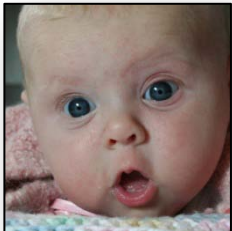


Weekly Legislative Summary

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Introduction

This week marked the last of the session, with late night votes and the threat of no budget for the Insurance Department, the agency that provides critical consumer protection for Arkansans.

Politics around implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) stalled [HB2138](#), which would have given the Insurance Department tools to set up an insurance exchange. While it cleared committee on a second attempt, it was sent to interim study rather than being heard on the House floor. After three failed attempts, the Insurance Department budget was passed so they can continue protecting consumers and researching the impact of ACA changes to come.

This week Governor Beebe signed SB65 to [cut red tape in ARKids First](#) and HB1056, the [overdue tax fix](#) for 50,000 single-parent families. Both are important victories for Arkansas children and families. Please take time to thank Governor Beebe and legislators who voted for these bills. Votes on HB1056 can be found [here](#); votes on SB65 can be found [here](#). Voting links for each chamber are located at the bottom right of the page under “Bill Status History.”

Finally, in the final days of the session, the House and Senate approved [HB1910](#), which will limit school districts’ ability to [carry over large sums](#) of “NSLA” or “poverty” funds— one of few streams schools have exclusively to serve low-income students. With this new law, sponsored by Rep. Pierce and Sen. Elliott, schools cannot hold over more than 15 percent of these funds each year.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB318 - P. Malone

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB319 - P. Malone

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

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that SB319 is now Act 783.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 CHILDS INTELLECTUAL EMOTIONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT FROM A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR LICENSED AS A TEACHER.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that SB326 is now Act 784.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 March 28th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

SB527 - Dismang

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

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 April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that HB1617 is now Act 879.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: TO BE ENROLLED.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that HB1778 is now Act 770.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

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 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB1910 - Pierce

TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CATEGORICAL FUNDING.

Friday April 1st, 2011: TO BE ENROLLED.

HB1937 - Steele

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: TO BE ENROLLED.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

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 31st, 2011: Notification that HB2088 is now Act 902.

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

TO REQUIRE PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY COMMISSIONS PLACEMENT OF SELF-SERVICE LOTTERY TICKET VENDING MACHINES IN THE STATE.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: TO BE ENROLLED.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB2179 - J. Roebuck

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

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB104 - Joint Budget Committee

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB211 - Joint Budget Committee

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Notification that SB330 is now Act 725.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB353 - Lamoureux

TO CLARIFY FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: CLINCHER MOTION ADOPTED.1628

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.

Tuesday March 29th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on Joint Performance Review.

SB737 - Chesterfield

TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB740 - Flowers

TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLANS.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB753 - Madison

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB793 - J. Elliott

TO EXPAND THE OBJECTIVES OF TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on EDUCATION COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

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.

Tuesday March 29th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on HOUSE RULES.

SB888 - D.Johnson

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD STABILIZATION ACT.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Transfer to the Committee on HOUSE RULES.

SB892 - D.Johnson

TO CLARIFY ARKANSASS ANTIBULLYING POLICIES AND PROTECT STUDENT DIGNITY.

Tuesday March 29th, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on HOUSE RULES.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB1264 - Joint Budget Committee

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

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB1265 - Joint Budget Committee

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

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB1268 - Joint Budget Committee

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

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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 March 30th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION- HOUSE.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

HB1641 - Webb

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

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that HB1641 is now Act 854.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim 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.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that HB1814 is now Act 886.

HB1905 - Woods

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that HB1905 is now Act 891.

HB1925 - Garner

TO RAISE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR A PERSON TO OBTAIN A MOTORIZED BICYCLE CERTIFICATE.

Friday April 1st, 2011: TO BE ENROLLED.

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 30th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

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.

Monday March 28th, 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.

HB2083 - Hobbs

TO REQUIRE THE REVIEW AND FUTURE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE MANDATES AND TO REGULATE INSURANCE MANDATES.

Friday March 25th, 2011: WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR.

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 31st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on INSURANCE & COMMERCE- HOUSE.

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.

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

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 29th, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: Notification that SB66 is now Act 855.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that SB459 is now Act 790.

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 31st, 2011: Notification that SB572 is now Act 844.

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

SB647 - Laverty

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 30th, 2011: Read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and referred to the Committee on HOUSE RULES.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that SB770 is now Act 798.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.

Tuesday March 29th, 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 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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

SB846 - Dismang

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

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

Tuesday March 29th, 2011: Returned by the Committee, with the recommendation that it Do Pass.

SB917 - E. Williams

TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO DETER MINORS FROM USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that SB917 is now Act 868.

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

SB935 - Irvin

TO REQUIRE THE REVIEW AND FUTURE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE MANDATES AND TO REGULATE INSURANCE MANDATES.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

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.

Friday April 1st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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.

SB988 - P. Malone

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PROPER ANTIPSYCHOTIC USE ACT OF 2011.

Thursday March 24th, 2011: Withdrawn by author.

This is a shell bill that will outline the protection and care of children treated with antipsychotic medication.

SB1004 - P. Malone

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

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that SB1004 is now Act 811.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on STATE AGENCIES & GOVT'L AFFAIRS- HOUSE.

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.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Read the third time and failed.1314

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 & GOV'TL 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 & GOVT'L 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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that HB1456 is now Act 873.

HB1812 - T. Rogers

CONCERNING THE JUVENILE CODE AND JUVENILE COURT PROCEDURES.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Tuesday March 29th, 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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim 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 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

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 SYSTEM FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH.

Friday April 1st, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

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 30th, 2011: Notification that SB626 is now Act 792.

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 30th, 2011: Notification that HB1935 is now Act 834.

HB1994 - McLean

TO CREATE A DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED COURT PROGRAM.

Friday April 1st, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on JUDICIARY COMMITTEE- HOUSE.

SB62 - Madison

AMENDING THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Amendment # 3 read the first time, rules suspended, read the second time and adopted, ordered engrossed.

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 31st, 2011: Notification that SB526 is now Act 840.

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 31st, 2011: Correctly enrolled and ordered transmitted to the Governor's Office.

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.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Clincher motion failed of adoption.1332

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 31st, 2011: ORDERED ENROLLED.

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.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: Notification that SB593 is now Act 861.

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.

Friday March 25th, 2011: Notification that HB1056 is now Act 736.

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 30th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim by Joint Interim Committee on REVENUE & TAXATION- HOUSE.

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.

Wednesday March 30th, 2011: Notification that HB1902 is now Act 773.

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 30th, 2011: Notification that HB1950 is now Act 836.

SB276 - Teague

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

Tuesday March 29th, 2011: Notification that SB276 is now Act 755.

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

SB738 - Files

TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES TO SELLERS ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERVICES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Thursday March 31st, 2011: DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR.

This bill would require large out-of-state, online-only retailers to collect sales tax at the same rate as Arkansas businesses that have brick-and-mortar locations.

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.

Monday March 28th, 2011: Recommended for study in the Interim Committee on 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.