

**AGENDA (Revised 2/27/25 @ 8:30AM)**  
**Moved HB1218 to Deferred Bills and HB1241 to Pending Fiscal Impact**  
**House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**

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**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room 130, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB1169</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>HB1244</u></a>	K. Brown	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST.
<a href="#"><u>HB1253</u></a>	L. Johnson	TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.
<a href="#"><u>HB1429</u></a>	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.
<a href="#"><u>HB1442</u></a>	Achor	TO SET RESTRICTIONS ON PHARMACY CONTRACTING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; AND TO ESTABLISH PHARMACEUTICAL PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE.
<a href="#"><u>HB1463</u></a>	Hudson	TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST MATERIALS OR TEST DATA.
<a href="#"><u>SB187</u></a>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.
<a href="#"><u>HB1468</u></a>	Cozart	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS AGAINST CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS TO REMEDY CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS.
<a href="#"><u>HB1471</u></a>	Wooldridge	TO AMEND THE EXPIRATION DATE OF ALL LICENSES OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY.
<a href="#"><u>HB1505</u></a>	Wing	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC EMPLOYER TO OFFER AND PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LICENSED COUNSELING FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A TRAUMATIC EVENT.
<a href="#"><u>HB1506</u></a>	Andrews	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; AND TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC EMPLOYER FROM DEDUCTING LABOR ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM THE COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

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<a href="#">SB186</a>	J. Bryant	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY A LICENSEE OF THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD.
<a href="#">SB139</a>	J. Boyd	TO CLARIFY THAT A COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AGREEMENT IS UNENFORCEABLE FOR CERTAIN LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.
<a href="#">HB1530</a>	Achor	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIALTY HOSPITAL" RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT FEE ON HOSPITALS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1532</a>	L. Johnson	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
<a href="#">HB1543</a>	Underwood	TO ESTABLISH THE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2025.
<a href="#">HB1554</a>	A. Brown	TO CREATE THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY REPORTING ACT.
<a href="#">HB1559</a>	McGrew	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK A WAIVER TO THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR COVERAGE FOR INPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
<a href="#">HB1566</a>	McClure	TO REQUIRE ADOPTION OF A STATEWIDE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CORE CURRICULUM TO INCREASE CONSISTENCY IN PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1575</a>	Lundstrum	TO PROHIBIT A PERSON THAT IS EMPLOYED OR HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN AN ORGANIZATION THAT OWNS, OPERATES, REPRESENTS, OR APPLIES FOR A SOLID WASTE LICENSE OR PERMIT FROM SERVING AS A MEMBER ON CERTAIN BOARDS.
<a href="#">HB1576</a>	Lundstrum	TO PROHIBIT A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL OR TRANSFER STATION TO BE PLACED OVER A KARST TOPOGRAPHY.
<a href="#">HB1582</a>	McAlindon	TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
<a href="#">HB1585</a>	L. Johnson	TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FROM LICENSURE AS A HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICE TO AN ENTITY THAT SOLELY PROVIDES THERAPY SERVICES THAT ARE NOT REIMBURSED BY MEDICARE PART A.
<a href="#">HB1586</a>	L. Johnson	TO AMEND THE MEDICAID WAIVER FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER TO CLARIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS TO DIAGNOSE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.
<a href="#">HB1588</a>	McAlindon	TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SEEKS OR IMPLEMENTS AN EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OR INCREASES COSTS TO THE STATE FOR THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1592</a>	J. Mayberry	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

#### **PENDING FISCAL IMPACT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1079</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1142</a>	A. Brown	TO CREATE THE REPRODUCTIVE EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT THROUGH OPTIMAL RESTORATION (RESTORE) ACT.
<a href="#">HB1164</a>	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.

<a href="#">HB1241</a>	J. Mayberry	TO ENSURE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM REIMBURSES FOR DENTAL AND ANESTHESIA COSTS FOR HIGH COMPLEXITY ORAL HEALTH CARE.
<a href="#">HB1252</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1275</a>	Cavanaugh	TO PROHIBIT PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR TREATMENT OF A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.
<a href="#">HB1302</a>	L. Johnson	TO ADD DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TO THE UNIVERSAL NEWBORN SCREENING ACT.
<a href="#">HB1332</a>	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**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1004</a>	Pilkington	TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH.
<a href="#">HB1008</a>	A. Collins	TO REQUIRE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POSTPARTUM MOTHERS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER GIVING BIRTH.
<a href="#">HB1010</a>	A. Collins	TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES.
<a href="#">HB1011</a>	A. Collins	TO CREATE THE RESTORE ROE ACT; AND TO RESTORE A WOMAN'S ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES.
<a href="#">HB1012</a>	A. Collins	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.
<a href="#">HB1013</a>	Hudson	TO PROTECT FERTILITY TREATMENT RIGHTS IN THIS STATE.
<a href="#">HB1029</a>	D. Garner	TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SERVICES RELATED TO ADDICTION.
<a href="#">HB1032</a>	A. Collins	TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY.
<a href="#">HB1132</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1140</a>	Gramlich	TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1165</a>	L. Johnson	TO PROHIBIT DIFFERENT REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE SAME TYPE OF PROVIDER IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1185</a>	L. Johnson	TO ADOPT THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.
<a href="#">HB1218</a>	J. Mayberry	TO CREATE LICENSURE FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALISTS; AND TO CREATE THE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PRACTICE ACT.
<a href="#">HB1224</a>	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.

<a href="#">HB1270</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1277</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1285</a>	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE'S OPERATORS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
<a href="#">HB1401</a>	Pilkington	TO INCLUDE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SERVICES WITHIN THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT.
<a href="#">SB168</a>	Rice	TO ESTABLISH A STATE EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1584</a>	L. Johnson	TO REQUIRE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS OF A BENEFICIARY IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES BE COMPLETED WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME.