	J. Cooper	TO REFORM THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.
SB672	Irvin	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL LICENSURE FOR PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS.
SB676	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE DECISIONS ACT.
SB678	Irvin	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PEER REVIEW FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.
SB786	K. Ingram	TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REGARDING RESPITE CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1613	Barker	TO EXEMPT A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN FROM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT MALTREATMENT, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENT MALTREATMENT.
HB1669	Bragg	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COLLECTION, DEPOSIT, AND USE OF AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEES.
HB1745	A. Mayberry	TO REENACT AND UPDATE THE LAW CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE ON ALPHA-GAL.
HB1813	Hillman	TO PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT OF RABIES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.
HB1901	Bentley	TO CREATE THE VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE ACT.
HB1919	Boyd	TO CODIFY THE PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF RULES IMPACTING STATE MEDICAID COSTS; AND TO EXEMPT MEDICAL CODES FROM THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
SB227	Rapert	AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT; TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT IN THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.
HB1405	Lundstrum	TO AMEND LAWS RELEVANT TO UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND UNEMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB354	D. Sanders	TO AUTHORIZE ELEVATOR SAFETY TESTS TO BE WITNESSED BY PRIVATE SECTOR LICENSED INSPECTORS; TO ELIMINATE THE SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS; AND TO IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT OF ELEVATOR SAFETY LAWS.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1437	D. Ferguson	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TELEMEDICINE; AND TO CREATE THE TELEMEDICINE ACT.
SB109	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.
SB171	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
SB350	B. Sample	TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES TO ACCOMMODATE A PHYSICIAN REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION TO MAINTAIN OR OBTAIN A SPECIALTY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE TO COUNTERACT THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE.
SB302	Irvin	TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO PROMULGATE RULES REQUIRING PRACTITIONERS TO ACCESS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
SB603	Files	TO PROVIDE NECESSARY MEDICAID FUNDING TO COVER INCREASES IN COSTS INCURRED BY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[SB604](#)

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TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT ADEQUACY COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR REVIEWS OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.