

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
10:00 AM
Room 272, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. David Wallace

Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Clint Penzo
Sen. Justin Boyd
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1082	Pilkington	TO ESTABLISH THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB138	Irvin	TO REPEAL THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT OF CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS IN WHICH A PREGNANCY OF A WOMAN KNOWN TO BE PREGNANT IS WILLFULLY TERMINATED OR ABORTED; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1006	Pilkington	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING EMPLOYMENT; AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PAID MATERNITY LEAVE.
HB1340	Tosh	REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER REGARDING CERTAIN VETERAN DISABILITY BENEFITS IF ALLOWED UNDER FEDERAL LAW.
SB264	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD; AND TO REMOVE A RACIAL REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK LICENSING BOARD.
HB1115	Maddox	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS OF A MASTER MASSAGE THERAPIST WITHIN THE MASSAGE THERAPY ACT.
HB1334	T. Shephard	TO CREATE THE RESTROOM ACCESS ACT; AND TO ALLOW RESTROOM ACCESS TO CUSTOMERS WITH CERTAIN ELIGIBLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS.
SB274	J. Petty	TO RESTRICT WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND LEGEND DRUGS FROM LIMITING OR TERMINATING SALES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO CERTAIN LICENSED PROFESSIONALS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB279	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE TO DISCIPLINE ACT; AND TO BROADEN THE ALTERNATIVE TO DISCIPLINE ACT TO APPLY TO NON-NURSES REGULATED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING.

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SB265	J. Boyd	TO CREATE THE HOSPITAL PHARMACY CONTINUITY OF CARE ENDORSEMENT TO ALLOW HOSPITALS TO DISPENSE OUTPATIENT MEDICATIONS FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS.
SB288	Irvin	REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAW; TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO CERTAIN PERMITS; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CERTAIN PERMIT FEES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING APPOINTMENTS ON THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATED TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS.
SB289	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW; AND TO AMEND AN EXCLUSION FROM THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYMENT" WITHIN THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
SB291	Dees	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY RESULTING FROM A TRAUMATIC HEAD INJURY; AND TO TRANSFER THE CENTRAL REGISTRY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS – WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2023

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB79	K. Hammer	TO ALLOW FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY FOR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS; AND TO ALLOW EXPERIENCE IN ANOTHER STATE TO QUALIFY.
SB82	D. Sullivan	TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSING OF CONTACT LENSES.
SB86	C. Penzo	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSURE ACT.
SB88	M. Johnson	TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB91	K. Hammer	TO ESTABLISH THE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.
HB1181	Haak	TO ESTABLISH THE COUNSELING COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB92	K. Hammer	TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB113	B. Davis	TO ENSURE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ARE PROPERLY REIMBURSED BY THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTION IMMEDIATELY AND DURING POSTPARTUM.
SB130	C. Penzo	TO REMOVE THE REIMBURSEMENT CAP ON PEDIATRIC BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT SERVICES WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB139	J. Bryant	TO REQUIRE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM COVER AUTHORIZED PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS.
SB112	J. Boyd	TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO BE IDENTIFIED AS A TREATING PROVIDER FOR INSURANCE BILLING AND CLAIMS AND TO BILL AND RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PROVIDED HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

[SB236](#)

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TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE FOR PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS.

[SB278](#)

B. King

TO TERMINATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME PROGRAM; AND TO TRANSFER ALL BENEFICIARIES IN THE ARKANSAS HOME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME PROGRAM TO THE TRADITIONAL ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.