

AGENDA (Revised 2/17/25 @ 5:50 PM)
Moved SB180 to Regular Agenda
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
10:00 AM
Room 130, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Chair
 Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Stephen Magie
 Rep. Jack Ladyman
 Rep. Mary Bentley
 Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
 Rep. Fred Allen

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 Rep. Mark Perry
 Rep. Lee Johnson
 Rep. Cameron Cooper
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 Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
 Rep. Wayne Long

Rep. Bart Schulz
 Rep. Kendra Moore
 Rep. Ryan A. Rose
 Rep. Zack Gramlich
 Rep. Glenn Barnes
 Rep. Dolly Henley

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<u>SB50</u>	J. Boyd	TO REQUIRE A LEGISLATIVE STUDY OF WORKFORCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM; AND TO REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING THE STUDY.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<u>HB1171</u>	K. Moore	TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT; AND TO AUTHORIZE AN ABBREVIATED INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES ENROLLED IN A RISK-BASED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION.
<u>HB1428</u>	Steimel	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PUBLIC LODGING; AND TO PROVIDE A BED HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR MOBILITY ACCESSIBLE ROOMS.
<u>HB1447</u>	Long	TO EXEMPT A SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLER LICENSED UNDER THE ARKANSAS SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS ACT FROM LICENSURE AS A PLUMBER.
<u>HB1478</u>	Schulz	TO REPEAL THE REGISTRATION OF DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS.
<u>SB137</u>	J. Boyd	TO PERMIT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO MAINTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT.
<u>SB180</u>	D. Sullivan	TO EXEMPT PROVIDERS IN THE PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<u>HB1132</u>	Pilkington	TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; AND TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.
<u>HB1140</u>	Gramlich	TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.

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HB1166	Gramlich	TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF EPINEPHRINE FOR USE IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
HB1167	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.
HB1185	L. Johnson	TO ADOPT THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.
HB1213	Achor	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT; TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE"; AND TO DEFINE "HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.
HB1244	K. Brown	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST.
HB1251	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.
HB1253	L. Johnson	TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.
HB1254	L. Johnson	TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTITIONER TO PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY IN THIS STATE; AND TO REMOVE THE INDEPENDENT PRACTICE PRIVILEGES FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS.
HB1256	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.
HB1257	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.
HB1258	L. Johnson	TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT; AND TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.
HB1270	Pilkington	TO ESTABLISH LICENSURE FOR PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE PRESCRIBED PEDIATRIC EXTENDED CARE CENTERS.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1079	F. Allen	TO MANDATE COVERAGE FOR GENETIC TESTING FOR AN INHERITED GENE MUTATION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; AND TO MANDATE COVERAGE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED CANCER IMAGING FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.
HB1142	A. Brown	TO CREATE THE REPRODUCTIVE EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH OPTIMAL RESTORATION (RESTORE) ACT.
HB1164	J. Mayberry	TO ALLOW A PHYSICIAN OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO OFFER COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS; AND TO MANDATE THAT INSURANCE POLICIES COVER ASSESSMENTS FOR COGNITIVE FUNCTION FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS.
HB1252	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY-BASED DOULA CERTIFICATION ACT; AND TO CERTIFY BIRTH AND POSTPARTUM DOULAS IN THIS STATE TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND INFANT OUTCOMES.

HB1275	Cavanaugh	TO PROHIBIT PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR TREATMENT OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.
HB1302	L. Johnson	TO ADD DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TO THE UNIVERSAL NEWBORN SCREENING ACT.
HB1332	Pilkington	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS GLP-1 AGONISTS, WHEN PRESCRIBED FOR WEIGHT LOSS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1004	Pilkington	TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH.
HB1008	A. Collins	TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH.
HB1010	A. Collins	TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES.
HB1011	A. Collins	TO CREATE THE RESTORE ROE ACT; AND TO RESTORE A WOMAN'S ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES.
HB1012	A. Collins	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.
HB1013	Hudson	TO PROTECT FERTILITY TREATMENT RIGHTS IN THIS STATE.
HB1029	D. Garner	TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SERVICES RELATED TO ADDICTION.
HB1032	A. Collins	TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY.
HB1047	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO MAKE PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN.
HB1053	Pilkington	TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REMOTE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURES AND REMOTE FETAL NONSTRESS TESTS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1054	Pilkington	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO COVER BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN.
HB1061	Pilkington	TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH GESTATIONAL DIABETES ARE PROVIDED COVERAGE FOR CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1165	L. Johnson	TO PROHIBIT DIFFERENT REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE SAME TYPE OF PROVIDER IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1169	L. Johnson	TO CLARIFY THE ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR AN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT TO INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS IN A MENTAL CONDITION AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION.
HB1170	L. Johnson	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE REVIEW FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION BLOCK GRANT.
HB1172	L. Johnson	TO ADD DEFINITIONS TO THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL RULE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ARE APPEALABLE.
HB1217	Nazarenko	TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE MASSAGE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

