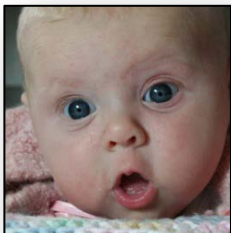


# Weekly Legislative Summary

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## Introduction

In the same week that we celebrated the first birthday of the federal Affordable Care Act, implementation of a key part of the health reform law—a health insurance exchange—faced a stumbling block in a House committee. The Insurance and Commerce Committee on Friday voted 10-7 to pass a bill to allow the state to set up the exchange. It needed 11 votes.

In good news, nearly 50,000 single-parent families with two or more children will now get the tax relief they've been denied for four years under House Bill 1056, which unanimously cleared the Senate Wednesday.

A glitch in a 2007 tax relief bill left out certain families living below the poverty line from being exempted from paying state income taxes. These working families pay a disproportionately higher amount of taxes than other wage earners in the state. An attempt to correct the error in the 2009 Arkansas General Assembly fell short.

This bill is a big step toward improving the tax structure, as it provides targeted relief for low-income, working families who pay a disproportionately higher amount in taxes than wealthier Arkansans.

The House has a big backlog of Senate bills to take up next week, including the ARKids First “red tape” bill, SB65. The House Speaker said today that he hopes to end the legislative session by next Friday.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Kids Count Post-Legislative Conference will be May 12 at St. John’s Conference Center on the campus of the Little Rock Catholic Diocese.

Each section below outlines a list of bills related to children and families along with a brief description and bill status. We will add additional bills to the summary as “shell bills” are filled in over the coming weeks. Remember to visit AACF’s [website](#) to sign up for e-alerts and watch legislative happenings, read

our [ARVoices blog](#), which will provide more regular session updates on key issues, and follow us on [twitter](#).

## **Child Welfare**

### **HB1116 - D. Hutchinson**

TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF NEWBORNS BY REQUIRING A CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECK FOR ALL BIRTHING MOTHERS AT THE TIME OF FILING THE CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

Thursday January 13th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs.

### **HB1220 - Biviano**

TO CLARIFY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO UTILIZE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.

Monday January 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs.

### **HB1451 - Summers**

CONCERNING VARIOUS ADOPTION PROVISIONS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that HB1451 is now Act 607.

### **HB1543 - Rice**

TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT TO CLARIFY WHOM THE ACT APPLIES TO TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that HB1543 is now Act 522.

### **HB1544 - Stewart**

TO MAKE THE MILITARY CODE OF ARKANSAS CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW CONCERNING DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT ACTIONS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

### **HB1578 - Summers**

CONCERNING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that HB1578 is now Act 613.

### **HB1628 - Leding**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIPS AND TO EXPAND THE RANGE OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO BE GUARDIANS.

Monday March 14th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**HB1647 - Webb**

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSERAPEDOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION STATEWIDE GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: Notification that HB1647 is now Act 234.

**HB2170 - Mayberry**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ANTIBULLYING POLICIES.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB188 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB318 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS OF A CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER.

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB319 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO LIMIT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS OF ALLEGEDLY ABUSED CHILDREN TO CHILD SAFETY CENTERS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB322 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY COURTHOUSE TO PROVIDE FOR CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION BROADCAST OF CHILD TESTIMONY IN CHILD MALTREATMENT CASES.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB323 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO UPDATE SCHOOL POLICIES WHEN A LAW REGARDING CHILD ABUSE IS AMENDED OR IS ADDED TO THE ARKANSAS CODE.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB324 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO EXPEDITE DNA ANALYSIS IN CASES OF ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD MALTREATMENT.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB325 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DISCLOSURE OF INTERVIEW INFORMATION FROM A CHILD SAFETY CENTER OR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**SB326 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE TO ACCEPT REPORTS OF INJURY TO A CHILD'S INTELLECTUAL EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT FROM A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR LICENSED AS A TEACHER.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB328 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EACH WOMAN WHO GIVES BIRTH IN A MEDICAL FACILITY RECEIVES EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DESCRIBING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME BEFORE THE WOMAN IS DISCHARGED.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB409 - Flowers**

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH SATELLITE OFFICES FOR THE OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL IN COUNTIES WITH A CERTAIN POPULATION LEVEL.

Monday February 28th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB527 - Dismang**

TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO LICENSED SCHOOL PERSONNEL CONCERNING CHILD MALTREATMENT.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB562 - P. Malone**

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSERAPEDOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB562 is now Act 447.

**SB625 - Madison**

CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB625 is now Act 591.

**SB702 - Luker**

TO ASSURE DUE PROCESS AND PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION IN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ADJUDICATIONS.

Monday March 14th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB705 - Pritchard**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT UNDER GARRETTS LAW AND TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO REPORT ALCOHOL USE BY A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB710 - D.Johnson**

CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SUBSIDIZED GUARDIANSHIP ACT.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB710 is now Act 592.

This will allow DCFS to use state funds for a subsidized guardianship when a foster child has resided in the home of a relative for at least 6 months and the relative has been approved as a foster home for that period of time, but the child is not IV-E eligible and therefore the state may not use federal funds to pay for the subsidized guardianship.

