

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Monday, November 7, 2022
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. David Wallace
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Kim Hammer
Sen. Dan Sullivan
Sen. Ben Gilmore

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Jim Dotson
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray

Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Justin Boyd
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Carlton Wing
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Marsh Davis
Rep. Joe Cloud

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
- C. Consideration to Approve the September 6, 2022, meeting minutes. **[Exhibit C]**
- D. Review of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission Annual (FY22) Report **[Handout 1]**
- Kenya L. Eddings, MPH, Director, Arkansas Minority Health Commission
- E. Medicaid Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Update **[Exhibit E]**
1. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services Department of Human Services (DHS)
2. Martina Smith, Director, Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance, DHS
- F. Report of a Study on the Commercial Application of Existing Technology to Reclaim and Repurpose Spent Nuclear Fuel Rods required in Act 1092 of 2021. **[Exhibit F]**
- Michael Grappe', Director of Special Projects, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Energy and Environment
- G. Report of the Arkansas PANS/PANDAS Advisory Council contained in Act 430 of 2021 **[Exhibit G]**
1. Sen. Kim Hammer, Chair, Arkansas PANS PANDAS Advisory Council
2. Paul Ryan, Co-Founder & President, PACE Foundation by Zoom
- H. Report of a Study on Mental and Behavioral Health required in Act 802 of 2021
- Rep. DeAnn Vaught, Sponsor of Act 802 of 2021
- I. Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Local Public Health, Review of Rule which provides for registration of free and low-cost health care clinics and healthcare providers and medical professionals providing volunteer healthcare services pursuant to Arkansas Code Ann. §16-6-201, §17-95-106, and §20-8-801 and implements provisions of Act 968 of 2021. **[Exhibit I]**
1. Chuck Thompson, Managing Attorney, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
2. Craig Smith, Attorney, Arkansas Department of Health

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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J. Below are listed the Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) referred to the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees to date. The sponsors have been asked to present a brief explanation of their ISP and why it should be adopted for study by the committees. **[Exhibits J1-J18]**

1. Interim Study Proposal 2021-113 by Sen. Dan Sullivan
To modify the definition of “ophthalmic dispensing” to include the dispensing of contact lenses.
2. Interim Study Proposal 2021-120 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To create Lucille’s Law; To require newborn screening for Krabbe Disease, also known as “Globoid Cell Leukodystrophy”; and to mandate that insurance policies cover newborn screenings for Krabbe Disease.
3. Interim Study Proposal 2021-127 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To modify the coverage of continuous glucose monitors in the Arkansas Medicaid program.
4. Interim Study Proposal 2021-131 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To amend the law regarding employment; and to require certain employers to provide paid maternity leave.
5. Interim Study Proposal 2021-134 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To require Medicaid coverage for postpartum mothers for one year after giving birth.
6. Interim Study Proposal 2021-135 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To require Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for depression screening for pregnant women.
7. Interim Study Proposal 2021-138 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
To authorize the Arkansas Medicaid program to reimburse for nonemergency transportation to healthcare facilities.
8. Interim Study Proposal 2021-145 by Sen. Kim Hammer/Rep. Nicole Clowney
An Act to Create the Arkansas Behavior Analyst Licensure Act; and for other purposes
9. Interim Study Proposal 2021-146 by Sen. Kim Hammer
An Act to Establish the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact in Arkansas; and for other purposes
10. Interim Study Proposal 2021-147 by Sen. Kim Hammer
An Act to amend the Arkansas Code regarding a College of Dentistry; to Clarify that the Commission on Dental Accreditation is the Accrediting Entity for a College of Dentistry; and for other purposes
11. Interim Study Proposal 2021-148 by Rep. Jon Eubanks/Rep. Brian Evans
An Act to Repeal the Prohibition on Licensing New Psychological Examiners; and for other purposes
12. Interim Study Proposal 2021-149 by Rep. Jon Eubanks/Rep. L. Johnson
An Act to allow Emergency Medical Responders to be Certified; To authorize Emergency Medical Responders to Be Reimbursed by Insurance Companies and the Arkansas Medicaid Program; and for other purposes
13. Interim Study Proposal 2021-150 by Rep. Jon Eubanks/Rep. DeAnn Vaught
And Act to Provide Clarity regarding the Certification of a Veterinary Technician Specialist; to Authorize Prescriptive Authority for a Veterinary Technician Specialist in a Collaborative Practice Agreement with a Veterinarian; and for other purposes.
14. Interim Study Proposal 2021-151 by Sen. Kim Hammer
An Act to authorize Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to Prescribe Schedule II Drugs; to Require Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to check the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before Prescribing a Controlled Substance; and for other purposes

15. Interim Study Proposal 2021-152 by Sen. Kim Hammer
An Act to allow Full Independent Practice Authority for Clinical Nurse Specialists; to Authorize Experience in Another State to Qualify for Full Independent Practice Authority; and for other purposes.
16. Interim Study Proposal 2021-153 by Rep. Jon Eubanks/Rep. Lee Johnson
An Act to Create the Rural Emergency Hospital Act; To Authorize Licensure of Rural Emergency Hospitals by the Department of Health; and for other purposes.
17. Interim Study Proposal 2021-154 by Rep. Jack Ladyman/Rep. Delia Haak
An Act to Establish the Counseling Compact in Arkansas; and for other purposes.
18. Interim Study Proposal 2021-155 by Rep. Deborah Ferguson/Rep. Michelle Gray
Arkansas Anesthesiologist Assistant Act

K. Other Business

L. Adjournment