

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room 272, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair  
Sen. Dave Wallace, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Scott Flippo  
Sen. Ricky Hill

Sen. Greg Leding  
Sen. Clint Penzo  
Sen. John Payton  
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB117</a>	C. Penzo	TO CREATE THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN PRACTICE ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS IN ARKANSAS; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NATUROPATHY.
<a href="#">SB118</a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "AUDIOLOGY" RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGISTS.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1255</a>	Wooldridge	TO AMEND THE COVERAGE OF A CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB222</a>	B. Davis	TO AMEND THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; TO CLARIFY MARKETING BY PROVIDERS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1245</a>	Clowney	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BEHAVIOR ANALYST REGISTRATION ACT.
<a href="#">HB1186</a>	Vaught	TO CREATE THE PAIN RELIEF PARITY ACT; AND TO REQUIRE PAIN RELIEF PARITY IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1131</a>	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO DELEGATE CERTAIN TASKS TO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND OTHER UNLICENSED STAFF.
<a href="#">HB1166</a>	Gramlich	TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF EPINEPHRINE FOR USE IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
<a href="#">HB1167</a>	L. Johnson	TO MODIFY THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND TO CLARIFY THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES DIABETIC SHOES AND SHOE INSERTS.
<a href="#">HB1254</a>	L. Johnson	TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER TO PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY IN THIS STATE; AND TO REMOVE THE INDEPENDENT PRACTICE PRIVILEGES FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
<a href="#">HB1256</a>	Wooldridge	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR A LICENSED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR AND A LICENSED ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.

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<a href="#">HB1258</a>	L. Johnson	TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT; AND TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.
<a href="#">HB1447</a>	Long	TO EXEMPT A SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLER LICENSED UNDER THE ARKANSAS SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS ACT FROM LICENSURE AS A PLUMBER.
<a href="#">HB1478</a>	Schulz	TO REPEAL THE REGISTRATION OF DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS.
<a href="#">SB264</a>	Irvin	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP.
<a href="#">SB265</a>	Irvin	TO REDUCE AND MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO WASTEWATER AND THE LICENSING COMMITTEE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; AND TO ELIMINATE THE APPRENTICESHIP LICENSES FROM SOLID WASTE LICENSING.
<a href="#">HB1213</a>	Achor	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT; TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE"; AND TO DEFINE "HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1257</a>	L. Johnson	TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION OF THE PRACTICE OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY FROM TECHNICIANS EMPLOYED BY PSYCHOLOGISTS; AND TO ALLOW PSYCHOLOGY TECHNICIANS TO BE EMPLOYED BY PSYCHOLOGISTS.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB99</a>	C. Penzo	TO AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO DELEGATE CERTAIN TASKS.
<a href="#">SB100</a>	C. Penzo	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
<a href="#">SB101</a>	C. Penzo	TO ESTABLISH THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE COMPACT.
<a href="#">SB111</a>	K. Hammer	TO ESTABLISH THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT.
<a href="#">SB119</a>	C. Penzo	TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT.

## DEFERRED BILLS

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB2</a>	C. Penzo	TO REPEAL THE STATEWIDE FLUORIDATION PROGRAM; AND TO REMOVE THE MANDATE FOR WATER SYSTEMS TO MAINTAIN A FLUORIDE CONTENT.
<a href="#">SB9</a>	B. Davis	TO CREATE THE MAKE ARKANSAS HEALTHY AGAIN ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT MANUFACTURING, SELLING, DELIVERING, DISTRIBUTING, HOLDING, OR OFFERING FOR SALE A FOOD PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS CERTAIN SUBSTANCES.
<a href="#">SB95</a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE" WITHIN THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.
<a href="#">SB110</a>	C. Penzo	TO AUTHORIZE CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES OR CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS WHO PROVIDE IN-HOME SERVICES TO BENEFICIARIES IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL CARE AND DUTIES.
<a href="#">SB120</a>	C. Penzo	TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR ALL PRIVATE CARE AGENCIES IN THIS STATE; AND TO ENSURE CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR VULNERABLE AGING ADULTS.
<a href="#">SB121</a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT; TO APPLY THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

<a href="#"><u>SB122</u></a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT; TO APPLY THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT TO PHYSICIANS.
<a href="#"><u>SB189</u></a>	A. Clark	TO AUTHORIZE IVERMECTIN FOR HUMAN USE TO BE SOLD WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION OR CONSULTATION WITH A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL.
<a href="#"><u>SB217</u></a>	C. Penzo	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO REQUEST A WAIVER TO EXCLUDE CANDY AND SOFT DRINKS FROM ELIGIBLE FOODS UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
<a href="#"><u>SB221</u></a>	B. Davis	TO PROHIBIT RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS FROM USING CERTAIN TYPES OF CONTRACTING PRACTICES WHEN CONTRACTING WITH PROVIDERS; TO AMEND THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#"><u>SB225</u></a>	J. Scott	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A CATEGORY FOR BENEFICIARIES WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE.
<a href="#"><u>HB1382</u></a>	Ladyman	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING BY THE DESIGNATED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR THE STATE AND THE DESIGNATED CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE STATE.
<a href="#"><u>SB235</u></a>	J. Boyd	TO CREATE THE VOLUNTARY PORTABLE BENEFIT ACCOUNT ACT.
<a href="#"><u>SB238</u></a>	J. Payton	TO AMEND THE USED TIRE RECYCLING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
<a href="#"><u>HB1182</u></a>	Bentley	TO REPLACE THE DEFINED TERM "MEDICATION ASSISTIVE PERSON" WITH THE DEFINED TERM "CERTIFIED MEDICATION ASSISTANT" THROUGHOUT § 17-87-701 ET SEQ.
<a href="#"><u>SB255</u></a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "DRUG" WITHIN THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#"><u>SB262</u></a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE DOCTRINE; AND TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO OWNS A MEDICAL CORPORATION TO MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP UPON AN INACTIVE LICENSE OR RETIREMENT.
<a href="#"><u>SB269</u></a>	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A HOSPICE AGENCY.
<a href="#"><u>SB273</u></a>	D. Wallace	TO REQUIRE DIALYSIS CENTERS TO HAVE A BACKUP GENERATOR ON SITE.
<a href="#"><u>SB278</u></a>	J. English	TO REPEAL THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE OCCUPATIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND LICENSURE OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT OFFICES AND AGENCIES; AND TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY ACT OF 1975.
<a href="#"><u>SB279</u></a>	Irvin	TO ASSIST THE DIVISION OF LABOR WITH ENFORCING THE FAIR AND PROMPT PAYMENT OF WAGES TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS; AND TO CLARIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH WAGE AND HOUR COMPLAINTS ARE INVESTIGATED.
<a href="#"><u>SB285</u></a>	J. Payton	TO MODIFY THE COMPENSATION RESTRICTIONS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
<a href="#"><u>SB284</u></a>	J. Payton	TO MODIFY THE EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.
<a href="#"><u>SB286</u></a>	J. Payton	TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL WAGE LOSS BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO SCHEDULED INJURY PAYMENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.
<a href="#"><u>SB287</u></a>	J. Payton	TO MODIFY CERTAIN ATTORNEY FEES FOR CONTROVERTED MEDICAL EXPENSES, APPEALS, AND CHANGES OF PHYSICIANS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED MEASURE 1948, NO. 4.