**SB733 - Madison**

TO AMEND THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB791 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE OPERATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCES ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB1003 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO CREATE A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

## **Early Childhood Education**

### **HB1442 - Mauch**

TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill states that a public school district shall allow a child to enter kindergarten if the child was enrolled in a state approved pre-k program in the prior year and attended that program for at least 100 days or if the child turns 5 years of age no later than August 26 during the year in which he or she enrolls in kindergarten.

### **HB1671 - Murdock**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 14th, 2011: EMERGENCY CLAUSE ADOPTED.

### **HB1900 - Lea**

TO AMEND TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

### **HB1916 - Hobbs**

TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS IN ARKANSAS AND AUTHORIZE GRANTS AND SUPPORT FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that HB1916 is now Act 636.

### **HB1975 - Harris**

TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK BY A PRIVATE BUSINESS THAT PROVIDES SHORT-TERM CHILD CARE FACILITIES FOR ITS PATRONS.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Returned by the Committee with the recommendation that it do pass as amended 2.

### **SB186 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB186 is now Act 576.

### **SB337 - Chesterfield**

TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR EVALUATING ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB581 - Crumbly**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB581 is now Act 454.

## Education

**HB1047 - Carnine**

TO INCREASE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

HB1047 amends the code to increase public access to school district reports by requiring a school district/charter school to include on its website, among other things, information concerning the school's performance in a host of areas including achievement, finances and budget, and use of federal funds.

**HB1097 - Carnine**

TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MENTORING PROGRAM.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1099 - Lenderman**

TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FLEXIBILITY IN SCHOOL START DATES.

Friday February 18th, 2011: Notification that HB1099 is now Act 65.

**HB1326 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS REAPPROPRIATION.

Friday February 18th, 2011: Notification that HB1326 is now Act 73.

**HB1346 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION REAPPROPRIATION.

Friday February 18th, 2011: Notification that HB1346 is now Act 86.

**HB1411 - J. Roebuck**

TO CLARIFY FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR.

**HB1442 - Mauch**

TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINIMUM AGE FOR ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill states that a public school district shall allow a child to enter kindergarten if the child was enrolled in a state approved pre-k program in the prior year and attended that program for at least 100 days or if the child turns 5 years of age no later than August 26 during the year in which he or she enrolls in kindergarten.

**HB1454 - J. Roebuck**

TO CLARIFY WHAT INFORMATION SPECIFIC HIGHER EDUCATION RELATED REPORTS SHOULD CONTAIN TO REQUIRE SOME HIGHER EDUCATION RELATED REPORTS TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Notification that HB1454 is now Act 696.

**HB1458 - Hobbs**

THE EXTENSION EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS ACT.

Monday February 21st, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB1516 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Notification that HB1516 is now Act 545.

**HB1617 - J. Roebuck**

TO INCREASE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY PREPARATORY PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**HB1662 - Webb**

AN ACT FOR THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: Notification that HB1662 is now Act 247.

**HB1743 - Ingram**

TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE USE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR COACHES.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1758 - Carter**

TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF CARRYOVER FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT FUNDS.

Tuesday March 1st, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB1778 - Leding**

THE JASON FLATT ACT.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

This bill directs the Department of Education to require two (2) hours of in-service training in teen suicide awareness and prevention one (1) time every five (5) school years for licensed personnel, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

**HB1824 - Tyler**

TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PUBLISH THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT IN THE NEWSPAPER.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1861 - Mayberry**

TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB1875 - J. Roebuck**

TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE STUDENT CONSENT FORM AND COLLECT AND REPORT THE DATA REQUIRED UNDER THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that HB1875 is now Act 635.

**HB1877 - Pierce**

TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS BELOW A SPECIFIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL USE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

Monday March 21st, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1894 - Hobbs**

**TO ESTABLISH THE PARENT TRIGGER.**

Friday March 4th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill provides parents of students in low-performing schools a process by which they can petition the school board to "reorganize" by becoming a charter school, changing leadership or closing the school.

**HB1901 - Ingram**

**TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**HB1910 - Pierce**

**TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORICAL FUNDING.**

Monday March 14th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1937 - Steele**

**TO REQUIRE A JOINT STUDY OF THE FAIRNESS OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY.**

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**HB1947 - Perry**

**TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT CONCERNING LOTTERY PROCEEDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS AND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL ASSETS OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**HB1976 - Harris**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY AND SPECIAL NEEDS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT VICTIMIZED BY ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE VICTIMS SAME SCHOOL.**

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2011 - Hubbard**

**TO PROVIDE ONE-HALF OF PER-STUDENT FUNDING TO A RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A STUDENT WHO IS A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT OR IS ENROLLED IN A PRIVATE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL AND ONE-HALF TO THE STUDENT.**

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2088 - Allen**

THE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TRANSPARENCY ACT.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

This bill is the "Supplemental Educational Services Transparency Act." The Bill requires providers of supplemental educational services--remediation, tutoring, additional academic instruction--to submit an annual report in electronic format to the school district where these services are provided and to the Department of Education.

**HB2111 - J. Edwards**

REQUIRING A TWO-YEAR PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSIONS PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN SELF-SERVICE LOTTERY TICKET VENDING MACHINES IN THE STATE.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Amendment No. 2 read and adopted and the bill ordered engrossed.

**HB2113 - Ingram**

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2125 - Steele**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

This bill mandates that human services workers are to be targeted to schools with 80% or more (rather than the current 90%) of their children eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program under the National School Lunch Act.

