

AGENDA (Revised 3-7-2013)
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Friday, March 08, 2013
08:00 AM
Room 272, State Capitol
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Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Paul Bookout, Vice Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield
Sen. Stephanie Flowers

Sen. David Burnett
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jonathan Dismang
Sen. Ronald Caldwell

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB38	J. Hutchinson	TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR AND RECIPIENTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BE TESTED FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.
SB248	D. Sanders	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM.
SB255	B. King	THE ARKANSAS WATER ADDITIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
SB360	B. Sample	TO RE-CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB386	J. Dismang	TO REQUIRE THAT THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT DRUG SUBSTITUTIONS BE AUTHORIZED ON EACH PRESCRIPTION.
SB410	Maloch	TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO AWARD GRANTS FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, STABILIZATION, AND REMEDIATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB455	Maloch	TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT PROCESS FOR ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES.
HB1363	Hobbs	TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMISSION.
SB498	Bledsoe	TO ALLOW THE MEDICAL BOARD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.
SB515	Bledsoe	AN ACT TO RESTORE THE LAW AND CONSISTENCY IN TEMPORARY TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS AND EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT AS A BASIS FOR TERMINATION.
SB533	Teague	TO EXEMPT ORGANIZED CAMPS AND RELIGIOUS AND NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTERS FROM THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB542	Irvin	TO CLARIFY THE PENALTIES FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS IN APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO TRACK FALSE STATEMENTS AND TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
SB575	L. Chesterfield	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB598	B. King	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS.
SB609	J. Dismang	TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF COSTS AND SERVICES IN THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID DAY HABILITATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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SB491	Caldwell	TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND STABILITY OF ARKANSAS FAMILIES; TO STRENGTHEN VOLUNTARY HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1397	Leding	TO AMEND THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND ACT.
HB1328	H. Wilkins	TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ALL CONTRACTS AND CONTRACT CHANGES; TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO BE GIVEN BEFORE CHANGES TO COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER CONTRACTS ARE MADE.
SB750	Teague	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT TASK FORCE.
SB755	Bledsoe	TO ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPENSATED IN-HOME CAREGIVERS.
SB780	Bledsoe	TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AFTER DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT.
SB788	Irvin	TO AMEND THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT TO STRENGTHEN DUE PROCESS FOR PROVIDERS WHO DELIVER SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB796	Caldwell	TO CLARIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND EQUALITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE ADOPTION OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.
SB801	Bookout	TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO DONATE PROPERTY TO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS AND CENTERS.
SB802	D. Sanders	TO REGULATE MOTOR CARRIERS IN RELATION TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS.
SB810	Bledsoe	TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE APPROPRIATELY REIMBURSED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED.
SB813	J. Woods	CONCERNING A PRESCRIPTION FOR A TYPE OF MUSCLE RELAXANT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF OBJECTIVE FINDINGS ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB1384	Miller	TO REQUIRE THAT CAREGIVERS FOR THE MEDICAID INDEPENDENTCHOICES PROGRAM BE TESTED FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND UNDERGO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.
HB1486	Miller	TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR WORKING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO REMAIN IN THE WORKFORCE; AND TO REMOVE THE EARNED INCOME LIMIT ON MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
SB818	Rapert	TO BAR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE STATE TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.
SB828	L. Chesterfield	TO ALLOW FOSTER CARE BOARD PAYMENTS AND ADOPTION SUBSIDIES TO BE MADE BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER DIRECT DEPOSIT.
SB843	Files	TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DISCLOSE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYEE.
SB848	J. Key	TO ALLOW THE USE OF SALINE SYSTEMS IN SWIMMING POOLS.
SB850	J. Hendren	TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT STABILIZATION TAX SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT OF EACH EMPLOYER; AND TO AMEND THE STABILIZATION TAX RATES FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND.
SB852	Maloch	TO REGULATE FEES CHARGED BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING.
SB857	A. Clark	TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT INELIGIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO ACCEPT OR SEEK SUITABLE WORK; AND TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
SB862	Irvin	CONCERNING INFORMATION RELEASED FROM THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES DATABASE.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB95	J. Key	AN ACT TO CERTIFY EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS.
SB141	Irvin	TO CLARIFY THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF EXISTING HOSPICE AGENCY SERVICE AREAS.
SB149	Files	TO REGULATE THE SUBSTITUTION OF BIOSIMILAR BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS.

[SB244](#)

J. Dismang

TO REQUIRE MEDICAID RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A CURRENT INCOME STATE INCOME TAX RETURN.

[SB161](#)

E. Cheatham

TO CREATE THE TITLE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND TO ESTABLISH THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING.