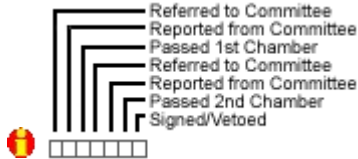




# Arkansas Medical Society Bill Status Report

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## AMS

HB 1005

Davis, Andy(R)



Clarifies the application of sales and use taxes on candy and soft drinks requiring the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration to either provide relevant product definitions or provide exemptions to sellers.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-18-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 165 )

HB 1013

Boyd, Justin(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)



Requires the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine to adopt rules and regulations to limit the amount of Schedule II narcotics that may be dispensed by licensees of the board.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-13-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 112 )

HB 1014

Mayberry, Julie(R)  
Bledsoe, Cecile(R)



Adds bleeding control training as a required component of high school health courses.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 245 )

HB 1068

Evans, Brian(R)  
Hill, Ricky(R)



Repeals the enforceability of covenant not to compete agreements. States in uncodified language that the repealer does not affect the ability of an employer to protect trade secrets under the Trade Secrets Act.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-30-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

HB 1070

Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Creates the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019, establishing 14 cabinet-level departments



led by an executive head named the secretary. Establishes the powers and duties of a cabinet-level department.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-23-19 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. - Room 151 - S-State Agencies

HB 1071



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Veteran's Affairs as a cabinet-level department, transferring five state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-29-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1072



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Health as a cabinet-level department, transferring 46 state entities to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-30-19 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment of House - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1074



Mayberry, Julie(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Requires newborn screening for spinal muscular atrophy at the earliest feasible time unless a parent or legal guardian objects in writing on religious grounds; mandates that insurance policies offer coverage for screenings.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-04-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 58 )

HB 1101



Sullivan, Dan(R)

Prohibits the Arkansas Medicaid Program from providing a cost settlement reimbursement to a the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-18-19 H Referred to interim committee - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1102



Sullivan, Dan(R)

Repeals the requirement that DHS only issue licenses to nonprofit community programs in counties it determines to be underserved with regard to certain child health services and nonresidential services for adults with developmental disabilities.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1103



Sullivan, Dan(R)

Repeals the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Act, which was established to create a database of medical, dental, and pharmaceutical and other insurance claims information, including demographic information for covered individuals.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-23-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

HB 1115



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Corrections as a cabinet-level department, transferring eight state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 01-31-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1116



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of the Inspector General as a cabinet-level department, transferring three state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-05-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1117



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Agriculture as a cabinet-level department, transferring 22 state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-12-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1118



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism as a cabinet-level department, transferring 22 state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-13-19 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment of House - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1125



Evans, Brian(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Prohibits an insurer from requiring payment for healthcare services through gift cards, credit cards or virtual credit cards and authorizes risk-sharing payments using these only if the physician has clear instructions that result in no processing fee.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 300 )

HB 1150



House, Douglas(R)

Adds qualifying medical conditions for the prescription of medical marijuana.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-27-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1156



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services, Director's Office for 2019-2020 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 H Sent to subcommittee JBC - Special Language Subcommittee

HB 1164



Pilkington, Aaron(R)

Authorizes a pharmacist who has completed a training program to dispense oral contraceptives without a prescription.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-04-19 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1165



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of the Military as a cabinet-level department and assigns powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-13-19 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment of House - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1166



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Human Services as a cabinet-level department, transferring fourteen divisions or state programs to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-14-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1167



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Provides that students may possess and use topical sunscreen, which is categorized as an over-the-counter drug.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 247 )

HB 1168



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for fiscal 2019-2020 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Emergency clause adopted

HB 1169



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Programs for fiscal 2019-2020.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

HB 1176



Pilkington, Aaron(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Directs the Department of Health to establish the Arkansas Breast Milk Depository to assist mothers and guardians in providing breast milk to infants and provides for screening before distribution.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-27-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 216 )

HB 1200



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for various programs for fiscal 2019-2020.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-19-19 H Amendment 1 adopted

HB 1212



House, Douglas(R)

Extends the medical marijuana special privilege tax through July 1, 2021.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Effective date

HB 1215



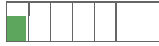
Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Energy and Environment as a cabinet-level department, transferring eight state entities to the department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-14-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1216



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Public Safety as a cabinet-level department, transferring 17 state entities to the department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-13-19 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment of House - Room 151 - S-State Agencies

HB 1220



Sullivan, Dan(R)

Amends the definition of professional relationship under the Telemedicine Act to provide that a relationship exists if the healthcare professional has access to the patient's medical history and is of the opinion that the standard of care can be met.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Motion to expunge vote failed (Vote: Y: 66/N: 26)

HB 1226



Gray, Michelle(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Creates the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences National Cancer Institute Designation Fund, to contain private grants or other sources of revenue to be used by the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute to pursue national institute status.