**HB2134 - Summers**

TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This bill prohibits the state Board of Education from granting no more than a total of 24 charters for open-enrollment public charter schools, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

**HB2178 - J. Roebuck**

TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM AND ALIGN CURRENT LAW CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL WITH THE SYSTEM.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**HB2179 - J. Roebuck**

TO REQUIRE AN ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AMEND THE COMMISSIONS BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**HJR1005 - Clemmer**

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT 35 OF THE TOTAL LOTTERY PROCEEDS SHALL BE USED TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**SB81 - J. Jeffress**

TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB104 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB138 - Key**

TO ESTABLISH THE POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM ACT.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Notification that SB138 is now Act 166.

This bill establishes the framework for granting afterschool and summer program grants once funding becomes available. This is a priority agenda item for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families.

**SB210 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Wednesday February 2nd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB211 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB267 - D.Johnson**

TO EXPAND LEARNING TIME FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BY ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OPERATE A TWO-HUNDRED-DAY SCHOOL YEAR.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on Senate Committee on Education.

**SB330 - J. Jeffress**

TO AMEND THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY EVALUATION ACT OF 2004.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

**SB344 - Holland**

TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MENTORING PROGRAM.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB344 is now Act 586.

**SB346 - G. Baker**

TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB352 - Chesterfield**

TO INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROVIDING REMEDIATION AND COLLEGE PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO TAKE THE ACT BEFORE THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB353 - Lamoureux**

TO CLARIFY FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB436 - J. Jeffress**

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROTECT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN LIABILITIES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB452 - Flowers**

AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - AFTER SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB452 is now Act 395.

**SB578 - G. Baker**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GOVERNORS SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB711 - Key**

TO STUDY THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF AN EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB711 is now Act 592.

**SB729 - Crumbly**

TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS MAKE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB730 - J. Elliott**

TO REQUIRE AN EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED BILLS THAT AFFECT THE STATES ABILITY TO PROVIDE AN EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB734 - Whitaker**

TO ESTABLISH COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB737 - Chesterfield**

TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB740 - Flowers**

TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLANS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB753 - Madison**

TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION MAY SPEND ON ADVERTISING.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**SB756 - J. Jeffress**

TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF CARRYOVER CATEGORICAL FUNDS.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB766 - G. Baker**

TO CLARIFY FUNDING FORMULA CALCULATIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB793 - J. Elliott**

TO EXPAND THE OBJECTIVES OF TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB795 - G. Baker**

TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED TO ATTEND AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PRIMARILY USES A VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHING METHOD AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB821 - Senate Committee on Education**

TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING AND CATEGORICAL FUNDING AND PROVIDE ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB822 - J. Jeffress**

TO REQUIRE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE EXPENDITURE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDS.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

This is a priority agenda item for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families.

**SB867 - Madison**

TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A SELF-SERVICE DISPLAY TO SELL LOTTERY TICKETS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB888 - D.Johnson**

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP REVENUE STABILIZATION ACT.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**SB892 - D.Johnson**

TO CLARIFY ARKANSAS ANTIBULLYING POLICIES AND PROTECT STUDENT DIGNITY.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB908 - Key**

TO WITHHOLD STATE FUNDING FROM INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE DATA TO THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNDER THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**SB909 - Key**

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS AND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN CAPITAL ASSETS OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**SB957 - J. Elliott**

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 1999.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Motion to Expunge failed.

**SJR8 - J. Jeffress**

TO PROMOTE ACCOUNTABILITY AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION BY ESTABLISHING THE ARKANSAS SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Wednesday February 9th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

## Health

### **HB1049 - Allen**

TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BY PROHIBITING WIRELESS TELEPHONE USE IN SCHOOL ZONES.

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs.

### **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.

Monday January 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

### **HB1172 - Hall**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

### **HB1205 - Mauch**

THE ARKANSAS WATER ADDITIVE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

Monday January 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill will require a "declaration of safety" for additives for water systems and could affect the addition of fluoride to public water systems.

### **HB1211 - Mayberry**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A QUALIFYING DIAGNOSIS THAT ESTABLISHES CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES.

Friday February 18th, 2011: Notification that HB1211 is now Act 68.

This bill clarifies that "spina bifida and Down syndrome" are among the diagnoses that allow eligibility for developmental disability services.

### **HB1229 - Hall**

TO CLARIFY THE LAW RELATED TO SPEED LIMITS NEAR SCHOOLS.

Monday March 21st, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This bill clarifies the meaning of "when children are present" to speed limit laws in school zones.

### **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.

Thursday January 27th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**HB1263 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1264 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION PROGRAMS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Monday January 31st, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Joint Budget Committee.

**HB1265 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Monday January 31st, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Joint Budget Committee.

**HB1268 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1294 - H. Wilkins**

TO AMEND THE CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION ACT AND THE MANDATORY SEAT BELT LAW TO REQUIRE SEAT BELT USE ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES IF THE BUS WAS PURCHASED ON OR AFTER JULY 1 2013.

Wednesday February 2nd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Transportation.

**HB1301 - Hyde**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CODIFICATION OF ACT 755 OF 2003 THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON EYE AND VISION CARE OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Friday March 4th, 2011: Notification that HB1301 is now Act 176.

