

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor**  
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**Thursday, March 17, 2011**  
**UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE**  
**Room 272, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Percy Malone, Chair  
Sen. Randy Laverty, Vice Chair  
Sen. Bill Pritchard  
Sen. Jack Crumbly

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe  
Sen. David Burnett  
Sen. Missy Irvin  
Sen. Jonathan Dismang

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB272</a>	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF FLUCTUATING WORKWEEK CALCULATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.
<a href="#">SB964</a>	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE TAXABLE WAGE BASE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
<a href="#">SB958</a>	Elliott	AN ACT TO CREATE A CULTURAL COMPETENCE INTERIM STUDY.
<a href="#">SB913</a>	G. Baker	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.
<a href="#">SB807</a>	J. Dismang	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB951</a>	J. Dismang	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ABORTION LAWS IN ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SB593</a>	J. Dismang	AN ACT TO SPECIFY MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR DISCHARGE FOR ABSENTEEISM, MISCONDUCT, AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT SUITABLE WORK.
<a href="#">SB295</a>	P. Malone	CONCERNING PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF LICENSE HOLDERS AND APPLICANTS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.
<a href="#">SB759</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO AMEND THE INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
<a href="#">SB790</a>	P. Malone	TO REGULATE CEMETERIES.
<a href="#">SB791</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE OPERATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN UNTIL JUNE 30, 2013.
<a href="#">SB328</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EACH WOMAN WHO GIVES BIRTH IN A MEDICAL FACILITY RECEIVES EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DESCRIBING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME BEFORE THE WOMAN IS DISCHARGED.
<a href="#">SB437</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS WITH REGARD TO EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, OR PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE.
<a href="#">SB973</a>	S. Harrelson	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY FOR LICENSURE OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES.
<a href="#">SB723</a>	J. Key	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.
<a href="#">SB735</a>	J. Key	CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
<a href="#">SB789</a>	J. Key	TO PRESERVE THE PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF A PHARMACIST AND A PHARMACY; TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH THE PHARMACIST-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP OR THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

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<a href="#">SB912</a>	J. Key	CONCERNING THE WASTE TIRE GRANT PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB709</a>	Irvin	AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE REFORM ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB840</a>	Irvin	THE ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS SAFETY ACT.
<a href="#">SB839</a>	Irvin	TO PROTECT PATIENTS BY ENSURING THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES DO NOT INTRUDE ON THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP OR PUT COST SAVINGS AHEAD OF OPTIMAL PATIENT CARE.
<a href="#">SB777</a>	Burnett	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACT.
<a href="#">SB550</a>	Salmon	TO REQUIRE PETS ADOPTED THROUGH A POUND, SHELTER, HUMANE ORGANIZATION, OR ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP TO BE STERILIZED BEFORE THE ADOPTION IS COMPLETE.
<a href="#">SB717</a>	Files	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN LICENSEES OF THE HVACR LICENSING BOARD TO ACQUIRE AND MAINTAIN GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE.
<a href="#">SB874</a>	Files	TO EXCLUDE FROM THE TERM "EMPLOYMENT" SERVICES PERFORMED BY INDIVIDUALS IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR ELDERLY, INFIRM, OR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS WHEN THE PERSON WAS REFERRED BY A HOME-CARE REFERRAL SERVICE.
<a href="#">SB638</a>	Files	CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF SERVICE SINKS IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS.
<a href="#">SB747</a>	Teague	TO REGULATE HEALTH INSURANCE AND IMPLEMENT HEALTH CARE REFORM.
<a href="#">SB293</a>	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO CREATE A PRESUMPTION THAT FIREFIGHTERS WHO DEVELOP CERTAIN FORMS OF CANCER DEVELOPED THOSE CANCERS THROUGH THEIR WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS.
<a href="#">SB566</a>	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS.
<a href="#">SB567</a>	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERMIT TO CONDUCT CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WORK.
<a href="#">SB157</a>	B. Pritchard	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TEST NEGATIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.
<a href="#">SB704</a>	B. Pritchard	ACT TO REINSTATE THE AUTHORITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SEIZE THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF DRIVERS UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE CHARGED WITH MINOR IN POSSESSION.
<a href="#">SB705</a>	B. Pritchard	AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT UNDER GARRETT'S LAW AND TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO REPORT ALCOHOL USE BY A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE.
<a href="#">SB706</a>	B. Pritchard	CONCERNING THE POSTING OF WARNING SIGNS RELATING TO DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY.
<a href="#">SB778</a>	B. Pritchard	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW ENACTED BY INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948 TO RESTORE THE STATUTORY INTENT OF THE 79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
<a href="#">SB794</a>	B. Pritchard	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TOBACCO TREATMENT, PREVENTION, AND CESSATION.
<a href="#">SB924</a>	M. Lamoureux	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB925</a>	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF MEDICAID PROVIDERS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB340</a>	Laverty	TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DAY TREATMENT CLINIC SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB342</a>	Laverty	TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB727</a>	Madison	TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSABILITY OF MENTAL INJURY OR ILLNESS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
<a href="#">SB350</a>	Madison	CONCERNING THE SALE OF CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS CONTAINING BISPHENOL-A IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">SB845</a>	Rapert	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ABORTION PATIENTS' ENHANCED SAFETY ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1593</a>	Allen	AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRANSITIONAL

		EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
<a href="#">HB1594</a>	Allen	AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT.
<a href="#">HB1909</a>	Allen	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB2167</a>	Allen	AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS HIV-AIDS MINORITY TASK FORCE.
<a href="#">HB2028</a>	Perry	TO ESTABLISH CONSISTENCY IN THE LAWS CONCERNING ENGINEERS.
<a href="#">HB1839</a>	Nickels	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF MISCLASSIFYING EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND TO INDIRECTLY AMEND INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
<a href="#">HB1843</a>	B. Wilkins	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ALZHEIMER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.
<a href="#">HB1905</a>	Woods	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.
<a href="#">HB1943</a>	Dale	AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT AS OR APPOINT A RECEIVER FOR PUBLIC WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS THAT FAIL TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS OR ADEQUATELY OPERATE THEIR SYSTEMS.

#### PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1810</a>	D. Hutchinson	JONATHAN'S LAW: TO ESTABLISH SAFETY STANDARDS FOR ANCHORING SOCCER GOALS ON PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER RECREATION AREAS.

#### DEFERRED BILLS

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB830</a>	Elliott	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DENIAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.
<a href="#">SB808</a>	J. Dismang	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PEER REVIEW COMMITTEES.
<a href="#">SB813</a>	Bledsoe	TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT TO CONTROL THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT OR INDEPENDENT PRACTICE OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB987</a>	Bledsoe	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB880</a>	P. Malone	TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED LOCAL REGULATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE; TO IMPLEMENT ALL STATE-LAW ASPECTS OF FEDERAL HEALTHCARE REFORM; AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE.
<a href="#">SB900</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SOLICITING, RECEIVING, OFFERING, OR PAYING ANYTHING OF VALUE TO INDUCE REFERRALS OF HEALTHCARE ITEMS OR SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB904</a>	P. Malone	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE; AND TO MAKE RELATED CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS CODE.
<a href="#">SB939</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ASSESS A PROVIDER FEE ON PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB988</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PROPER ANTIPSYCHOTIC USE ACT OF 2011.
<a href="#">SB1003</a>	P. Malone	AN ACT TO CREATE A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.
<a href="#">SB944</a>	S. Harrelson	TO CLARIFY THE ARKANSAS ACUPUNCTURE PRACTICES ACT, § 17-102-101 ET SEQ., AND RELATED TECHNIQUES.
<a href="#">SB865</a>	S. Harrelson	TO REQUIRE AN ASBESTOS SURVEY BEFORE A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE RENOVATION OR DEMOLITION OF A PUBLIC OR COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND TO REGULATE THE SURVEYING AND REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS IN BUILDINGS.
<a href="#">SB980</a>	J. Key	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WATER REGULATIONS.
<a href="#">SB87</a>	J. Key	CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS WHEN BEING DISCHARGED FOR MISCONDUCT.
<a href="#">SB911</a>	J. Key	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.
<a href="#">SB934</a>	Irvin	TO PROMOTE COMPETITION, INCREASE QUALITY, AND DECREASE COSTS IN THE

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET.

<a href="#">SB983</a>	Irvin	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB989</a>	Burnett	TO REGULATE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS; TO PROVIDE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY FOR § 23-99-418, AS AMENDED BY ACT 196 OF 2011.
<a href="#">SB919</a>	Salmon	CONCERNING THE REAL-TIME ELECTRONIC LOG BOOK FOR A PHARMACY TO RECORD PURCHASES OF EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, AND PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE.
<a href="#">SB959</a>	Salmon	REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSES.
<a href="#">SB960</a>	Salmon	TO REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF ANY STATE ACTION THAT MAY IMPACT OR HARM THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO REGULATE STATE ACTIONS THAT MAY IMPACT OR HARM THE ENVIRONMENT.
<a href="#">SB824</a>	J. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS OF FIREFIGHTERS TO PROVIDE CANCER POLICIES FOR CERTAIN FORMS OF CANCER DEVELOPED THROUGH THEIR WORK AS FIREFIGHTERS.
<a href="#">SB7</a>	G. Jeffress	TO REVISE ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION WORKERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB928</a>	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO DEFINE "DILIGENT ENFORCEMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT; § 19-12-101 ET SEQ.
<a href="#">SB929</a>	M. Lamoureux	TO REGULATE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
<a href="#">SB978</a>	M. Lamoureux	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO PROCESS DENTAL REVIEWS THROUGH ONLINE OR CLOUD-BASED SYSTEMS.
<a href="#">SB244</a>	Madison	TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 11 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 CONCERNING LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.
<a href="#">SB249</a>	Madison	TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 20 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.
<a href="#">SB843</a>	Rapert	TO PROTECT UNBORN CHILDREN.
<a href="#">SB971</a>	Rapert	TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE RESPONSE TIME FOR THE LAST EMPLOYER TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE OF CLAIM FORM FILED WHEN A FORMER EMPLOYEE APPLIES FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB209</a>	E. Williams	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, A GED, OR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES TOWARD A GED WHILE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
<a href="#">SB968</a>	Holland	TO SET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSON TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT AND TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO MIGHT NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT TO DO SO ONLY IN INSTANCES OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN LIFE-SAVING MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.
<a href="#">SB98</a>	D. Wyatt	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.