**Companions:** SB 151 Bledsoe, Cecile (Same As)  
2-19-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 181)

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1230



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Johnson, Mark(R)

Authorizes an advanced practice registered nurse to enter a collaborative practice agreement with a podiatrist, if employed by the podiatrist.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 308 )

HB 1245



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Amends the sales tax exemption for durable medical equipment and other supplies to include purchases made by podiatrists.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-18-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 172 )

HB 1251



Eubanks, Jon(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Requires the State Board of Optometry to establish credentialing requirements for an optometrist to be able to perform laser procedures. Requires optometrists who perform laser procedures to report to the board the outcome of each procedure.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 579 )

HB 1252



Magie, Steve(D)

Creates a professional license for anesthesiologist assistants under the State Medical Board.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1253



Magie, Steve(D)

Authorizes dispensing opticians to perform refraction and dispense eyeglasses, provided the patient's visual acuity was correctable to 20/20.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1254



Magie, Steve(D)

Requires the Board of Dispensing Opticians to develop rules allowing licensed dispensing opticians to dispense contact lenses.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1255



Dotson, Jim(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Requires professional licensing boards and other entities to adopt the least restrictive requirements for reciprocal licensing of persons who hold relevant licenses in other states, through issuance of temporary 90-day licenses.

**Companions:** [HB 1301](#) Cozart, Bruce (Refiled)  
3-12-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 426)

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1257



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Permits the disclosure of claims data that contains direct personal identifiers of eligible individuals in the Arkansas Works Program to the State Insurance Department and the Department of

Human Services, subject to state and federal privacy laws.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

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HB 1263



Eaves, Les(R)

Authorizes pharmacists to initiate therapy and dispense nicotine replacement therapy products under a statewide protocol.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 651 )

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HB 1265



Gray, Michelle(R)

Requires the State Medical Board to grant a certificate of full independent practice to an advanced practice registered nurse meeting certain thresholds for experience.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1267



Gonzales, Justin(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Extends the prescriptive authority to Schedule II drugs for an advanced practice nurse who has completed 2,000 hours of practice.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 593 )

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HB 1269



Magie, Steve(D)

Authorizes pharmacists to substitute interchangeable biological products, provided that doing so will be a cost savings for the patient.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 637 )

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HB 1274



Pilkington, Aaron(R)

Authorizes advanced practice nurses who have practiced in a community with a population of 5,000 or less for 5 years to practice without a collaborative agreement from a physician.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-12-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1275



Richey, Chris(D)

Creates the Community Health Worker Act, to certify community health workers and nonprofit community health centers to provide services in literacy, research initiatives, environmental assessments, and basic health care services.



**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-14-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1278



Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Amends the definition of "practice of pharmacy" to allow vaccines and immunizations be administered as general written protocol rather than under a patient specific order or prescription.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 652 )

HB 1282



Lundstrum, Robin(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Changes the licensing requirements for advanced practice registered nurses by removing the requirement for a mandatory collaborative practice agreement.

**Companions:** SB 189 Wallace, David (Same As)  
3-18-19 S Meeting set for 3:00 p.m. - Room 272, S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1283



Gonzales, Justin(R)

Changes the definition of a certified nurse anesthetist, removing the requirement that a certified nurse anesthetist must serve "under the supervision of" a licensed physician, dentist, etc. but instead "in coordination with" such a professional.

**Companions:** SB 184 Stubblefield, Gary (Same As)  
4- 2-19 H Failed (Vote: N: 37/Y: 49)

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-04-19 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1284



Gonzales, Justin(R)

Authorizes the Arkansas Medicaid Program to recognize advanced practice registered nurses as primary care providers.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-04-19 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1288



Davis, Marsh(R)  
Pitsch, Mathew(R)

Clarifies that pharmacists may fill prescriptions for any licensed healthcare professional who has the relevant prescriptive authority.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 309 )

HB 1289



Smith, Brandt(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Provides that healthcare practitioners, institutions, or payers have the right to not participate in or pay for healthcare services that violate their conscience.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1290



Pilkington, Aaron(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Authorizes a pharmacist to initiate therapy and dispense or administer oral contraceptives after receiving training. Requires screening to determine if the woman has recently been seen by a primary care or women's health practitioner.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1296



McCollum, Austin(R)

Prohibits the revocation of a professional license because of student loan repayment default status or failure to complete scholarship obligations. Exempts rural medical practice student loans.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 250 )

HB 1301



Cozart, Bruce(R)

Requires professional licensing boards and other entities to adopt the least restrictive requirements for reciprocal licensing of persons who hold relevant licenses in other states, through issuance of temporary 90-day licenses.

**Companions:** [HB 1255](#) Dotson, Jim (Refiled)  
4- 3-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272, S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-12-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 426 )

HB 1323



Douglas, Dan(R)

Prohibits the Office of Long-Term Care from adopting rules or standards that are stricter than the federal minimum requirements for certified nursing aides or assistants, including instructors.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-12-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1365



Gray, Michelle(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Adds law enforcement officers to the HIV Shield Law, which waives consent for HIV testing when a person comes in certain contact with emergency personnel.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 253 )

HB 1371



Davis, Andy(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Establishes the Department of Commerce as a cabinet-level department, transferring 26 state entities to the Department and assigning powers and duties under the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-14-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - H-State Agencies

HB 1381



Collins, Andrew(D)

Requires the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training to develop a curriculum relating to drug overdoses, to be included in basic training courses.

**Companions:** HB 1529 Womack, Richard (Same As)  
4- 1-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 646)

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-13-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1393



Della Rosa, Jana(R)

Authorizes the Ethics Commission to extend investigations an additional 60 days if the Commission notifies the person who is being investigated or who is the subject of the hearing or action.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-21-19 G Effective date

HB 1399



Brown, Karilyn(R)

Prohibits public funding for human cloning or destructive embryo research, including stem cell research. Creates a Class A misdemeanor and \$1,000 civil penalty for noncompliance, and establishes a basis for denying of occupational licensure.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 653 )

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HB 1406



Hawks, Spencer(R)

Allows intermediate driver's license holders to renew their license as a regular license prior to its expiration date, which is currently the date of their 18th birthday.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 596 )

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HB 1421



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Enacts the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact to establish interstate physical therapy licensure.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 313 )

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HB 1430



Dotson, Jim(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Removes all references to the word regulation, as it pertains to the rules and regulations of state agencies, in Arkansas Code. (906 page bill).

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 315 )

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HB 1431



Dotson, Jim(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Amends the interpretation of state agency rulemaking authority and the legislative review process for those rules. Applies review process to the Workforce Services Dept. and the Public Service, Workers' Comp. And Pollution Control Commissions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-19-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 517 )

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HB 1435



Pilkington, Aaron(R)

Requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse for the fee that is incurred through a ridesharing app when the beneficiary uses the service to transport to healthcare facilities or offices of healthcare professionals.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1439



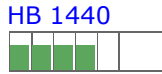
Lundstrum, Robin(R)  
Rapert, Jason(R)

Prohibits abortions after 18 weeks of pregnancy, creating a Class D felony for persons in violation.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-15-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 493 )

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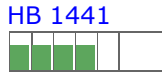


HB 1440  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Creates the Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the Department of Health to report findings annually to the legislature.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

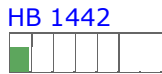


HB 1441  
Bentley, Mary(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Creates the Maternal and Perinatal Outcomes Quality Review Committee within the Department of Health to report findings annually to the legislature.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

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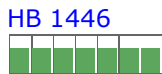


HB 1442  
Davis, Andy(R)  
Dismang, Jonathan(R)

Increases taxes on e-cigarettes, cigarette paper, and medical marijuana sales, designating those new revenues and the general revenue portion of medical marijuana taxes to the UAMS National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-20-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

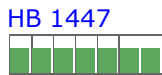


HB 1446  
Allen, Fred(D)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Updates provisions of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative Act, placing administration of the Initiative under the Arkansas Cancer Coalition and dissolving the advisory and oversight committees.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 655 )

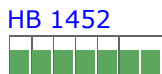


HB 1447  
Watson, Danny(R)  
Davis, Breanne(R)

Adds licensed behavioral health providers and licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities service providers to the definition of healthcare provider under the Patient Protection Act and the any willing provider laws.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-05-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 316 )

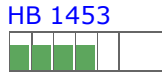


HB 1452  
Barker, Sonia(R)  
Garner, Trent(R)

Requires healthcare providers to report to DHS regarding prenatal drug exposure to legal or illegal substances.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 598 )

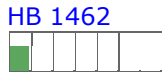


Penzo, Clint(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Requires the physician performing an abortion in the case of a lethal fetal anomaly to inform the woman at least 72 hours before the procedure of the availability of perinatal hospice services for the woman and her family.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

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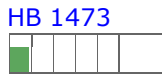


Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Provides that a person has a cause of action for actual damages or injury resulting from deceptive trade practices, and may recover those damages and attorney's fees.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-13-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

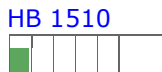


Mayberry, Julie(R)

Requires healthcare providers to provide a report to women whose mammograms demonstrate a higher chance of undetected cancer because of dense breast tissue.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

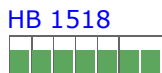


Lowery, Mark(R)  
Johnson, Mark(R)

Defines circumstances under which a the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or a similar state-funded entity can provide billable clinical or coverage services to a private health system.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

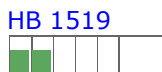


Boyd, Justin(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Removes hemp-derived cannabidiol that contains less than 0.3 THC on a dry-weight basis from the definition of marijuana and from Schedule VI, if it is deleted from a schedule under criminal law.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-18-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 504 )




Johnson, Lee(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Raises the age for legal use of tobacco, e-cigarettes and vapor products from 18 to 21.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 H Amendment 1 adopted


HB 1521  


Gray, Michelle(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Requires the Department of Human Services to adopt rules relating to nonemergency transportation operational stability and planning for turnover. Requires procurement process to consider qualifications, and experience.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1524  


Boyd, Justin(R)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Authorizes the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to establish a chiropractic student preceptorship program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 645 )


HB 1525  


Boyd, Justin(R)

Creates the Chiropractic Corporation Act.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-11-19 H Referred to interim committee - H-Insurance and Commerce


HB 1527  


Cozart, Bruce(R)  
Cooper, John(R)

Creates a comprehensive Legislative Council study of occupational licensing entities, to report and make recommendations to the legislative body regarding the repeal, conversion, revision, and other reforms deemed necessary.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 600 )


HB 1528  


Womack, Richard(R)

Requires the Department of Human Services to increase the total annual Medicaid benefit limit to \$1,000 each for drug testing and x-rays, in both the fee-for-service and managed care Medicaid Programs.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1529  


Womack, Richard(R)

Requires the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training to develop a curriculum relating to drug overdoses, to be included in basic training courses.

**Companions:**

HB 1381 Collins, Andrew (Same As)  
3-13-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 646 )

HB 1536



Douglas, Dan(R)

Creates the Compassionate Care End-of-Life Option, exempting physicians from liability for counseling patients on an independent decision to self-administer a lethal dose of medication.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1542



Burch, LeAnne(D)  
Clark, Alan(R)

Exempts the Department of Human Services from paying for x-rays, documents, records, etc. when performing certain duties or conducting investigations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1545



Allen, Fred(D)

Authorizes a retired physician to serve on the Health Services Permit Commission and authorizes the representative of the Department of Human Services to name a designee to serve.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1547



Perry, Mark(D)

Requires persons licensed to provide emergency medical services or advanced life support rescue services to maintain continual national emergency medical services certification.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1548



Gonzales, Justin(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Authorizes the entity that provides mental health examinations of a defendant to charge for the cost of the services. Authorizes the DHS Division of Aging to promulgate rules establishing charges and rules for waiving charges.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 567 )

HB 1552



Godfrey, Megan(D)  
Eads, Lance(R)

Authorizes nursing license eligibility for non-citizens who are approved for exemption under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals



policy and have a valid employment authorization document.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1555



Collins, Andrew(D)

Requires the Department of Human Services to ensure that the Medicaid Program covers tobacco cessation medications.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1565



Davis, Andy(R)  
Dismang, Jonathan(R)

Increases taxes on e-cigarettes, cigarette paper, and medical marijuana sales, designating those new revenues and the general revenue portion of medical marijuana taxes to the UAMS National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 580 )

HB 1568



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Establishes the Arkansas Advisory Council of Healthcare Professionals within the Department of Health and dictates the composition of the 19-member body.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-26-19 H Failed (Vote: N: 33/Y: 41)

HB 1609



Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Changes the felony offense related to possession of drug paraphernalia to apply in circumstances where the offender's purpose is to use it for a Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substance, previously only for methamphetamine or cocaine.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Judiciary

HB 1625



Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Creates the criminal offense of encouraging the suicide of another person as a Class D Felony; provides that a person cannot be convicted of said offense if he or she has been charged with a homicide offense arising out of the same set of facts.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Judiciary

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HB 1627



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Authorizes the Department of Health to provide and receive prescription monitoring information with federal prescription drug monitoring programs and to enter written agreements to that end.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 605 )

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HB 1641



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Hester, Bart(R)

Authorizes the Department of Education in coordination with the Department of Health to promulgate rules relating to scoliosis screening in schools; makes technical corrections.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1649



Sullivan, Dan(R)

Repeals the authorization for the DHS - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services to limit the number of providers of services for child health management and to adults with developmental disabilities; requires promulgation of rules.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-14-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1650



Ladyman, Jack(R)  
Wallace, David(R)

Changes workers compensation laws to provide an absolute lien to an employer, carrier or self-insured entity in the recovery of benefits paid as a result of either settlement or judgment against a third party.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1656



Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Prohibits healthcare insurers, including Medicaid, from requiring prior authorization or other parameters for coverage for medication used to treat substance abuse, other than a valid prescription or compliance with guidelines.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Placed on the Senate calendar

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HB 1658



Boyd, Justin(R)  
Hickey, Jimmy(R)

Authorizes the State Medical Board to license a non-citizen legal U.S. resident as an osteopathic physician.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Effective date

HB 1664



Crawford, Cindy(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Requires the Department of Health to implement a program that encourages, through direct services, referrals, or social services case management, childbirth as an alternative to abortion.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1688



Gray, Michelle(R)

Requires detailed cost-reporting for assisted living facilities to be submitted annually to the Department of Human Services as a condition of participating in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1694



Womack, Richard(R)  
Stubblefield, Gary(R)

Repeals provisions that established gun-free zones, providing exceptions for college sports events, the State Hospital, UAMS facilities, courtrooms while in session, and corrections facilities.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-19-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Judiciary

HB 1696



Gonzales, Justin(R)  
Johnson, Mark(R)

Repeals the prohibition on smoking in privately owned places of employment, expanding the current exemption that extends to private places of employment with fewer than three employees to all workspaces that are not publicly owned.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1710



Perry, Mark(D)

Temporary language not to be codified: establishes a Task Force on Transportation of Nonemergency Behavioral Health Patients to address overburdening of emergency medical services personnel; stipulates the composition of the body.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1712

Wardlaw, Jeff(R)

Repeals the requirement that information received by the Director of the Division of Health Facilities



Services through inspection of home healthcare services agencies be confidential.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1719



Gray, Michelle(R)  
Flippo, Scott(R)

Makes various changes to the Medicaid Fraud Act and the Medicaid False Claims Act; adjusts criminal penalties for abuse and neglect of an adult endangered person.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1727



Dotson, Jim(R)  
Rapert, Jason(R)

Requires health benefit plans to provide coverage and reimbursement for intraoperative neurophysiological monitoring provided through telemedicine during a surgery.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1742



Bentley, Mary(R)

Creates the Arkansas Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance act to provide regulations for limited health insurance coverage primarily designed to fill gap in periods of coverage.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-13-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

HB 1745



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Authorizes schools to maintain and use a standing prescription for epinephrine auto-injector or albuterol (inhalers) to be used in case of perceived emergency; provides related civil immunity for school employees and physicians.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1761



Crawford, Cindy(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Regulates the process by which a woman donates her eggs, requiring the procedure to be in a hospital or medical facility and to be without compensation other than regular reimbursement for time and for immediate health effects, including insurance.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

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HB 1783



Fielding, David(D)

Requires pharmacists to include the condition for which a drug is prescribed when labeling medication; requires physicians to provide related counseling when prescribing medications.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 H Referred to interim committee - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1785



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Pitsch, Mathew(R)

Creates the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board to award a planning grant to new and existing graduate medical education programs for expansion of first-year residency positions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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HB 1786



Boyd, Justin(R)

Requires schools to create, maintain and post online the number of students who have an exemption from immunizations and the number of students who have failed to provide proof of vaccinations and who have not obtained an exemption from DHS.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

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HB 1787



Johnson, Lee(R)

Levies a thirty percent e-cigarette excise tax on the sale of an e-liquid product. Includes a vapor product when it is sold as part of a bundled transaction with an e-liquid product.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 11:59 a.m. - MAC Room B - H-Rules

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HB 1801



Johnson, Lee(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to cover the cost of one additional albuterol inhaler annually in the month of August for persons under the age of 18.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

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HB 1803



Allen, Fred(D)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Temporary language not to be codified: creates the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Pediatric Cancer Research and mandates the composition of the body.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1812



Vaught, DeAnn(R)

To eradicate and alter certain agencies, board, commissions and committees. (shell bill)

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1813



Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Makes various changes to the composition of state boards and commissions, including the number of members and term lengths.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1815



Perry, Mark(D)  
Leding, Greg(D)

Amends the death certification process, requiring the process to be completed using the electronic system designated; creates a \$250 fine for a physician who fails to complete and return certification to the funeral director within two business days.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1821



Murdock, Reginald(D)  
Hammer, Kim(R)

Requires the Department of Human Services to Medicaid seek state plan amendments and other waivers to implement an 8.8 percent increase in the rates paid to providers of certain services; requires a review of rate and reimbursements.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1823




Ladyman, Jack(R)

Requires employees of food service establishments to be immunized or vaccinated against Hepatitis A as a condition of employment with certain exceptions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1835  


Dotson, Jim(R)  
Ballinger, Bob(R)

Prohibits the State Insurance Department from various activities related to advertising or encouraging enrollment for the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Arkansas Works Program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Insurance and Commerce


HB 1837  


McCollum, Austin(R)  
Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Updates provisions for multiple-employer health plans to comply with current federal law.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Insurance and Commerce


HB 1841  


Johnson, Lee(R)  
Pitsch, Mathew(R)

Creates the Osetopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board to administer the program of that name and the Community Match Rural Physician Recruitment Program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1857  


Womack, Richard(R)

Requires the Department of Health to increase the total annual Medicaid benefit for diagnostic testing to \$1,000.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1860  


Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Requires hospitals and licensed healthcare facilities to report to the Department of Health when a pregnancy is transferred from a midwife during labor.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1861  


Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Requires establishments that sell alcoholic beverages to post signs warning of the dangers of drinking during pregnancy.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-City, County and Local Affairs


HB 1864  


Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Requires healthcare insurers, including Medicaid, to provide coverage for medication used to treat substance abuse without prior authorization and at the lowest-cost benefit tier.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-26-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1882  


Johnson, Lee(R)

Increases Department of Health licensing fees for hospitals, including per-bed charges, surgery centers, and other units and centers. Adds a fee for hospice, home health, and re-issuance of license due to name or address change.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1883  


Johnson, Lee(R)

Creates additional credentialing provisions for telemedicine physicians.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1900  


Johnson, Lee(R)  
Irvin, Missy(R)

Requires healthcare insurance alternative payment systems, in which an insurer uses risk-sharing or gain-sharing components to determine payment amounts, to use clearly expressed and identifiable benchmarks.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Insurance and Commerce


HB 1906  


Sorvillo, Jim(R)

Requires all passengers, not just front seat passengers, to wear a seat belt.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1918  



Ferguson, Kenneth(D)

Authorizes the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS to establish a cancer patient navigation program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar




HB 1923  


McCollum, Austin(R)  
Garner, Trent(R)

Requires the Department of Human Services to amend the Medicaid work requirement waiver to include parents and to require all able-bodied adults between 19 and 60 years old to work 20 hours per week or otherwise be in compliance.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor


HB 1929  


Miller, Josh(R)

Repeals the Arkansas Works Act of 2016. Requires coverage through the traditional fee-for-service Arkansas Medicaid Program for individuals up to 133 percent of the poverty line, under a federal demonstration waiver.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Committee motion for D.P. as amended Failed


HR 1041  


Dotson, Jim(R)

Amends House Rules with regard to the selection of committee members, empowering members to populate committees based on seniority; prohibits more than nine members from a minority party from serving on a standing committee.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 11:59 a.m. - MAC Room B - H-Rules


HR 1047  


Watson, Danny(R)

Recognizing the need for quick access to automated external defibrillators.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-28-19 H Adopted


SB 2  


Garner, Trent(R)  
Barker, Sonia(R)

Prohibits abortion for the purpose of genetic selection because the unborn child has or may have Down Syndrome. Anyone performing a prohibited abortion is guilty of a Class D Felony and is liable for civil penalties and professional sanctions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 619 )

SB 3  


Garner, Trent(R)  
Barker, Sonia(R)

Requires additional reporting by physicians and healthcare facilities for abortion complications, requiring certain, detailed information be contained. Exempts required report from the Freedom of Information Act.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 620 )

SB 20



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the State Board of Nursing for fiscal 2019-20 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

SB 21



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the State Medical Board for fiscal 2019-20 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

SB 24



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the State Board of Optometry for fiscal 2019-20 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

SB 34



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Tobacco Settlement Commission for fiscal 2019-20 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

SB 99



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services for 2019-2020 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Passed (Vote: Y: 75/N: 18)

SB 122



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for 2019-2020 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 S Re-referred to committee Joint Budget

SB 149



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Bentley, Mary(R)

Creates an unclassified felony for performing or attempting to perform an abortion. Sets effective date as upon certification that the U.S. Supreme Court has overruled the Roe vs. Wade decision, or the date upon which the state has such authority.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-19-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 180 )

SB 150



Davis, Breanne(R)  
Vaught, DeAnn(R)

Allows government entities to provide voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunication service under permitted arrangements, but retains prohibition on basic local exchange; removes restrictions for educational or medical services.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-26-19 G Effective date

SB 151



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Gray, Michelle(R)

Creates the UAMS National Cancer Institute Designation Fund to be funded by private grants and other sources and used by the Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS to achieve and maintain status as a National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Center.

**Companions:** HB 1226 Gray, Michelle (Same As)  
3- 5-19 H Withdrawn from further consideration

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-19-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 181 )

SB 157



Ballinger, Bob(R)

Repeals the requirement that electrologists be licensed.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 02-13-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - 2/13/19  
- S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 171



Cooper, John(R)

Creates seven-member Occupation Licensing Sunrise and Sunset Commission appointed by the governor to review all legislation relating to licensure requirements, unregulated occupations inconsistent with the public health and safety and similar matters.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-20-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 172



Leding, Greg(D)

Allows the Social Work Licensing Board to grant licenses without examination to social workers who are licensed by a similar body in another state, territory, district, or Canadian province if the standards are substantially equivalent to those required.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 623 )

SB 174



Hammer, Kim(R)

Requires electronic prescriptions for a controlled substance included in Schedule II through Schedule VI with certain exceptions or unless a waiver is obtained and places limitations on refills of prescribed drugs included in Schedules III and IV.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-13-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 447 )

SB 175



Cooper, John(R)

Permits an occupational licensing entity to waive disqualification or revocation of a license for offenses in the Arkansas Code upon the request of listed parties who meet enumerated criteria.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 178



Garner, Trent(R)  
Womack, Richard(R)

Amends the Athletic Trainers Act to expand the definition of athlete include all persons who are injured as a result of vigorous participation in exercises, sports, recreation, wellness, fitness, employment activities, or military service.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-26-19 S Motion to expunge vote carried

SB 184



Stubblefield, Gary(R)  
Gonzales, Justin(R)

Changes the definition of a certified nurse anesthetist, removing the requirement that a certified nurse anesthetist must serve "under the supervision of" a licensed physician, dentist, etc. but instead "in coordination with" such a professional.

**Companions:** HB 1283 Gonzales, Justin (Same As)  
3- 4-19 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Failed (Vote: N: 37/Y: 49)

SB 189



Wallace, David(R)  
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

Changes the licensing requirements for advanced practice registered nurses by removing the requirement for a mandatory collaborative practice agreement.

**Companions:** HB 1282 Lundstrum, Robin (Same As)

3-28-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130, H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-18-19 S Meeting set for 3:00 p.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 190



Leding, Greg(D)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Creates the Genetic Counselor Licensure Act requiring a person rendering defined services to obtain a license under the supervision of the Arkansas State Medical Board.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 192



Irvin, Missy(R)

Establishes the Arkansas Council of Healthcare Professionals within the Department of Health and stipulates membership and representation requirements.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 252



Hammer, Kim(R)  
Warren, Les(R)

Requires insurance coverage for the treatment of certain pediatric disorders.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Insurance and Commerce

SB 264



Garner, Trent(R)  
McCollum, Austin(R)

Requires professional licensing entities to revise existing rules to explicitly list the criminal convictions that could disqualify applicants. Limits disqualification for single, nonviolent offenses to five years from the date of conviction.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 269



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Updates references to accreditation organizations for physician assistants from the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation to the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant .

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 263 )

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SB 270



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Extends the registration deadline for a surgical technologist to register with the Arkansas State Medical Board from July 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 264 )

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SB 271



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Updates references to accreditation organizations for occupational therapists from the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association to the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy .

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 265 )

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SB 272



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Repeals obsolete law requiring the recording of a certificate with the county clerk before practicing medicine in that county.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 266 )

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SB 273



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Johnson, Lee(R)

Grants immunity to individuals acting on behalf of a board of any profession or occupation relating to the healing arts including an expert witness acting on behalf of the board.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

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SB 274



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)

Changes qualifications to practice medicine with a foreign medical degree, to include someone who has served as a fellow for all or part of the three-year service requirement in an accredited postgraduate medical program.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-01-19 G Effective date

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SB 275



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Provides that out-of-state physicians who practice patient care services initiated in the state are subject to regulation by the Arkansas State Medical Board for decisions regarding the denial or approval of coverage under any insurance plan.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 278



Stubblefield, Gary(R)  
Hawks, Spencer(R)

Increases the 48 hour waiting period before an abortion may be performed to 72 hours. Creates additional required services, procedures, and reporting for abortion facilities and increases the criminal penalties for noncompliance.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Received from House as amended - referred to S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 301



Hammer, Kim(R)

Authorizes the Arkansas State Board of Nursing to implement additional criminal background checks including participation in state and federal notification programs, fingerprinting systems, etc.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 626 )

SB 304



Bond, Will(D)  
Burch, LeAnne(D)

Authorizes each school district to offer a health curriculum that incorporates instruction on mental health, substance abuse and addiction, dietary and obesity issues, tobacco use and teenage pregnancy prevention.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed

SB 310



Rapert, Jason(R)

The State Insurance Department's General Omnibus Act.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-20-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 521 )

SB 317



Davis, Breanne(R)

Prohibits healthcare providers and other related actors from discriminating against persons with mental or physical disabilities with regard to organ transplant decisions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 339



Irvin, Missy(R)

Prohibits insurers from denying physicians from participating in a provider network, or changing reimbursement levels to physicians who decide to not participate in any form of maintenance of certification.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

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SB 340



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Johnson, Lee(R)

Adds local education agency liaisons for homeless children as providers of consent for their medical care.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

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SB 341



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Cloud, Joe(R)

Requires women receive materials when taking Mifepristone, or RU-486 to induce a medical abortion, stating that it may be possible to reverse the abortion after taking the first dose and before taking the second dose.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-20-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 522 )

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SB 345



Hendren, Jim(R)

Decreases the amount of insurance premium tax credits that insurers may claim against the cost of salaries and wages, from the current eighty percent of the tax due to fifty percent of the tax due in 2023.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-13-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 457 )

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SB 346



Pitsch, Mathew(R)  
Vaught, DeAnn(R)

Requires the State Board of Election Commissioners, rather than the Attorney General, to determine whether a submitted ballot title and popular name are sufficient; amends the signature approval process of the Secretary of State, more.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-08-19 G Effective date

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SB 347



Bond, Will(D)  
McCullough, Tippi(D)

Levies a privilege tax on e-cigarettes that is equal to the total tax levied on tobacco products other than cigarettes and distributes the revenue to UAMS, with the first ten million in revenue going to the UAMS National Cancer Institute Designation Fund.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 S Committee motion for D.P. as amended Failed

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SB 364



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Makes technical corrections to Title 16 of the Arkansas code.

**Track Name(s):** AMS



**Bill History:** 03-08-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 385 )

SB 365



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Makes technical corrections to Title 17 of the Arkansas code.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-08-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 386 )

SB 368



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Makes technical corrections to Title 20 of the Arkansas code.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-08-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 389 )

SB 376



Rapert, Jason(R)  
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

Authorizes the Code Revision Commission to make corrections to the constitution when the legislature passes Acts that amend it's provisions, by majority vote of the commissioners. Requires a report be made to the House, Senate, and the Governor.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 380



Leding, Greg(D)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Adds fully insured large group insurers to the requirements for insurers to provide mammography and breast ultrasound benefit coverage.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-15-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 477 )

SB 388



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Richardson, Jay(D)

Authorizes bicycle riders to yield at stop signs, and to proceed through red traffic lights after coming to a complete stop.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 650 )

SB 423



Joint Budget( )

Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for capital improvements and grants for fiscal 2019-2020.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 07-01-19 G Effective date

SB 440



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

Amends the constitution, Amendment 98 to provide that medical marijuana provisions do not

authorize anyone to legally make or consume food or drink that contains marijuana, unless to aid ingestion by the patient in a hospital setting.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 11:59 a.m. - MAC Room B - H-Rules

SB 441



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

Prohibits all advertising relating to medical marijuana and prohibits the use of any symbol commonly associated with the practice of medicine, the practice of pharmacy, or health care in general, such as a cross or a caduceus.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Received from House as amended - referred to S-Agriculture and Economic Development

SB 446



Leding, Greg(D)  
Vaught, DeAnn(R)

Prohibits insurance policies covering treatment for metastatic cancer from limiting or excluding coverage for undergoing step therapy if it prescribed by a physician and is consistent with specific guidelines.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 448



Stubblefield, Gary(R)  
Barker, Sonia(R)

Requires physicians performing abortions to be board-certified or board-eligible in obstetrics and gynecology and defines viability of a fetus as the stage at which there is a reasonable likelihood that the child could live outside of the mother's body.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 451



Cooper, John(R)

Grants eligibility for professional licensure to persons whose otherwise disqualifying criminal records have been lawfully sealed, pardoned or expunged. Makes other changes and creates a chapter on occupational criminal background checks.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H 1 Amendment(s) Filed

SB 456



Irvin, Missy(R)

Provides that physicians are eligible for an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine after

their second year of practice with an academic license.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 468



Sample, Bill(R)  
Penzo, Clint(R)

Requires personal care service providers and private care agencies to establish the frequency of in-person supervisory visits, with a minimum of one visit per year, as part of the patient's plan of care.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Passed (Vote: Y: 72/N: 15)

SB 472



Maloch, Bruce(D)

Requires health insurers to contract with any healthcare provider that is licensed and in good standing with Medicare, Medicaid or any other federal health benefit plan.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-29-19 G Effective date

SB 480



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Lowery, Mark(R)

Prohibits a contracting entity from offering a healthcare provider a contract for healthcare services that includes certain requirements or clauses.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Passed (Vote: Y: 88/N: 0)

SB 488



Teague, Larry(D)

Appropriates funds to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – National Cancer Institute for 2019-2020 operations.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-04-19 S Introduced and referred to Joint Budget

SB 502



Elliott, Joyce(D)  
Gray, Michelle(R)

Makes various modifications to statutes concerning risk based capital (RBC), including allowing RBC reports, plans, etc. to be considered by the Insurance Commissioner in determinations concerning ratemaking for health plans.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - S-Insurance and Commerce

SB 503



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Bentley, Mary(R)

Creates an Class D felony offense of promoting a suicide attempt where a person knowingly causes or aids another person to attempt suicide; increases the severity of penalties for physician-assisted suicide by making it a Class B felony.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Placed on the Senate calendar

SB 504



Irvin, Missy(R)

Extends the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force through 2021.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 512



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Authorizes a health benefit plan enrollee to assign their benefits to a healthcare provider regardless of the provider's out-of-network status; requires the payor to submit payment of the claim directly to the healthcare provider.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Passed (Vote: Y: 94/N: 0)

SB 519



Hammer, Kim(R)

Alters the funding structure for community mental health centers to provide for funding from a combination of mental health block grants, social services block grants and state general revenue; implements procedures for determining increases.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 520



Hammer, Kim(R)  
Gray, Michelle(R)

Makes various changes to the regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, including redefining the maximum allowable cost list and adding a defined professional dispensing fee to the list.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Insurance and Commerce

SB 527



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Requires health insurance companies to issue an identification card to a member that indicates whether the health benefit plan is insured or self-funded.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 542



Clark, Alan(R)

Provides that an orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist has a lien on the cost of medical appliances provided to patients.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 543



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Petty, Rebecca(R)

Amends the Uniform Contribution Among Tortfeasors Act, requiring several liability to be determined after consideration of the fault of all persons or entities.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed

SB 544



Irvin, Missy(R)  
House, Douglas(R)

Changes post-judgment interest rates to an rate equal to the primary credit rate in effect on the judgment date plus two percent; sets the rate for an action on a contract at the rate provided by the contract unless it is less than the above rate.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Judiciary

SB 545



Irvin, Missy(R)  
Petty, Rebecca(R)

Limits the recovery of damages for necessary medical care, treatment or services to those costs actually paid by or on behalf of the plaintiff or which remain unpaid and for which the plaintiff or any third party is legally responsible.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Judiciary

SB 546



Hammer, Kim(R)

Requires the Department of Human Services to submit a Medicaid state plan amendment for approval to cover opioid use-disorder treatment in eligible mental disease institutions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 566



Rapert, Jason(R)

In the recovery of judicial benefits, provides that an insurer paying said benefits shall have a lien upon the recovery to the extent of the payment

amount and grants a right of subrogation to the insurer in certain cases.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-04-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Insurance and Commerce

SB 592



Elliott, Joyce(D)

Prohibits insurers from excluding physicians from participating as a provider in a health benefit plan solely based on adverse professional review actions.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

SB 615



Leding, Greg(D)

Amends the Continuing Care Provider Regulation Act, requiring a life care provider to include at least one resident of the continuing care community who is nominated by the residents.; requires the member to conform to fiduciary duties.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 H Passed (Vote: Y: 89/N: 3)

SB 616



Irvin, Missy(R)

Repeals the Medical Corporation Act which authorized the formation of medical corporations under the Arkansas Business Corporation Act.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 03-27-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 624



Hammer, Kim(R)

Requires the House and Senate Public Health committees to procure a study of scope of practice for each medical profession and recommend future legislation.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-01-19 S Failed (Vote: N: 18/Y: 8)

SB 634



Bledsoe, Cecile(R)  
Ferguson, Deborah(D)

Requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to cover any drug as a pharmacy benefit if it has been approved by the USDA before the Act's effective date as an opioid antagonist for the prevention of relapse to opioid and other substance dependence.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-02-19 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 639



Davis, Breanne(R)  
Love, Fred(D)

Requires the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse for services of physical therapists regardless of the treatment setting or whether the services are billed directly or incident to services of a physician.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

SB 641



Ballinger, Bob(R)  
Dotson, Jim(R)

Provides state agencies with a waiver from the Administrative Procedures Act when effecting rule changes related to removing the term 'regulation' and/or replacing it with the word 'rule.'

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

SB 642



Davis, Breanne(R)  
Cloud, Joe(R)

Allows a healthcare provider up to six months after recoupment in which to submit a corrected claim to a healthcare insurer for services that were actually billed in error absent any intent to defraud.

**Track Name(s):** AMS

**Bill History:** 04-03-19 S Placed on the Senate calendar

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