

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**  
**91st General Assembly**  
**Regular Session, 2017**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 272, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair  
Sen. Eddie Cheatham, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Stephanie Flowers  
Sen. Missy Irvin

Sen. David J. Sanders  
Sen. John Cooper  
Sen. Scott Flippo  
Sen. Lance Eads

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS, Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB522</a>	E. Cheatham	TO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY; AND TO MAKE THE PILOT PROGRAM ON COVERAGE FOR MORBID OBESITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT A PERMANENT PROGRAM.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB311</a>	B. Johnson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006; TO ALLOW PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESSES THE OPTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING.
<a href="#">HB1434</a>	Collins	TO CREATE THE SEX DISCRIMINATION BY ABORTION PROHIBITION ACT.
<a href="#">SB355</a>	B. King	TO TERMINATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "PRIVATE OPTION" AND THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1183</a>	Dotson	TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.
<a href="#">SB364</a>	D. Sanders	TO SIMPLIFY AND MODERNIZE THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<a href="#">SB434</a>	B. King	TO REMOVE THE ENROLLMENT CAPS IN THE LIVING CHOICES ASSISTED LIVING MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB439</a>	Teague	CONCERNING FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.
<a href="#">HB1501</a>	McCollum	TO MODIFY AND REPEAL LANGUAGE REFERENCING THE SUPERSEDED ELDERCHOICES PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1566</a>	Hammer	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS.
<a href="#">SB488</a>	A. Clark	TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN GAMBLING DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1586</a>	Payton	TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT NO. 4 OF 1948; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB285</a>	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006 TO INCLUDE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE WITHIN THE DEFINITIONS OF SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE.

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<a href="#">HB1465</a>	Miller	TO CREATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB524</a>	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND THE POWERS OF THE HVACR LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF HVACR WORKERS.
<a href="#">SB564</a>	D. Sanders	TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF HEALTHCARE FRAUD; AND TO UPDATE THE MEDICAID FRAUD ACT AND THE MEDICAID FRAUD FALSE CLAIMS ACT.
<a href="#">SB566</a>	D. Sanders	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE FUND.
<a href="#">SB238</a>	Rapert	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">HB1371</a>	House	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES.
<a href="#">SB601</a>	Hester	TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS PREVAILING WAGE LAW; AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
<a href="#">SB606</a>	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PROFESSION OF COSMETOLOGY; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOLS OF COSMETOLOGY; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENSING.
<a href="#">SB613</a>	J. Cooper	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF ASSESSMENT GRANTS FOR POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES FOR THE FACILITATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT; AND CERTAIN RELATED TRUST FUNDS.
<a href="#">SB615</a>	Bond	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BIRTH REGISTRATIONS AND NEW CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH.
<a href="#">SB641</a>	Rapert	TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER TO REIMBURSE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICAL DEVICES THAT THE FEDERAL MEDICARE PROGRAM HAS DETERMINED ARE NO LONGER EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIONAL IN NATURE.
<a href="#">SB649</a>	Teague	TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTS IN ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SB652</a>	D. Sanders	TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO EMPLOYERS TO DETERMINE THE MEDICAL PROVIDER FOR INJURIES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO 13.
<a href="#">SB654</a>	D. Sanders	TO CREATE THE VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM TO REWARD ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND DEMONSTRATE EXCEPTIONAL, SUSTAINED ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE.
<a href="#">SB674</a>	Irvin	TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".
<a href="#">SB675</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND TO CLARIFY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PAYMENT FOR A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CALCULATED UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.
<a href="#">SB682</a>	D. Sanders	TO CLARIFY WORKERS' COMPENSATION DEATH AND PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY PAYMENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT NO.4 OF 1948
<a href="#">SB695</a>	Collins-Smith	TO CLARIFY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A FRANCHISOR AND FRANCHISEE REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE".
<a href="#">SB696</a>	Hester	TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".
<a href="#">SB704</a>	Elliott	TO AMEND THE CHRONIC INTRACTABLE PAIN TREATMENT ACT, ARKANSAS CODE § 17-95-701 ET SEQ.; AND TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TREATING SICKLE CELL DISEASE TO PHYSICIANS.

<a href="#">SB717</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948; TO AMEND REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES; AND TO CLARIFY THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PAYMENT CALCULATED UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.
<a href="#">SB721</a>	Rapert	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016".
<a href="#">SB722</a>	Rapert	TO ENACT CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
<a href="#">SB730</a>	Elliott	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BARBERS.
<a href="#">SB733</a>	A. Clark	TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD WELFARE NETWORK HOTLINE AND CHILD WELFARE NETWORK MISCONDUCT REGISTRY.
<a href="#">SB735</a>	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF A NAME ON THE CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY.
<a href="#">SB744</a>	D. Sanders	CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN DISEASES.
<a href="#">SB745</a>	Flippo	TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND STATE EMPLOYEES FROM FACILITATING OR PAYING FOR ABORTIONS ON WOMEN WHO ARE IN STATE CUSTODY.
<a href="#">SB755</a>	J. Hendren	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHY CENTURY TRUST FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB756</a>	J. Cooper	TO IMPLEMENT COST SAVINGS AND MANAGE GROWTH IN OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION TO PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE.
<a href="#">SB764</a>	Irvin	TO ESTABLISH A STROKE REGISTRY.
<a href="#">SB765</a>	Irvin	TO HARMONIZE THE INTERPRETATION OF FEDERAL MEDICAID REGULATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL IN REGARDS TO PROVIDER AUDITS.
<a href="#">SB769</a>	D. Sanders	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND MARIJUANA DISPENSING DATA TO THE ARKANSAS ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE.
<a href="#">SB779</a>	Bledsoe	TO AUTOMATE AND COORDINATE THE LONG-TERM CARE AND ADULT MALTREATMENT AND CHILD MALTREATMENT REGISTRIES TO CREATE GREATER EFFICIENCIES TO IMPROVE PROCESSING TIMES AND CONSISTENCY IN PROCESSES.
<a href="#">HB1721</a>	Davis	TO AMEND THE LAW TO MAKE THE REGISTRATION OF ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS OPTIONAL; TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND.
<a href="#">SB592</a>	J. Hutchinson	TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO USE THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND FOR PERSONAL SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB593</a>	J. Cooper	TO REFORM THE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.
<a href="#">SB672</a>	Irvin	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL LICENSURE FOR PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SB676</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE DECISIONS ACT.
<a href="#">SB678</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PEER REVIEW FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.
<a href="#">SB786</a>	K. Ingram	TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE REGARDING RESPITE CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">HB1613</a>	Barker	TO EXEMPT A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN FROM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT MALTREATMENT, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENT MALTREATMENT.
<a href="#">HB1669</a>	Bragg	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COLLECTION, DEPOSIT, AND USE OF AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEES.
<a href="#">HB1813</a>	Hillman	TO PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT OF RABIES UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.
<a href="#">HB1901</a>	Bentley	TO CREATE THE VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE ACT.

<a href="#">HB1405</a>	Lundstrum	TO AMEND LAWS RELEVANT TO UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND UNEMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.
<a href="#">HCR1012</a>	J. Williams	TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNOR TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO COVERAGE FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ISLANDS.
<a href="#">HB1251</a>	Walker	TO CREATE THE HELPING OUR PEOPLE EXCEL (H.O.P.E.) ACT OF 2017.
<a href="#">HB1716</a>	Richmond	TO CLARIFY SHORT-TERM ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATIONS; TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS FOR WAIVING THE FEE; AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO MODIFY THE FEE FOR A STATE AGENCY, BOARD, OR COMMISSION OR A MUNICIPALITY, CITY, OR COUNTY.
<a href="#">HB1851</a>	Hammer	TO AUTHORIZE A REGISTERED NURSE EMPLOYED BY HOSPICE TO SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECEIVING HOSPICE SERVICES AND WHO DIES AS A HOSPICE PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL.
<a href="#">HB2067</a>	Hammer	TO CREATE THE PALLIATIVE CARE AND QUALITY OF LIFE INTERDISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE.
<a href="#">HB1706</a>	Pilkington	TO CREATE THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; TO DESIGNATE THAT A RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION IS AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

#### DEFERRED

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1437</a>	D. Ferguson	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TELEMEDICINE; AND TO CREATE THE TELEMEDICINE ACT.
<a href="#">SB109</a>	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.
<a href="#">SB171</a>	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
<a href="#">SB350</a>	B. Sample	TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES TO ACCOMMODATE A PHYSICIAN REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION TO MAINTAIN OR OBTAIN A SPECIALTY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE TO COUNTERACT THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE.
<a href="#">SB302</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO PROMULGATE RULES REQUIRING PRACTITIONERS TO ACCESS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB603</a>	Files	TO PROVIDE NECESSARY MEDICAID FUNDING TO COVER INCREASES IN COSTS INCURRED BY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB604</a>	Files	TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT ADEQUACY COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR REVIEWS OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1035</a>	Bentley	TO RESTRICT PURCHASES USING FOOD STAMP BENEFITS; AND TO REQUIRE RECIPIENTS OF FOOD STAMPS TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO USE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS.