

AGENDA (Revised 3-22-2011)
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10:00 AM
Room 130, State Capitol
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Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin
Rep. Andy Mayberry

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1765	Wren	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THIRD PARTIES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID COSTS.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1728	Carter	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.
SB296	Teague	AN ACT TO DEFINE THE INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING MEDICAL RECORDS.
HB1830	McLean	AN ACT TO RESTORE THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION CONCESSION FOR CHIROPRACTIC TO THE PREVIOUS LEVEL.
HB1831	McLean	AN ACT TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.
HB1840	Rice	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.
HB1855	B. Wilkins	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FACILITIES THAT PERFORM TEN OR MORE ABORTIONS EACH MONTH SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
SB459	Crumbly	AN ACT TO DEFINE ARKANSAS RED COUNTIES AND TO ESTABLISH A REPORTING SYSTEM.
HB1872	Johnston	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS OF ARKANSAS CONCERNING ABORTION.
HB1881	Leding	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES AFTER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY.
HB1915	Tyler	AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR GASTRIC PACEMAKERS.
HB1938	Nickels	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE JURISDICTION OF THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD.
HB1939	Nickels	TO ENHANCE THE REGULATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

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HB1979	Westerman	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN STATE-OWNED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.
HB1983	D. Meeks	AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE ACT.
HB1985	Biviano	AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.
HB1987	Allen	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CONSUMER CREDIT INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.
HB1991	Cozart	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS COMMITTEE AND TO AMEND THE NAME OF THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS COMMITTEE.
HB2009	Hubbard	THE ARKANSAS LEGAL WORKER'S ACT.
HB2056	Clemmer	TO REQUIRE HIV TESTING FOR ALL DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES.
HB2106	Wardlaw	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.
HB2127	Clemmer	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR EMPLOYERS TO RESPOND TO APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ONLINE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB2132	Clemmer	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE THIRTY-DAY DISQUALIFICATION PERIOD FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AFTER DISCHARGE FOR MISCONDUCT.
HB2152	Nickels	TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS AGAINST RETALIATORY DISCRIMINATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
HB2159	Stubblefield	TO ESTABLISH THE PREGNANT WOMAN'S PROTECTION ACT.
HB2212	Powers	TO REGULATE MOTOR CARRIERS IN RELATION TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS.
SB213	J. Key	TO REGULATE COVERAGE OF IN VITRO FERTILIZATION PROCEDURES.
SB702	Luker	TO ASSURE DUE PROCESS AND PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION IN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ADJUDICATIONS.
HB1172	Hall	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.
HB1604	Murdock	AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA IN ARKANSAS.
HB1444	Wright	AN ACT TO ELIMINATE A GROWING EPIDEMIC IN THE PURCHASE OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND SIMILAR DRUGS.
SB65	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO IMPROVE ENROLLMENT OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN IN THE ARKIDS FIRST A AND B MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
SB66	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY.
SB408	P. Malone	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CONSUMERS ARE NOTIFIED WHEN HAMBURGER MEAT IS NOT HEATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STANDARDS.
SB716	P. Malone	AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD MAKE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES REGARDING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS.
SB814	Bledsoe	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD TO COLLECT DATA FROM LICENSEES.
SB833	J. Dismang	AN ACT REPEALING THE LEAD-BASED PAINT-HAZARD ACT OF 1997 AND CREATING THE ARKANSAS LEAD-BASED PAINT-HAZARD ACT OF 2011.
SB835	Burnett	AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT AND TO REGULATE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE AND PROCESSING CENTERS.
SB943	Bledsoe	AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY OF ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING.
HB1887	Mayberry	AN ACT TO CREATE THE PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB593	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.
SB764	J. Key	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ISSUE GENERAL PERMITS; TO CREATE PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE, REVIEW, RENEWAL, AND REVOCATION OF GENERAL PERMITS.

SB770	Crumbly	AN ACT TO DEFINE RED COUNTIES; TO REQUEST COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND TO REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES ESTABLISHED.
SB955	J. Key	TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND ACT.
HB2210	Murdock	REGULATE THE FAIRNESS AND COMPETITION IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.
SB846	J. Dismang	TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE SERVICES IN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB113	Bledsoe	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE POLICIES FROM OFFERING COVERAGE FOR ABORTIONS EXCEPT THROUGH A SEPARATE RIDER.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1800	King	TO ENACT THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.
HB1801	King	TO ENACT THE MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS REVIEW ACT.
HB1445	Nickels	TO CREATE CRIMINAL PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE WAGES, FINAL COMPENSATION, OR WAGE SUPPLEMENTS TO AN EMPLOYEE.
HB1600	Hyde	TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.
HB1475	McLean	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ASSISTANCE THAT CHIROPRACTIC AIDES PROVIDE TO LICENSED CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS.
HB1324	Nickels	THE EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION ACT.
HB1325	Nickels	AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE PRACTICE OF MISCLASSIFYING EMPLOYEES AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS FOR PURPOSES OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND TO INDIRECTLY AMEND INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.
HB1247	B. Wilkins	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS TO TEST NEWBORN INFANTS AND FROM THE REQUIREMENTS TO IMMUNIZE NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.
HB1308	Allen	AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDICAID GENERIC DRUG COMPETITION AND SAVINGS ACT AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE COMPETITIVE BID PROCESS FOR GENERIC DRUGS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENT.
HB1217	Tyler	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO BILL MEDICAID DIRECTLY FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
HB1029	D. Altos	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
HB1043	D. Altos	TO ENACT THE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG ACT; TO PROHIBIT A STORE FROM PROVIDING A SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG TO A CUSTOMER; TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF REUSABLE BAGS.
HB1054	D. Altos	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO CONDUCT REEMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB1057	D. Altos	AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND.
HB1058	D. Altos	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB1249	D. Altos	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB1053	D. Meeks	AN ACT TO ENSURE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN HEALTH CARE FOR ALL ARKANSANS; AND TO PREVENT INVOLUNTARY ENROLLMENTS IN HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PROGRAMS.
HB1205	Mauch	THE ARKANSAS WATER ADDITIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
HB1932	T. Thompson	TO MODIFY THE LAW CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
HB1940	Nickels	TO REESTABLISH FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND COMPETITION IN THE BIDDING PRACTICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FACILITIES.

HB2022	Nickels	TO BRING SOLVENCY TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND, THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND, AND THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SPECIAL FUND; AND TO FUND CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB2080	Hobbs	TO PROMOTE COMPETITION, INCREASE QUALITY, AND DECREASE COSTS IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET.
HB2086	J. Burris	AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW CONCERNING BUSINESS SPECIFIC ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MINIMUM WAGE.
HB2090	Shepherd	TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS BE GIVEN NOTICE OF BIDS ON BUILDING PROJECTS OF THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.
HB2091	Shepherd	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERSONS WORKING ON BUILDING PROJECTS OF THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.
HB2092	Shepherd	TO REQUIRE THE PURCHASE OF ARKANSAS PRODUCTS FOR BUILDING PROJECTS OF THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB2100	Allen	AN ACT TO CREATE AN OPT-OUT HIV SCREENING PROGRAM.
HB2104	Woods	TO AUTHORIZE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE.
HB2114	Summers	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS WITH REGARD TO EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, OR PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE.
HB2129	Hyde	TO REFORM THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS OF THE STATE AND TO ASSIST THE FUNDING OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
HB2133	Powers	TO DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR WITH A TRUCKING COMPANY THAT HE OR SHE MAY HAVE A LEASE AGREEMENT AND ENSURE THAT THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR HAS ACCESS TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE.
HB2171	Word	TO REGULATE THE RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS.
HB2204	Sanders	TO REGULATE THE PERFECTION, FILING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF MECHANIC'S AND MATERIALMEN'S LIENS; AND TO CLARIFY THE STATE'S LIEN LAWS.
HB2218	Catlett	CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN RESPONDING TO HIGHWAY EMERGENCIES, THE RECOVERY OF COSTS IN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES, AND CLARIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION.
HB1405	Webb	TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING OF USED COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
HB1965	Leding	TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED TO THE MOST INTEGRATED SETTINGS.
HB1789	Tyler	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR RECOUPMENT OF COSTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PHARMACY AUDIT BILL OF RIGHTS.
HB2187	Patterson	TO REGULATE EXEMPTIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LICENSING LAW.
HB1788	Harris	TO ALLOW THE INCIDENTAL SALE OF WHOLE MILK THAT IS NOT PASTEURIZED AND TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO MAKE RULES FOR THE SALES.