

AGENDA (TIME Revised 3-13-2013, 4:21 p.m.)
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Thursday, March 14, 2013
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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
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.
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.
SB750	Bookout	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.
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.
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.

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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.
SB869	Elliott	TO PROVIDE A SAFE HARBOR FOR VICTIMS OF CERTAIN SEX TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEX OFFENSES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB875	Hester	TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNTS TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL NONREDUCTION RULE ON BENEFITS
SB886	Bledsoe	TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE REFORM TRANSPARENCY ACT.
SB894	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A LAWFUL OCCUPATION.
SB913	Irvin	TO REGULATE THE USE OF CERTAIN DRUGS USED TO INDUCE AN ABORTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS FOR ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN VIOLATION OF THIS ACT.
SB916	J. Woods	TO ENSURE THAT VULNERABLE CITIZENS RECEIVE MEDICATIONS FOR LIFE-ALTERING ILLNESS; AND TO CREATE THE CONTINUITY OF CARE ACT OF 2013.
SB965	J. Dismang	TO AMEND UNCODIFIED SECTION 1 OF ACT 274 OF 2013 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN DRUGS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THERAPEUTIC CLASS.
SB976	J. Dismang	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD SAFETY CENTER; AND TO ESTABLISH ACCESS FOR SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
SB984	D. Sanders	TO PROHIBIT SEX OFFENDERS FROM PROVIDING SERVICES THROUGH THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB1005	J. Dismang	TO ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS KEPT BY A SUSPECTED CASE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FROM A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, A HOSPITAL, OR A CLINIC INVOLVING A SUSPECTED CASE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.
SB1013	Irvin	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT.
SB1038	Irvin	CONCERNING REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RELATED TO CHILD MALTREATMENT.
SB1039	Irvin	TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND PAYMENT POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
SB1087	J. Dismang	TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO MINORS.
SB1112	R. Thompson	TO RESTORE THE LANGUAGE OF THE ARKANSAS CODE AS IT EXISTED BEFORE PASSAGE ACT 1040 OF 2011 CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
SB1116	Caldwell	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPUTATION OF FUTURE CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR EMPLOYERS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
SB1138	Caldwell	TO REGULATE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS' MAINTENANCE AND USE OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST LISTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
SB1192	Holland	TO PROVIDE FOR ORGAN DONOR PRIVACY.
HB1446	Fite	CONCERNING REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; AND THE PLACEMENT AND ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.
HB1635	Richey	AN ACT TO AMEND THE AMUSEMENT RIDE AND AMUSEMENT ATTRACTION SAFETY INSURANCE ACT.
HB1706	Rice	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CHILD UNDER THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT; TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF FOSTER HOME; AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT.
SB360	B. Sample	TO RE-CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1029	D. Altes	TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR ALLEGED CHILD SEX OFFENDERS AND THE VICTIM.

