

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
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Tuesday, March 29, 2011
CALL OF CHAIR
Room 272, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Percy Malone, Chair
Sen. Randy Laverty, Vice Chair
Sen. Bill Pritchard
Sen. Jack Crumbly

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe
Sen. David Burnett
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jonathan Dismang

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB272	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FLUCTUATING WORKWEEK CALCULATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.
SB964	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE TAXABLE WAGE BASE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
SB951	J. Dismang	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ABORTION LAWS IN ARKANSAS.
SB790	P. Malone	TO REGULATE CEMETERIES.
SB880	P. Malone	TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED LOCAL REGULATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE; TO IMPLEMENT ALL STATE-LAW ASPECTS OF FEDERAL HEALTHCARE REFORM; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE.
SB904	P. Malone	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE; AND TO MAKE RELATED CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS CODE.
SB1003	P. Malone	AN ACT TO CREATE A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.
SB777	Burnett	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACT.
SB709	Irvin	AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE REFORM ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB983	Irvin	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB747	Teague	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING INSURANCE.
SB293	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO CREATE A PRESUMPTION THAT FIREFIGHTERS WHO DEVELOP CERTAIN FORMS OF CANCER DEVELOPED THOSE CANCERS THROUGH THEIR WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS.
SB778	B. Pritchard	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948 TO RESTORE THE STATUTORY INTENT OF THE 79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
SB794	B. Pritchard	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TOBACCO TREATMENT, PREVENTION, AND CESSATION.
SB924	M. Lamoureux	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
SB925	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF MEDICAID PROVIDERS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB959	Salmon	REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSES.
SB843	Rapert	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HUMAN HEARTBEAT PROTECTION ACT AND TO PROTECT UNBORN CHILDREN.

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HB1839	Nickels	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF MISCLASSIFYING EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND TO INDIRECTLY AMEND INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB2005	S. Meeks	AN ACT TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND REGISTERED VOTERS WHO LIVE WITHIN THREE MILES OF A PROPOSED NEW MOTOR VEHICLE RACING FACILITY.
HB2160	Biviano	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "NEW FULL-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEE" TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK AT HOME, AS THAT DEFINITION APPLIES TO BUSINESS INCENTIVES.
HB1991	Cozart	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS COMMITTEE AND TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS COMMITTEE.
HB1855	B. Wilkins	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FACILITIES THAT PERFORM TEN OR MORE ABORTIONS EACH MONTH SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
HB2103	King	TO CREATE AN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT CREATE A JOB AND HIRE A PERSON RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO FILL THAT JOB AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

DEFERRED BILLS

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SB830	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DENIAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.
SB808	J. Dismang	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PEER REVIEW COMMITTEES.
SB813	Bledsoe	TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT TO CONTROL THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB987	Bledsoe	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB944	S. Harrelson	TO CLARIFY THE ARKANSAS ACUPUNCTURE PRACTICES ACT, § 17-102-101 ET SEQ., AND RELATED TECHNIQUES.
SB865	S. Harrelson	TO REQUIRE AN ASBESTOS SURVEY BEFORE A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE RENOVATION OR DEMOLITION OF A PUBLIC OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND TO REGULATE THE SURVEYING AND REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS IN BUILDINGS.
SB980	J. Key	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WATER REGULATIONS.
SB87	J. Key	CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS WHEN BEING DISCHARGED FOR MISCONDUCT.
SB934	Irvin	TO PROMOTE COMPETITION, INCREASE QUALITY, AND DECREASE COSTS IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET.
SB989	Burnett	TO REGULATE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS; TO PROVIDE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY FOR § 23-99-418, AS AMENDED BY ACT 196 OF 2011.
SB919	Salmon	CONCERNING THE REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC LOG BOOK FOR A PHARMACY TO RECORD PURCHASES OF EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, AND PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE.
SB960	Salmon	TO REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF ANY STATE ACTION THAT MAY IMPACT OR HARM THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO REGULATE STATE ACTIONS THAT MAY IMPACT OR HARM THE ENVIRONMENT.
SB824	J. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS OF FIREFIGHTERS TO PROVIDE CANCER POLICIES FOR CERTAIN FORMS OF CANCER DEVELOPED THROUGH THEIR WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS.
SB7	G. Jeffress	TO REVISE ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION WORKERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
SB928	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO DEFINE "DILIGENT ENFORCEMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT; § 19-12-101 ET SEQ.
SB929	M. Lamoureux	TO REGULATE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
SB978	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO PROCESS DENTAL REVIEWS THROUGH ONLINE OR CLOUD-BASED SYSTEMS.
SB971	Rapert	TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE RESPONSE TIME FOR THE LAST EMPLOYER TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM FILED WHEN A FORMER EMPLOYEE

SB968	Holland	APPLIES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. TO SET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSON TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT AND TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO MIGHT NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT TO DO SO ONLY IN INSTANCES OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN LIFE-SAVING MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.
SB157	B. Pritchard	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TEST NEGATIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.
SB98	D. Wyatt	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.