

AGENDA
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15 MINUTES UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE
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 Flippo
Sen. Lance Eads

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.
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.
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.
SB488	A. Clark	TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN GAMBLING DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1550	Davis	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND THE NONMUNICIPAL DOMESTIC SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TRUST FUND.
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.

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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.
SB615	Bond	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BIRTH REGISTRATIONS AND NEW CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH.
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
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.
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.
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.
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.
HB1851	Hammer	TO AUTHORIZE A REGISTERED NURSE EMPLOYED BY HOSPICE TO SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECEIVING HOSPICE SERVICES AND WHO DIES AS A HOSPICE PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL.
HB2067	Hammer	TO CREATE THE PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE INTERDISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE.
HB1706	Pilkington	TO CREATE THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; TO DESIGNATE THAT A RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION IS AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

DEFERRED

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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	Files	TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT ADEQUACY COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR REVIEWS OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1035	Bentley	TO RESTRICT PURCHASES USING FOOD STAMP BENEFITS; AND TO REQUIRE RECIPIENTS OF FOOD STAMPS TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO USE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS.