

AGENDA
Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
Meeting Jointly

Monday, December 4, 2023

1:30 PM

Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Blake Johnson, Chair
Sen. Clarke Tucker, Vice-Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Steve Crowell
Sen. John Payton
Sen. Jim Dotson

Rep. Dwight Tosh, Chair
Rep. Mark D. McElroy, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Lane Jean
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Rick Beck

Rep. Marcus E. Richmond
Rep. Jimmy Gazaway
Rep. Cindy Crawford
Rep. Jamie Scott
Rep. Nicole Clowney
Rep. Jon Milligan
Rep. John P. Carr
Rep. Kendon Underwood
Rep. Mark H. Berry
Rep. Jeremiah Moore

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration to Approve the May 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**

C. Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISPs) **[Exhibits C1-C11]**

1. ISP 2023-027 by Representative Rye - Concerning Daylight Saving Time; To Adopt Daylight Saving Time Permanently; And to Amend the Duties of the Secretary of State
2. ISP 2023-033 by Representative Vaught - To Establish the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program; To Transfer Funding from the Securities Reserve Fund; And to Declare an Emergency
3. ISP 2023-051 by Representative Hodges - To Amend the Law Concerning the State Bird; And to Change the State Bird
4. ISP 2023-053 by Representative McKenzie - To Amend the Law Concerning the State Bird; And to Change the State Bird to the Mallard Duck
5. ISP 2023-054 by Representative Pilkington - To Encourage the United States to Become a Member of the Commonwealth of Nations
6. ISP 2023-026 by Senator Tucker – To Amend Arkansas Law to Waive Occupational or Professional License Fees Assessed by the State for Employees of State Agencies
7. ISP 2023-064 by Senator Dotson – To Amend the Law Concerning the Redistricting of Precincts; And to Amend the Law Concerning the Reporting of Election Results

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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8. ISP 2023-077 by Senator Leding – To Amend the Law Concerning Inmates of State Facilities; To Establish Parameters Regarding the Use of Segregated Confinement; And to Establish Alternative Therapeutic and Rehabilitative Confinement Options
9. ISP 2023-079 by Senator Sullivan – To Prohibit Discrimination or Preferential Treatment by the State of Arkansas and Other Public Entities
10. ISP 2023-089 by Senator King – An Act to Establish the Energy Substation Protection Act; To Regulate the Ownership and Possession of Real Property Near Energy Substations Located in This State; And for Other Purposes
11. ISP 2023-090 by Senator King – Study the Creation of a New System for Awarding Salary Increases to State Employees to Replace the Current System for Merit Awards

D. Review of the 2023 Abstracter Investigations Annual Report **[Exhibit D]**

E. Discussion of Prison Conditions and Inmate Treatment at Arkansas Department of Corrections

1. Comments by the Arkansas Department of Corrections Family Support Group
2. Dexter Payne, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC)
3. Lindsey Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC

F. Other Business

G. Adjournment