**HB1315 - Lindsey**

TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

Friday March 4th, 2011: Notification that HB1315 is now Act 196.

**HB1317 - Tyler**

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY TO BETTER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF ARKANSAS.

Friday March 4th, 2011: Notification that HB1317 is now Act 179.

**HB1332 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REAPPROPRIATION.

Thursday February 24th, 2011: Notification that HB1332 is now Act 144.

**HB1365 - H. Wilkins**

TO REQUIRE BACKSEAT PASSENGERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT MANDATORY SEATBELT LAW AND CLARIFY APPLICABLE PENALTIES.

Tuesday February 22nd, 2011: CLINCHER MOTION ADOPTED.

**HB1425 - Hickerson**

TO REMOVE INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS ON NONCOVERED DENTAL SERVICES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Notification that HB1425 is now Act 566.

**HB1426 - Baird**

TO AUTHORIZE A MEDICAL EXEMPTION DESIGNATION FOR SEAT BELT USE TO BE PLACED ON A DRIVERS LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that HB1426 is now Act 601.

**HB1428 - D. Hutchinson**

TO REQUIRE CHILD-ONLY INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 14th, 2011: Notification that HB1428 is now Act 269.

This bill states that the Insurance Commissioner must establish a mandatory open-enrollment period in which health insurers shall offer child-only individual health insurance policies to children under 19 years of age.

**HB1447 - D. Hutchinson**

TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO SUFFER FROM DIABETES BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO BE TRAINED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF GLUCAGON.

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Education.

**HB1503 - McCrary**

TO MAKE IT A VIOLATION FOR A MINOR TO POSSESS A TOBACCO PRODUCT OR CIGARETTE PAPERS.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Rep. Cowling, L served notice that he will within the time prescribed move to reconsider the vote by which HB1503 Failed to Pass - 03/07/2011 01:43:00 PM.

**HB1524 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Notification that HB1524 is now Act 553.

**HB1600 - Hyde**

TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Thursday February 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB1604 - Murdock**

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA IN ARKANSAS AND TO REDUCE OVERALL HEALTH CARE COSTS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**HB1641 - Webb**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and placed on the calendar.

**HB1649 - Webb**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER - ARKANSAS HUNGER RELIEF ALLIANCE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: Notification that HB1649 is now Act 236.

This appropriates \$2 million to the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance.

**HB1787 - G. Smith**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURTS TO ORDER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED ADULTS.

Friday March 18th, 2011: Transfer to the Committee on AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE & MILITARY AFFAIRS- HOUSE.

**HB1800 - King**

TO ENACT THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT.

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to allow health reimbursement arrangement-only plans that encourage employer financial support of health insurance or health-related expenses. The Bill places restrictions on high deductible health plans that are eligible for health savings accounts, and authorizes a tax deduction for taxpayers who pay premiums on high deductible health plan that are eligible for a health savings account.

**HB1801 - King**

TO ENACT THE MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS REVIEW ACT.

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill requires the General Assembly to refer to the Insurance Department for review any proposal, amendment to existing law, or new amendment concerning a mandated health benefit. The Insurance Department is then required to provide to the General Assembly an actuarially-based review of any mandated health benefit and a report, the contents of which are specified in the Bill.

**HB1805 - Hyde**

TO EXPAND THE CLEAN AIR ON CAMPUS ACT OF 2009.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Read the third time and failed.561

HB1805 expands prohibitions of smoking to include smoking in any vehicle located or operated on the campus of state-supported institutions of higher education.

**HB1814 - Hyde**

TO ENFORCE THE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF INSURANCE POLICIES.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

**HB1905 - Woods**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**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.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1956 - Lea**

TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM FUNDING OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS BY ENCOURAGING IN-STATE PURCHASES OF CERTAIN TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill limits the amount of tax to be levied on cigars to 50 cents per cigar.

**HB1965 - Leding**

TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR TRANSITIONING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED TO THE MOST INTEGRATED SETTINGS.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB1983 - D. Meeks**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE ACT.

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This bill allows healthcare providers and payers the discretion to decline to counsel, advise, assist, pay for, or perform services that violate their consciences on religious, moral, or ethical principles.

**HB2099 - Allen**

AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN ARKANSAS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on HOUSE RULES.

This bill raises the age limit for children with whom smoking in the car is prohibited from 6 to 16.

**HB2104 - Woods**

TO AUTHORIZE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB2106 - Wardlaw**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR.

**HB2138 - Hyde**

TO ALLOW THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO PROTECT ARKANSANS BY THE CONTINUED LOCAL REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2159 - Stubblefield**

TO ESTABLISH THE PREGNANT WOMANS PROTECTION ACT.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB2192 - Sanders**

TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO INTERMEDIATE LICENSES ISSUED TO BEGINNING DRIVERS WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

Monday March 14th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2196 - Garner**

CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB42 - D.Johnson**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO PERFORM DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST.

Tuesday February 22nd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

This bill would allow dental hygienists to perform preventive dentistry including sealants, fluoride treatments, and assessment of need for further treatment without the supervision of a dentist. Hygienists would be able to practice in a public health setting that includes schools, health departments, community health clinics, and charitable clinics.

