

AGENDA
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Thursday, March 6, 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

Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson
Rep. Cameron Cooper
Rep. Jay Richardson
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

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1285	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH AN EXEMPTION PROGRAM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE'S OPERATORS FOR CERTAIN HEALTHCARE SERVICES.
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.
SB168	Rice	TO ESTABLISH A STATE EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1468	Cozart	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CLAIMS AGAINST CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS TO REMEDY CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS.
HB1530	Achor	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIALTY HOSPITAL" RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT FEE ON HOSPITALS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1543	Underwood	TO ESTABLISH THE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2025.
HB1582	McAlindon	TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.
HB1585	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.
HB1592	J. Mayberry	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.
SB257	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT; TO EXTEND THE APPEAL PERIOD FOR PROVIDERS IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION IN NOTICES OF ADVERSE DECISIONS.

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HB1622	Gramlich	TO AMEND THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT; TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "ADVERSE DECISION" UNDER THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RECONSIDERATION UNDER THE MEDICAID FAIRNESS ACT.
SB111	K. Hammer	TO ESTABLISH THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST COMPACT.
SB222	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.
HB1643	Dalby	TO ALLOW A CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYER TO DISCLOSE SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OR HARASSMENT BY THE CURRENT FOR FORMER EMPLOYEE TO A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER UPON WRITTEN CONSENT.
SB99	C. Penzo	TO AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO DELEGATE CERTAIN TASKS.
SB101	C. Penzo	TO ESTABLISH THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE COMPACT.
SB118	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "AUDIOLOGY" RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGISTS.

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.
HB1241	J. Mayberry	TO ENSURE THAT THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM REIMBURSES FOR DENTAL AND ANESTHESIA COSTS FOR HIGH COMPLEXITY ORAL HEALTH CARE.
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.
HB1554	A. Brown	TO CREATE THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY REPORTING ACT.

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.
HB1132	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.
HB1140	Gramlich	TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
HB1401	Pilkington	TO INCLUDE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SERVICES WITHIN THE MEDICAID PROVIDER-LED ORGANIZED CARE ACT.
HB1463	Hudson	TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST MATERIALS OR TEST DATA.
HB1505	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.
HB1506	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.
HB1532	L. Johnson	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

HB1566	McClure	TO REQUIRE ADOPTION OF A STATEWIDE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CORE CURRICULUM TO INCREASE CONSISTENCY IN PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION.
HB1584	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.
HB1588	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.
SB187	Irvin	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW BOARD TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.
HB1619	Gramlich	TO SET ADMINISTRATION FEES UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR IMMUNIZATIONS AND MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES FOR RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS DISEASE; AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL IMMUNITY.