SHELL BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB848	J. Key	TO ALLOW THE USE OF SALINE SYSTEMS IN SWIMMING POOLS.
SB873	J. Key	TO REGULATE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS.
SB878	Maloch	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ORTHOTICS, PROSTHETICS, AND PEDORTHICS PRACTICE ACT OF 2007.
SB884	S. Flowers	TO AMEND THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW; TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITIONS UNDER ARKANSAS CODE § 11-10-210.
SB888	Bledsoe	TO PROVIDE PARITY FOR MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT.
SB890	Bookout	TO ADDRESS EXPANSION OF THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB891	Bookout	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND TO EXPLORE A STATE MEDICAID INSURANCE EXCHANGE.
SB893	Irvin	TO ESTABLISH THE VOLUNTEER HEALTH SERVICES ACT; AND TO ALLOW FOR LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR A SPONSORING ORGANIZATION.
SB918	Holland	TO MANDATE ORGAN DONOR INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALITY UNLESS WAIVED BY THE DONOR; AND TO REQUIRE WAIVER OPPORTUNITY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ORGAN DONORS AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AS AN ORGAN DONOR.
SB936	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY.
SB937	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY.
SB940	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS.
SB946	J. Woods	TO CREATE A CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY WITHIN THE ARKANSAS CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.
SB954	U. Lindsey	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING SPECIALTY HOSPITALS FOR THE ASSESSMENT FEE ON HOSPITALS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS LAW.
SB966	J. Dismang	TO CLARIFY THE PENALTY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL FAILING TO REPORT EMPLOYMENT OR EARNINGS WHILE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; AND TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR REVIEWING EARNINGS REPORTS.
SB968	Maloch	TO REGULATE PHYSICIAN DISPENSING OF LEGEND DRUGS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD TO REGULATE PHYSICIAN DISPENSING OF LEGEND DRUGS.
SB978	J. Dismang	TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM CARE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.
SB979	J. Dismang	TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES' EMPLOYER FOLLOW-UP.
SB981	D. Sanders	PERTAINING TO THE DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
SB982	D. Sanders	REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
SB985	D. Sanders	TO REFORM THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.
SB993	M. Lamoureux	TO CLARIFY EXCEPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PATIENTS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
SB994	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE COSMETOLOGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN LICENSES.
SB1004	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE THAT PERSONS WHO APPLY FOR OR RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TEST NEGATIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.
SB1012	Irvin	TO ADOPT EXCEPTIONS TO CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PATIENTS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
SB1019	Bookout	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW REGARDING MEDICAID.
SB1020	Bookout	CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
SB1030	K. Ingram	TO ENACT THE SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS EQUITY ACT; TO PROVIDE FAIR AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.

SB1036	K. Ingram	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §11-10-210 OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
SB1094	Elliott	CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS; AND REGARDING TRANSFERABILITY OF CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS AND DETERMINATION LETTERS AMONG VARIOUS OPERATIONAL SECTIONS OF A SINGLE SERVICE PROVIDER.
SB1096	Elliott	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS BARBER LAW TO PROVIDE IMPROVED OVERSIGHT OF TRAINING, LICENSURE, AND RELATED ASPECTS OF THE PROFESSION.
SB1120	Hester	TO ABOLISH THE USE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR ENROLLMENT PURPOSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
SB1122	D. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAW GOVERNING HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; TO EXEMPT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FROM REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.
SB1124	Irvin	CONCERNING ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAMS.
SB1128	Irvin	TO CREATE A PALLIATIVE CARE COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
SB1152	D. Sanders	TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY AND QUALITY OF MEDICAID SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.
SB1157	D. Sanders	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING VOLUNTARY AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR AN ABORTION.
SB1158	D. Sanders	THE ARKANSAS CONCUSSION PROTOCOL ACT.
SB1159	D. Sanders	TO REQUIRE PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO COMPLY WITH ARKANSAS TAX LAW IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS.
SB1161	J. Dismang	TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM CARE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.
SB1163	J. Woods	TO CREATE A PRESUMPTION THAT FIREFIGHTERS WHO DEVELOP CERTAIN FORMS OF CANCER DEVELOPED THOSE CANCERS THROUGH THEIR WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS.
SB1166	L. Chesterfield	CONCERNING THE ACCESS TO RESTROOM FACILITIES LOCATED IN PUBLIC PLACES BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
SB1167	Bledsoe	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW REGARDING PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
SB1173	Rapert	CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE TO CHILDREN EXPERIENCING A LIFE-THREATENING ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION DUE TO FOOD ALLERGIES.
SB1174	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LICENSING BY THE COSMETOLOGY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
SB1186	D. Sanders	TO REQUIRE PERSONS AND ENTITIES TO COMPLY WITH ARKANSAS TAX LAW IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS.

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.
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.
SB386	J. Dismang	TO REQUIRE THAT THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT DRUG SUBSTITUTIONS BE AUTHORIZED ON EACH PRESCRIPTION.

[SB455](#)

Maloch

TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT PROCESS FOR ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES.

[HB1575](#)

Scott

AN ACT TO PERMIT A PRIVATE EMPLOYER OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYER TO HAVE A VOLUNTARY VETERANS' PREFERENCE EMPLOYMENT POLICY.