HB1218	J. Mayberry	TO CREATE LICENSURE FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALISTS; AND TO CREATE THE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PRACTICE ACT.
HB1224	Nazarenko	TO AMEND THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT; AND TO APPLY THE AUTOMATIC OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE FOR OUT-OF-STATE LICENSURE ACT TO MASSAGE THERAPISTS.
HB1241	J. Mayberry	TO ENSURE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM REIMBURSES FOR DENTAL AND ANESTHESIA COSTS FOR HIGH COMPLEXITY ORAL HEALTH CARE.
HB1269	Pilkington	TO CREATE THE MOMNIBUS ACT; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THIS STATE.
HB1277	Gramlich	TO AMEND PAYMENTS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION REGARDING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS; AND TO ALLOW THIRD PARTY CONSULTANTS OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.
HB1285	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE'S OPERATORS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
HB1291	Wing	TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS FROM THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYEE" UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGE ACT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS IMPACTING THE LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 5 OF 2018.
HB1401	Pilkington	TO INCLUDE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SERVICES WITHIN THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT.
HB1402	Pilkington	TO AMEND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 2000, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT; AND TO DIRECT THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.
HB1403	Pilkington	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME ACT OF 2021 TO ALLOW NONHOSPITAL ENTITIES TO BE COMMUNITY BRIDGE ORGANIZATIONS.
HB1429	M. Shepherd	TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY WHILE ENSURING QUALITY FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES PERFORMING MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE QUALITY STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF FACILITIES FOR MAMMOGRAPHY.
SB134	Irvin	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT ADVISORY COMMISSION.
SB136	J. Boyd	TO CREATE THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL TREATMENT ACT; AND TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS HAVE ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL TREATMENT.
HB1439	Ladyman	TO REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM LICENSURE AS A PRIVATE CARE AGENCY.
HB1440	Bentley	TO AMEND THE MASSAGE THERAPY ACT; AND TO ESTABLISH REGISTRATION FOR MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS.
HB1442	Achor	TO SET RESTRICTIONS ON PHARMACY CONTRACTING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; AND TO ESTABLISH PHARMACEUTICAL PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE.
HB1454	Bentley	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES OF SERVICE PROVIDERS; TO ALLOW THIRD-PARTY EMPLOYEE EVALUATION SERVICES TO PERFORM CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO INCLUDE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

<u>HB1456</u>	Rose	TO AMEND THE STATE KIDNEY DISEASE COMMISSION TO BE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
<u>HB1458</u>	L. Johnson	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CREDENTIALING INFORMATION" WHEN THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD IS PROVIDING INFORMATION TO CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS.
<u>HB1463</u>	Hudson	TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST MATERIALS OR TEST DATA.
<u>SB168</u>	Rice	TO ESTABLISH A STATE EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<u>SB178</u>	J. Boyd	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE DECISIONS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THE ABILITY OF A SURROGATE TO OBTAIN RECORDS ON A PRINCIPAL'S INCOME, ASSETS, AND BANKING AND FINANCIAL RECORDS.
<u>SB187</u>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.
<u>SB213</u>	Irvin	TO CREATE THE HEALTHY MOMS, HEALTHY BABIES ACT; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THIS STATE.
<u>HB1468</u>	Cozart	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS AGAINST CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS TO REMEDY CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS.
<u>HB1471</u>	Wooldridge	TO AMEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF ALL LICENSES OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.