

AGENDA
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
10:00 AM
Room 130, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Josh Miller

Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray
Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Justin Boyd

Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1731	G. Hodges	TO REQUIRE COOPERATION BETWEEN CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.
HB1743	Bentley	TO PROMOTE THE PURCHASE OF HEALTHY PRODUCTS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS.
HB1775	Bentley	TO CREATE THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS ACT OF 2019.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1642	Warren	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS; AND TO REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING.
SB339	Irvin	TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF, BARRING OF, AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PHYSICIAN FOR HIS OR HER DECISION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION.
SB446	G. Leding	CONCERNING STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO TREAT METASTATIC CANCER.
HB1688	M. Gray	TO ESTABLISH COST-REPORTING FOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1265	M. Gray	TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.
HB1710	Perry	TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON TRANSPORTATION OF NONEMERGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PATIENTS.
HB1719	M. Gray	TO UPDATE THE MEDICAID FRAUD ACT AND THE MEDICAID FRAUD FALSE CLAIMS ACT TO ADDRESS FLAWS IDENTIFIED IN RECENT INVESTIGATIONS AND CHANGES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGED CARE; AND TO UPDATE THE ADULT ABUSE PENALTIES.

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SB3	T. Garner	TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY CERTAIN PHYSICIANS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FOR ABORTION COMPLICATIONS.
HB1745	L. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION ASTHMA INHALERS IN SCHOOLS DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO AUTHORIZE ACQUIRING AND STOCKING ALBUTEROL FOR ADMINISTRATION IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.
HB1771	V. Flowers	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LITTER REDUCTION AND DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING ACT; TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINERS SOLD IN ARKANSAS; TO ESTABLISH THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM.
HB1783	Fielding	TO MODIFY LABELING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; AND TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COUNSELING WHEN PRESCRIBING MEDICATIONS.
HR1047	Watson	TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND NEED FOR QUICK ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.
HB1536	D. Douglas	TO CREATE THE COMPASSIONATE CARE END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT; AND TO EXEMPT THE COMPASSIONATE CARE END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE".
HB1568	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
HB1650	Ladyman	TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT NO. 4 OF 1948; AND TO REVISE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.
HB1309	S. Meeks	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS NIGHTTIME ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT.
HB1806	McCullough	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EQUAL PAY ACT OF 2019.
HB1803	F. Allen	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH.
HB1801	L. Johnson	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER AN ADDITIONAL ALBUTEROL INHALER FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.
HB1796	Della Rosa	TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO NOTIFY ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS BEFORE APPROVAL BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
HB1761	Crawford	TO CREATE THE EGG PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT.
SB273	Bledsoe	TO CLARIFY THAT AN EXPERT WITNESS ACTING ON BEHALF OF A BOARD OF ANY PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION CLASSIFIED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A PROFESSION OF THE HEALING ARTS HAS IMMUNITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1815	Perry	TO AMEND THE DEATH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.
HB1696	Gonzales	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006; AND TO ALLOW PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESSES THE OPTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING.
HB1727	Dotson	CONCERNING COVERAGE BY AN INSURER FOR INTRAOPERATIVE NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING.
SB504	Irvin	TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALIFY OF LIFE INTERDISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE.
SB456	Irvin	TO AMEND THE EDUCATIONAL LICENSES ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.

SB443	B. Davis	TO REQUIRE DIAPER CHANGING ACCOMMODATIONS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.
SB190	G. Leding	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSURE ACT.
HB1841	L. Johnson	TO CREATE THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP; TO CREATE THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1840	D. Douglas	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED UNDER THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY (1,550); TO REMOVE THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED AT A TIME IN THE PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1827	D. Ferguson	TO REPEAL THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS NEWSPAPER RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
HB1823	Ladyman	TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE IMMUNIZED OR VACCINATED AGAINST HEPATITIS A FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1821	Murdock	TO PROVIDE FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES THAT ADDRESS THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES; TO PROVIDE FOR IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING REGULAR REVIEWS OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND METHODOLOGIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB448	G. Stubblefield	TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO HAVE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO PERFORM ABORTIONS; AND TO REPEAL THE PRESUMPTION OF VIABILITY OF A FETUS AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF PREGNANCY.
SB398	Rapert	TO MODIFY THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT.
HB1257	Boyd	TO AUTHORIZE AND CLARIFY THE METHOD OF RELEASING CLAIMS AND ENROLLMENT DATA BY HEALTH INSURERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.
HB1850	McCollum	TO ESTABLISH THE EMPOWER INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS ACT OF 2019; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE LAW IMPACTING INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; AND TO AMEND DEFINITIONS OF "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYMENT", AND "EMPLOYMENT STATUS" WITHIN TITLE 11.
HB1856	Dotson	TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM ENGAGING IN THE DECISION-MAKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE STATE REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY AND FROM EXPENDING STATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TERMINATING A PREGNANCY.
HB1857	Womack	TO INCREASE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM BENEFIT LIMIT FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING.
HB1860	D. Ferguson	TO REQUIRE REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF PATIENT TRANSFERS FROM A LAY MIDWIFE.
HB1864	D. Ferguson	TO AMEND THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TRANSPARENCY ACT; TO PROHIBIT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB278	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING ABORTION FACILITIES AND ABORTION REPORTING; TO AMEND THE BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION LAWS; AND TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT UNDER THE WOMAN'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT.
SB377	Irvin	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION FEES.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1282	Lundstrum	TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MANDATORY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO HAVE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.
SB184	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
HB1289	B. Smith	TO CREATE THE MEDICAL CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1323	D. Douglas	TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE NOT TO ADOPT RULES OR STANDARDS THAT ARE STRICTER THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED NURSING AIDES OR ASSISTANTS AND CERTIFIED NURSING AIDE OR ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS.
HB1334	Maddox	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED UNDER THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM; TO REMOVE A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED AT A TIME IN THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1232	Lowery	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING AUTHORIZED PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OF UNION DUES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO ALLOW DEDUCTIONS ONLY FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS; AND TO PROHIBIT DEDUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS.
HB1102	Sullivan	TO ADDRESS THE UNDERSERVED STATUS OF A COUNTY AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS.
HB1528	Womack	TO INCREASE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM BENEFIT LIMIT FOR DRUG TESTING AND X-RAYS.
HB1164	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.
HB1252	Magie	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.
HB1253	Magie	TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED DISPENSING OPTICIAN TO REFRACT EYES AND DISPENSE EYEGLASSES IN CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
HB1283	Gonzales	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA"; TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST; AND TO REMOVE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
HB1284	Gonzales	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
HB1274	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT.
HB1060	Lynch	TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION LICENSEES.

HB1275	Richey	TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT.
HB1649	Sullivan	TO PROVIDE FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATIENT CHOICE AND PROMOTE QUALITY OF CARE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS.
HB1451	A. Collins	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO EXCLUDE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM GROSS INCOME USED FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.