

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Thursday, December 11, 2025
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Representatives Carol Dalby, Chair; Kendon Underwood, Vice-Chair; Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Matt Brown, Andrew Collins, Jon S. Eubanks, Justin Gonzales, Ashley Hudson, Tippi McCullough, R. Scott Richardson, Joy Springer, Dwight Tosh, and Steve Unger

Other members present: Representatives Glenn Barnes, Karilyn Brown, Nick Burkes, Rebecca Burkes, Kenneth Ferguson, Jack Ladyman, David Ray, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Tracy Steele, and DeAnn Vaught

Rep. Dalby called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve September 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Rep. Unger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rep. Underwood, and the motion carried.

Consideration for Adoption of ISP 2025-041 – An act to amend “Quincy’s Law” concerning physical exams and other testing in an investigation involving alleged abuse under the child maltreatment act; to provide for the right of a parent, guardian, or custodian to be provided with the medical records of a child who has been removed from the custody of the parent, putative parent, guardian, or custodian or is in the custody of the Department of Human Services; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes [Exhibit C]

Rep. Karilyn Brown, District 67, and Jeff Rosenzweig, Attorney, Arkansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, provided an overview of ISP 2025-041. Dr. Thomas Lowder, Ph.D., Director of Educational Research, Baptist Health - UAMS Medical Education Program; Dr. Cassandra Cole, MD, Citizen; Dr. Rachel Cote, PT, DPT, Citizen; and Andrea Taylor, President/Founder, A Twist of Fate-ATS; discussed the benefits of full medical record releases to parents, guardians, or custodians of a child from a medical perspective. Shelley Humphrey, Citizen; Sarah Culp, Citizen; and Shaylin Jennings, Citizen; provided personal testimony on the struggles parents may face when attempting to obtain the full medical records of their children.

Rep. Eubanks made a motion to adopt the ISP, and without objection, the motion passed.

Consideration for Adoption of ISP 2025-045 by Representative R. Scott Richardson – An act to amend the law concerning possession of a firearm by certain persons; to permit the restoration of the right to possess a firearm to a nonviolent felon; and for other purposes [Exhibit D]

Rep. R. Scott Richardson gave an overview of ISP 2025-045.

Rep. Eubanks made a motion to adopt the ISP, and without objection, the motion passed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.