**SB43 - D.Johnson**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES TO APPLY FLUORIDE VARNISH TO A CHILDS TEETH AFTER APPROPRIATE TRAINING.

Tuesday February 22nd, 2011: Notification that SB43 is now Act 90.

**SB65 - J. Jeffress**

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ENROLLMENT OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN IN THE ARKIDS FIRST A AND B MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to increase enrollment of uninsured children who are eligible for ARKids or Medicaid, to improve retention of coverage, and minimize administrative barriers to the application and renewal processes for ARKids First A, ARKids First B and Medicaid. This is a priority agenda item for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and the Finish Line Coalition.

**SB66 - J. Jeffress**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MORBID OBESITY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

This bill would require that health benefit plans provide coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity including bariatric surgery, gastric bypass surgery, and lap-band surgery.

**SB69 - J. Jeffress**

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF HERBAL SNUFF TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

Tuesday March 8th, 2011: Notification that SB69 is now Act 198.

**SB98 - Wyatt**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS.

Monday January 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**SB130 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF PHARMACISTS TO PROVIDE VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS AND TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN MEDICATIONS.

Tuesday March 1st, 2011: Notification that SB130 is now Act 147.

This bill would allow pharmacists to administer flu vaccines and immunizations to persons of any age (adding children), and medications that are the subject of a patient-specific order or prescription.

**SB136 - Madison**

REGARDING RESTRICTED DRIVERS LICENSES AS THE RESULT OF A DWI.

Monday March 14th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

This would allow individuals who have restricted driving permits to drive their children to school and school-sponsored events.

**SB154 - J. Taylor**

TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BY PROHIBITING WIRELESS TELEPHONE USE IN SCHOOL ZONES AND HIGHWAY WORK ZONES.

Wednesday February 16th, 2011: Notification that SB154 is now Act 37.

**SB184 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB187 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB189 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB232 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REAPPROPRIATION.

Monday February 21st, 2011: Notification that SB232 is now Act 55.

**SB340 - Lavery**

TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DAY TREATMENT CLINIC SERVICES.

Wednesday February 16th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**SB341 - Lavery**

TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES WAIVER ADMINISTERED BY DDS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Notification that SB341 is now Act 275.

**SB342 - Lavery**

TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID PROVIDER FEE FOR CHILDRENS HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

Wednesday February 16th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**SB359 - D.Johnson**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN WATER SYSTEMS TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF FLUORIDE TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Notification that SB359 is now Act 197.

**SB459 - Crumbly**

AN ACT TO DEFINE ARKANSAS RED COUNTIES AND TO ESTABLISH A REPORTING SYSTEM.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

This bill identifies "red counties" as those most in need of services to reduce mortality disparities and directs state agencies, boards, and commissions that receive state funds to create and maintain programs aimed at reducing this disparity.

**SB483 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - ARKANSAS HEALTH CENTER PROJECTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Notification that SB483 is now Act 314.

This provides over \$16 million for DBHS Arkansas Health Center, including an ICU and a home-style residential facility.

**SB504 - Teague**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - HEALTH CLINIC AND BATTERED WOMEN SHELTER GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Notification that SB504 is now Act 260.

**SB505 - Teague**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - HEALTH CLINIC AND SHELTER GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Notification that SB505 is now Act 261.

**SB572 - Holland**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES - COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

This bill appropriates \$500,000 for community programs serving developmentally disabled individuals.

**SB647 - Lavery**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB647 is now Act 490.

This appropriates over \$1.7 million for community-based mental health providers.

**SB709 - Irvin**

AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHCARE REFORM ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Tuesday March 1st, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill prohibits a state agency or department from enforcing or implementing any part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, unless it is specifically authorized to do so by state law or it provides detailed reports to the legislature. Reporting requirements are outlined in the Bill.

**SB757 - Madison**

TO PROVIDE FOR PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND TREATMENT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING DISORDERS AND COMPULSIVE GAMBLING DISORDERS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

This bill requires the Arkansas Lottery Commission to provide \$3,000,000 annually for prevention, treatment and awareness of gambling disorders, fifteen times the current amount.

**SB770 - Crumbly**

AN ACT TO DEFINE RED COUNTIES TO REQUEST COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES AND TO REPORT ON COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES ESTABLISHED.

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB777 - Burnett**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ACT.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

**SB794 - Pritchard**

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TOBACCO TREATMENT PREVENTION AND CESSATION.

Tuesday March 8th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

SB794 establishes a Drug Court Fund to assist with drug court programs. The Bill requires 15% of funds in the Prevention and Cessation Program Account to be transferred, within 30 days of receipt, to the Drug Court Fund.

**SB807 - Dismang**

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill establishes requirements for the organizing of an accountable care organization, mandating that it have a board of directors or other governing body that meet certain conditions.

**SB839 - Irvin**

TO PROTECT PATIENTS BY ENSURING THAT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURES DO NOT INTRUDE ON THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP OR PUT COST SAVINGS AHEAD OF OPTIMAL PATIENT CARE.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB846 - Dismang**

TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE SERVICES IN DESIGNATED RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**SB895 - E. Williams**

TO PROHIBIT INSURERS FROM REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF LIFE INSURANCE TO OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

**SB916 - G. Baker**

TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CHANGES TO THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**SB917 - E. Williams**

TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO DETER MINORS FROM USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

This would make possession of tobacco products by a minor a punishable offense.

**SB939 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ASSESS A PROVIDER FEE ON PHARMACIES THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WOULD BE DEDICATED TO THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB958 - J. Elliott**

AN ACT TO CREATE A CULTURAL COMPETENCE INTERIM STUDY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill calls the Senate Public Health committee to identify and design best practice approaches to cultural competency training that can be used for health care and public officials.

**SB1004 - P. Malone**

AN ACT TO RAISE THE AGE OF CHILDREN FOR WHOM SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

This is a shell bill that would raise the age of children for whom smoking is prohibited in motor vehicles.

**SR32 - Rapert**

ENCOURAGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VOTE TO REPEAL THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

This resolution would acknowledge that the AR General Assembly encourages the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

## **Immigration**

**HB1008 - Harris**

TO REQUIRE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR A PERSON TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE TUITION.

Thursday January 20th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This legislation would do the opposite of what a DREAM Act would accomplish. It would prohibit undocumented immigrants from paying their own way to state colleges and universities at in-state tuition prices.

**HB1013 - Nickels**

**AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST A CONTRACTOR FOR KNOWINGLY EMPLOYING A WORKER WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORIZATION TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Monday February 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**HB1292 - Hubbard**

**TO PROHIBIT ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM RECEIVING ANY STATE BENEFIT EXCEPT IN INSTANCES OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN LIFE-SAVING MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.**

Tuesday February 1st, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

This bill seeks to prohibit undocumented immigrants from receiving state services by requiring recipients to verify their citizenship or lawful presence through an affidavit submitted to state agencies. It seems likely that the legislation would prohibit the continuation of the state's prenatal program for undocumented women.

**HB2006 - Hubbard**

**CREATING A CRIMINAL STATUTE INVOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION AND HARBORING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW CREATING THAT CRIME AND CREATION OF A CIVIL ACTION.**

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**HB2007 - Hubbard**

**TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION FOR A DRIVERS LICENSE TO BE ADMINISTERED IN ENGLISH ONLY.**

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Clincher motion failed of adoption.1206

**HB2009 - Hubbard**

**THE ARKANSAS LEGAL WORKERS ACT.**

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill would require the Attorney General or prosecuting attorneys to investigate complaints of employers hiring undocumented immigrants. It would require employers to verify eligibility of the employee through the E-verify program.

**HB2019 - Hubbard**

**TO PROVIDE THAT STATE PUBLICATIONS SHALL BE PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY IN ENGLISH.**

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE.

**HB2117 - Hammer**

REQUIRING A PRIVATE BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE TO USE E-VERIFY IF THE PRIVATE BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE RECEIVES STATE FUNDS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE- HOUSE.

**HCR1009 - Hobbs**

STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESOLVE IMMIGRATION POLICY ISSUES OR GIVE STATES THE AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES WITHIN THEIR OWN BORDERS.

Friday March 4th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOV'TL AFFAIRS- HOUSE.

**SB947 - Whitaker**

AN ACT REGARDING POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE EFFECTIVE ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH FOR EMPLOYMENT AT CERTAIN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB968 - Holland**

TO SET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSON TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT AND TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO MIGHT NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A STATE BENEFIT TO DO SO ONLY IN INSTANCES OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN LIFE-SAVING MEASURES ARE REQUIRED.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

## Juvenile Justice

**HB1456 - Powers**

REGARDING A DELINQUENCY PROCEEDING.

Monday February 28th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**HB1812 - T. Rogers**

CONCERNING THE JUVENILE CODE AND JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURES.

Monday March 14th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**HB1886 - Williams**

REGARDING A COURTS JURISDICTION OVER TRUANCY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR.

**HB2049 - J. Roebuck**

TO PLACE THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FACILITY IS LOCATED.

Friday March 18th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2189 - Deffenbaugh**

REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF A CASE TO CIRCUIT COURT WHEN THE DEFENDANT IS A JUVENILE.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB2191 - E. Elliott**

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL SENTENCES FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BUT YOUNGER THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

**SB190 - Joint Budget Committee**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Re-referred to Joint Budget Committee.

**SB218 - J. Jeffress**

TO DEFINE THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DYS CONTRACT COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Monday February 21st, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

**SB339 - Crumbly**

TO ESTABLISH THE REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL CAREER ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

**SB509 - Luker**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY BASED AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB509 is now Act 426.

**SB588 - Crumbly**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES - REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB588 is now Act 461.

**SB626 - Madison**

CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE JUVENILE CODE.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee Do Pass.

**SB962 - Lavery**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY OF ADULT JAIL STANDARDS AND JUVENILE JAIL STANDARDS BY THE INTERIM SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**Substance Abuse**

**HB1020 - Lea**

CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DRUG COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday February 24th, 2011: CLINCHER MOTION ADOPTED.

**HB1444 - Wright**

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE A GROWING EPIDEMIC IN THE PURCHASE OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE AND SIMILAR DRUGS.

Monday March 14th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1935 - Summers**

AN ACT TO EXEMPT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS FROM HEALTH FACILITIES SERVICES LICENSING.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**HB1994 - McLean**

TO CREATE A DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED COURT PROGRAM.

Friday March 18th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**SB62 - Madison**

**AMENDING THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL PENALTIES.**

Tuesday January 18th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**SB345 - P. Malone**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.**

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Notification that SB345 is now Act 304.

**SB437 - P. Malone**

**AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS WITH REGARD TO EPHEDRINE PSEUDOEPHEDRINE OR PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE.**

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Notification that SB437 is now Act 588.

**SB471 - Burnett**

**AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.**

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB471 is now Act 407.

**SB495 - Pritchard**

**AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAMS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.**

Monday March 21st, 2011: Notification that SB495 is now Act 418.

**SB526 - Holland**

**AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - GRANTS FOR ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB750 - Luker**

**TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SLOW CORRECTIONS GROWTH.**

Tuesday March 22nd, 2011: Notification that SB750 is now Act 570.

**Economic Self-Sufficiency**

**HB1054 - Altes**

**TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES TO CONDUCT REEMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

Monday January 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill would require the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) to conduct biweekly interviews with individuals receiving unemployment benefits in order to discuss/review the individuals efforts in finding work for the previous two weeks and to plan their work search for the upcoming two weeks. HB1054 also allows that DWS can consider both attendance and participation in these biweekly meetings when determining an individual's unemployment benefits eligibility.

**HB1057 - Altes**

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND.**

Monday January 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill would require that employees contribute .5% of their wages to the unemployment compensation fund. Employers must deduct the .5% from an employee's wages and hold them in a trust until these wages can be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Fund. Also, the funds that are deducted from an employee's wages are not subject to garnishment and cannot be considered the asset of an employee in the event of a lien, judgment or bankruptcy proceedings.

**HB1122 - Joint Budget Committee**

**AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.**

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This is an appropriations bill for the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). This bill provides appropriates for various programs related to unemployment benefits and the general operations of DWS.

**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.**

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This bill would establish a minimum unemployment benefit of \$81 and a maximum benefit of \$451. It would also make additional changes to the UI program.

**HB1881 - Leding**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF WAGES AFTER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS FROM PAY.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Re-referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

This bill would require an employer to pay in full all wages owed an employee who is discharged from employment not later than the seventh day after the date the employee is discharged, or the next regularly scheduled payday, whichever occurs first. The Bill also provides for wages paid on commission, accrued vacation credit, and bonuses, and establishes acceptable methods of making such payments to a discharged employee.

**HB1882 - Leding**

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG LOW-INCOME ARKANSANS.

Friday March 18th, 2011: CLINCHER MOTION ADOPTED.

This bill prohibits the use of an assets test (or resource test) when determining eligibility for the Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) program.

**SB157 - Pritchard**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TEST NEGATIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill would require applicants for and recipients of unemployment benefits to pass a drug test before receiving their first week of benefits. Also, the drug test would have to be paid for by the applicant/recipient.

**SB209 - E. Williams**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA A GED OR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES TOWARD A GED WHILE RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill would require UI recipients to either have a high school diploma, a GED or being enrolled in adult education classes toward a GED in order to receive benefits.

**SB305 - J. Hutchinson**

TO CREATE THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND FINANCING ACT OF 2011 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday March 17th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE- HOUSE.

This bill would authorize the Director of Workforce Services (with the approval of the voters in a statewide election) to issue bonds for an Arkansas Unemployment Trust Fund Bonds in an amount to cover the debt owed to the federal government for Arkansas' portion of the federal Unemployment Trust Fund.

**SB593 - 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.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor.

This bill would place limits on weekly unemployment benefits with a minimum of \$81 and a maximum of \$451.

**Other**

**HB1572 - Woods**

TO AMEND AMENDMENT 89 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE INTEREST RATE LIMIT ON LOAN CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 OF AMENDMENT 89 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE- HOUSE.

**HB1846 - Woods**

TO ENACT THE SMALL LOAN ACT TO HELP UNDERSERVED CONSUMERS OBTAIN CREDIT AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Wednesday March 16th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE- HOUSE.

This bill would regulate small loans (between \$250 and \$5000) in terms of interest rate and other fees. It would also establish a "Small Loan Fund" to carry out the provisions in the bill.

**HB2021 - Nickels**

TO REPEAL THE CHECK-CASHERS ACT 23-52-101 ET SEQ. AND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM UNLAWFUL INTEREST RATES.

Thursday March 10th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

This bill would repeal the Check-Casher Act which regulates interest rates on consumer loans.

**SB568 - Lamoureux**

TO AMEND AMENDMENT 89 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE INTEREST RATE LIMIT ON LOAN CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 11 OF AMENDMENT 89 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday February 24th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

This bill would allow the General Assembly to set a maximum allowable interest rate for loans of \$5,000 or less.

**SB773 - Lamoureux**

TO ENACT THE SMALL LOAN ACT TO HELP UNDERSERVED CONSUMERS OBTAIN CREDIT AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Thursday March 3rd, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

This bill would regulate small dollar loans (between \$250 and \$5000) in terms of interest rates and other fees. It would also establish a "Small Loan Fund" to carry out the provisions in the bill.

## **Tax and Budget**

**HB1002 - Garner**

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CAPITAL GAINS REDUCTION ACT OF 2011.

Wednesday February 16th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill would add an income tax exemption that would excluded all capital gains earnings on Arkansas property acquired after July 1, 2011. The estimated revenue loss for FY2013 is \$44.5 million and for FY2014 is \$68.5 million.

**HB1030 - Altes**

TO ESTABLISH AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES OF DEPENDENTS.

Monday January 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill would create a state income tax credit for taxpayers with one or more dependents who are full-time students in a K-12 education program at any school if they spend more than \$300 on tuition, books, and lab fees. The tax credit would be 25% of the amount paid on the listed expenses but could not exceed the amount of income tax the taxpayer owes. Estimated revenue loss for FY2012 \$57,166,000 and FY2013 \$58,300,000.

**HB1038 - Altes**

TO REDUCE THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATE AND INCREASE THE SALES AND USE TAX RATE.

Monday January 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill would lower the state income tax rate while raising the sales and use tax rates. For net income of \$25,000 or above the tax rate would be:7% for tax years before 2012;5.5% for 2012; 4.5% for 2013; and 4% for 2014 and on.The sales and use tax would increase by the following:1% for 2012;2% for 2013; and3% for 2014 and on.

**HB1056 - Lindsey**

**TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INCOME TAX RELIEF TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD TAXPAYERS WITH TWO 2 OR MORE DEPENDENTS.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

This bill will exempt all families with children and incomes below the poverty line from paying state income taxes. This bill is estimated to decrease state revenue by \$3.7 million in FY2012 and \$3.8 million in FY2013.

**HB1389 - Mayberry**

**TO REDUCE THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATE ON FOOD AND FOOD INGREDIENTS.**

Thursday February 10th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on House Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This law would require the tax on food and food ingredients to 7/8 percent.

**HB1495 - Nickels**

**TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS SMALL BUSINESS TAX FAIRNESS ACT AND TO REQUIRE COMBINED REPORTING FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.**

Wednesday March 9th, 2011: REPORTED CORRECTLY ENGROSSED.

**HB1547 - Lovell**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALES AND USE TAX LAWS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STREAMLINED SALES AND USE TAX AGREEMENT.**

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Notification that HB1547 is now Act 291.

This bill would amend sales and use tax laws to make them follow the "streamlined sales and use tax agreement."

**HB1794 - Carter**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE ARKANSAS INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS.**

Wednesday March 2nd, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on REVENUE & TAXATION- HOUSE.

**HB1902 - Moore**

**THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY FINANCING ACT OF 2011.**

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Returned by the Committee with the recommendation that it do pass, concur in Senate Amendment No. 1 and 2.

This bill would add an additional tax of five cents for each gallon of distillate special fuel sold or purchased for sale or use in the state. The tax is conditional upon approval of the electorate and the issuance of bonds. Funds derived by the tax are intended for the cost of constructing, widening, reconstructing, maintaining, resurfacing, and repairing public highways. The bill would also create the "Arkansas Highway Financing Act of 2011" which would permit the State Highway Commission to issue

State of Arkansas Federal Highway Grant Anticipation and Tax Revenue Bonds if the voters approve in a one-time statewide election.

**HB1950 - J. Edwards**

TO AMEND THE STATUTES REGARDING THE TAXATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO TOBACCO SALES AND TAXATION AND TO CREATE THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS REPORTING ACT.

Wednesday March 23rd, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

**SB276 - Teague**

TO AMEND THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX RATE ON FOOD AND FOOD INGREDIENTS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

Estimated revenue loss: FY2012 \$20.8 million and FY2013 \$23.4 million.

**SB758 - Lamoureux**

TO REPEAL CERTAIN INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS CREDITS INCENTIVES REDUCED RATES AND OTHER STATUTES THAT REDUCE TAX LIABILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT TO THE INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES.

Tuesday March 15th, 2011: Re-referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

**SB796 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO EXEMPT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INCOME FROM THE INCOME TAX.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill exempts the first \$3,899 of net income from income tax and adjusts the remaining tax brackets. Estimated revenue loss of \$43,187,000 beginning in FY2012.

**SB797 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO ELIMINATE THE TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT INCOME TAX BRACKET.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill would amend income tax brackets to be taxes the first \$7,799 of net income at a rate of 1%; the next \$4,000 at a rate of 3.5%; the next \$7,800 at 4.5%; the next \$13,100 at 6%; and a net income of \$32,700 or more at a rate of 7%. Estimated revenue loss of \$59,122,000 beginning in FY2012.

**SB798 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO ELIMINATE THE FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT INCOME TAX BRACKET.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

This bill would eliminate the 4.5% income tax bracket and create the following income tax bracket system: the first \$3,899 of net income at a rate of 1%; the next \$3,900 at a rate of 2.5%; the next \$11,800 at 3.5%; the next \$13,100 at 6%; and a net income of \$32,700 or more at a rate of 7%.

**SB799 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO ELIMINATE THE SIX PERCENT INCOME TAX BRACKET.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

**SB800 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO ELIMINATE THE SEVEN PERCENT INCOME TAX BRACKET.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

**SB801 - Dismang**

TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX RATES AND BRACKETS FOR INDIVIDUALS TRUSTS AND ESTATES AND TO ELIMINATE THE THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT INCOME TAX BRACKET.

Monday March 7th, 2011: Read first time, rules suspended, read second time, referred to Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation.