

CATEGORICAL SUMMARY - 93rd General Assembly
Regular Session 2021

ACADEMICS - HIGHER EDUCATION				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
134	SB77	Eads	Creates the Office of Education Renewal Zones in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	7/28/2021
252	SB129	English	Amends the law pertaining to private resident and correspondence schools	7/28/2021
396	HB1140	Vaught	Allows virtual instruction to satisfy continuing education for funeral directors	7/28/2021
462	SB289	Hammer	Ensures a right of conscience for healthcare institutions, healthcare payers and medical practitioners	7/28/2021
489	SB62	Irvin	Establishes intensive support status for licensed special education teachers who have not demonstrated proficiency by 2023-24	7/28/2021
507	HB1501	Fite	Allows vocational centers detached from a local school district or institution access to funding in Public School Fund	7/28/2021
539	SB397	Irvin	Creates the AHECB Consumer Guide	7/28/2021
545	SB235	English	Revises the authority of aspects of vocational education previously under Career Education Board	7/28/2021
556	HB1100	Evans	Adds school personnel and adult volunteers to the list of required reporters under the Child Maltreatment Act	7/28/2021
567	HB1460	Womack	Prohibits the regulation of a trade, occupation or profession other than to the extent authorized by the legislature	7/28/2021
633	SB61	Irvin	Changes funding, application, partnership provisions and evaluation criteria for College and Career Coaches Program	7/28/2021
646	SB524	Sturch	Updates the minority teacher and administrator recruitment policy	7/28/2021
647	SB491	English	Amends the law concerning apprenticeship programs; creates State Electrical Apprenticeship Committee	7/28/2021
657	HB1678	Allen	Permits a professor to receive a teaching license upon performing application requirements	7/28/2021
688	HB1237	Lowery	Moves the earliest school start date to two weeks before Labor Day beginning in 2022	7/28/2021
724	SB580	Chesterfield	Authorizes online curriculum to satisfy up to 50 percent of a barber or cosmetological student's training program	7/28/2021
757	HB1794	Vaught	Creates the LPN Pathway Pilot Program for 9-12th grade students	4/19/2021
759	HB1780	Bentley	Allows an education program for LPN and medication assistants to be provided by a hospital or nursing facility consortium	7/28/2021
884	HB1782	Beck	Makes highway revenue interest income available for workforce development grants in the transportation field	7/28/2021
912	SB564	Elliott	Creates the Arkansas Tutoring Corps Act	4/26/2021
957	HB1746	Underwood	Provides registered hairstylists can perform certain services under the supervision of a licensed cosmetologist	7/28/2021
968	HB1439	Piikington	Adds therapists, addiction specialists and counselors to the Volunteer Health Care Act	7/28/2021
1016	HB1891	Dotson	Creates a network of Certified Academic Language Therapists to coordinate dyslexia therapy training for educators	7/28/2021
1020	SB609	M. Johnson	Prohibits institutions from hosting entities affiliated with China; requires disclosure of foreign gifts or contracts	4/29/2021
1038	SB694	Beckham	Requires the development of a student module on personal finance and macroeconomics	7/28/2021
1066	HB1700	Bentley	Creates the Student Horizon Database	7/28/2021
1069	HB1770	McCullough	Requires student ID cards include numbers to domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide prevention hotlines	7/28/2021
	HCR1020	Gray	Encourages collaboration to expand access to applied baccalaureate and workforce degrees	

ACADEMICS - K-12

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
259	HB1029	Allen	Adds John W. Walker to the list of civil rights leaders required for African American history curriculum	7/28/2021
319	SB31	English	Adds career readiness assessments that lead to work readiness certificates to statewide student assessments	7/28/2021
354	HB1472	Cozart	Adds 3 ex-officio members to the ASMSA Board of Visitors	7/28/2021
414	SB107	English	Creates the Computer Science Education Advancement Act	7/28/2021
442	SB249	Irvin	Amends the responsibility and requirements for school tornado drills; adds earthquake drills in certain areas	7/28/2021
489	SB62	Irvin	Establishes intensive support status for licensed special education teachers who have not demonstrated proficiency by 2023-24	7/28/2021
513	HB1594	Vaught	Authorizes granting teaching licenses for non-citizens with DACA status	7/28/2021
551	SB407	Irvin	Requires school districts with School Resource Officers [SRO] to file a memorandum with local law enforcement	7/28/2021
552	SB389	Ballinger	Requires schools to make sex education materials available for inspection by parents	7/28/2021
556	HB1100	Evans	Adds school personnel and adult volunteers to the list of required reporters under the Child Maltreatment Act	7/28/2021
606	SB349	Clark	Prohibits school reading programs that are not aligned with science of reading; 10% penalty for non compliance	7/28/2021
611	SB160	Hester	Requires the teaching of Holocaust education in public schools	7/28/2021
620	HB1549	Cozart	Amends the 2015 School Safety Act	7/28/2021
622	HB1510	Scott	Requires school districts with a School Resouce Officer [SRO] to file a memo with law enforcement; SRO specialized training	7/28/2021
633	SB61	Irvin	Changes funding, application, partnership provisions and evaluation criteria for College and Career Coaches Program	7/28/2021
646	SB524	Sturch	Updates the minority teacher and administrator recruitment policy	7/28/2021
757	HB1794	Vaught	Creates the LPN Pathway Pilot Program for 9-12th grade students	4/19/2021
648	SB394	Irvin	Amends the 2015 School Safety Act	7/28/2021
657	HB1678	Allen	Permits a professor to receive a teaching license upon performing application requirements	7/28/2021
662	HB1510	Scott	Requires school districts with School Resource Officers [SRO] to file memorandum with local law enforcement	7/28/2021
663	HB1451	Godfrey	Authorizes distrct-level bilingual or dual-immersion program approved by the Department of Education	7/28/2021
684	HB1464	Cozart	Requires school district policies for parents to challenge instructional materials	7/28/2021
688	HB1237	Lowery	Moves the earliest school start date to 3 weeks before Labor Day beginning in 2022	7/28/2021
730	HB1744	Cozart	Requires students correctly answer 60% of questions on the US Citizenship Test as a graduation requirement	7/28/2021
820	HB1592	Lowery	Prevents public schools from transactions with individuals or entities that perform, induce or provide abortions	7/28/2021
897	SB576	Clark	Requires a virtual and remote attendance policy; applies DL suspension requirement to remote students	7/28/2021
912	SB564	Elliott	Creates the Arkansas Tutoring Corps Act	4/26/2021
933	HB1611	Ennett	Requires schools to inform students in grades 6-12 of the availability of free menstrual products	7/28/2021
987	HB1863	Mayberry	Creates the Public School Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee	7/28/2021
1016	HB1891	Dotson	Creates a network of Certified Academic Language Therapists to coordinate dyslexia therapy training for educators	7/28/2021
1025	SB599	Irvin	Creates the Arkansas Financial Education Commission [K-12]	7/28/2021
1031	SB638	English	Amends the Interstate Compact on school transitions for military children	7/28/2021
1050	SB569	Hester	Requires school districts to allow and provide for use of medication to treat adrenal insufficiency	7/28/2021

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1069	HB1770	McCullough	Requires student ID cards include numbers to domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide prevention hotlines	7/28/2021
1074	HB1848	Bentley	Requires the Department of Education develop school guidance on exercise and nutrition	7/28/2021
1089	HB1826	Mayberry	Requires one Registered Nurse per school district to participate in an annual professional development program	7/28/2021

ACADEMICS - LICENSURE

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
96	SB71	Sturch	Establishes acceptable means of initiating ethics investigations of educators	7/28/2021
135	SB78	Hill	Expedites and extends the occupational licensure of uniformed service members, veterans and their spouses	2/23/2021
390	HB1268	Vaught	Clarifies the licensure exemption for chiropractors performing chiropractic treatment on animals	7/28/2021
445	SB22	Irvin	Adds options for licensure as orthotic and prosthetic assistants	7/28/2021
513	HB1594	Vaught	Authorizes granting teaching licenses for non-citizens with DACA status	7/28/2021
746	HB1735	Penzo	Provides occupational or professional licensure access to individuals who hold federal work permits	7/28/2021
748	HB1796	Cozart	Amends the prohibition of professional licensure for those convicted of certain criminal offenses	7/28/2021
762	HB1520	Allen	Provides a waiver of occupational licensure disqualification for certain criminal convictions provided certain requirements are met	7/28/2021
811	HB1875	Bryant	Requires the granting of an occupational license to persons who have completed an apprenticeship	7/28/2021
826	HB1179	Gonzalez	Adds permanent disqualifying offenses for professional licensure	7/28/2021
985	HB1837	Pilkington	Expands the list of offenses that remove eligibility for teaching licenses to include the sexual grooming of children	7/28/2021

AGRICULTURE

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
130	HB1099	Vaught	Authorizes a restricted veterinarian license to veterinary graduates who have not passed a licensing exam	7/28/2021
131	HB1142	Vaught	Recognizes artificial insemination of livestock and animals as a routine animal husbandry practice	7/28/2021
306	HB1118	Dotson	Authorizes cottage food operations to sell food through the internet directly to end consumers	3/9/2021
361	HB1210	Hillman	Requires entities that appoint Plant Board members to instead submit 2 names to the Governor for consideration	7/28/2021
399	HB1389	Bragg	Creates the Arkansas Foresters of the Future Scholarship Program	7/28/2021
418	HB1315	Vaught	Creates the State Meat Inspection Program for slaughterhouses not subject to federal inspection	3/23/2021
501	HB1658	Wing	Repeals the Fire Ant Advisory Board, Litter Utilization Committees and Wetlands Technical Advisory Committee	7/28/2021
521	HB1729	Bentley	Gives the Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board jurisdiction over the base milk price paid to a producer	7/28/2021
557	HB1679	Hillman	Moves several pesticide control authorities from the Plant Board to the Dept. of Agriculture	7/28/2021
563	HB1773	Hillman	Adjusts the agriculture water resource conservation project time limit from 3 to 5 years	7/28/2021
564	HB1694	Hollowell	Prohibits the sale of the Pine Tree Research Station unless to a non-profit entity for public use	4/5/2021
700	SB613	Sturch	Creates the Department of Agriculture's program for funding county and district fairs, and the state fair	7/28/2021
785	SB536	Irvin	Creates the Buffalo River Conservation Committee	7/28/2021
875	HB1314	Hillman	Adjusts the Water Resource Conservation and Development Incentives Act	1/1/2021
970	HB1196	Christiansen	Creates a sales tax exemption for water used in poultry farming	9/1/2021

1040	SB248	Davis	Exempts certain homemade food and drink products from licensure, certification, and inspection	7/28/2021
1046	SB312	B. Johnson	Requires a report to the federal Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act also be reported to the Department of Agriculture	7/28/2021
	HCR1014	Wardlaw	Supports collaborative efforts that conserve waterfowl and waterfowl habitat; promotes hunting opportunities	

ATHLETICS

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
348	HB1259	Hammer	Authorizes licensed athletic trainers to work under physician supervision	7/28/2021
461	SB354	Irvin	Creates the Fairness in Women's Sports Act - prevents biological males from participating in girls or womens sports	7/28/2021
810	HB1671	Shepherd	Student athlete Name, Image and Likeness [NIL] rights legislation	1/1/2022
953	SB450	Irvin	Creates the GIRLS Act - prevents biological males from participating in girls or womens sports	7/28/2021

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION
HJR1005	Ray	Constitutional Amendment and Ballot Initiative Reform Amendment - 60% approval for referral and 60% voter for passage
SJR10	Davis	Legislature to convene in an extraordinary session - at behest of Speaker/ProTem or the signatures of 2/3 of both chambers
SJR14	Rapert	AR Religious Freedom Amendment

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
404	HB1662	Maddox	Amends the Formula Rate Review Act - [see also Act 894]	3/22/2021
440	SB305	Caldwell	Raises the threshold for public improvement projects	7/28/2021
447	HB1229	Bentley	Authorizes the Land Commissioner to conduct delinquent land auctions and negotiated-price sales online	3/24/2021
455	HB1442	Bentley	Requires the Land Commissioner to provide an electronic record system for publishing records on natural resource extraction	various dates
568	HB1264	Pilkington	Expands the exemptions to licensing requirements for architects	7/28/2021
584	HB1443	Bentley	Amends law concerning the management and sale of tax-delinquent lands by the Land Commissioner	7/28/2021
641	SB588	Ballinger	Adds gas utilities to the Electric Utility Storm Recover Securitization Act	4/12/2021
694	HB1665	Hawks	Requires the Public Service Commission to evaluate and analyze the need for life extension of existing electric generating units	7/28/2021
775	SB532	English	Requires water bottle filling stations for new school construction, additions, and full renovation of existing school buildings	7/28/2021
777	SB402	Dismang	Creates the Arkansas Cultural Institutions Trust Fund Act	7/28/2021
839	SB585	Wallace	Sets criteria for contractors concerning the collection, recovery, reuse or disposal of electronic waste	7/28/2021
894	SB489	Davis	Amends the Formula Rate Review Act - [see also Act 404]	4/25/2021
986	HB1855	Cozart	Amends the uniform procedure for payment and performance bonds	7/28/2021
1003	SB553	M. Johnson	Prohibits the removal, relocation, alteration, destruction or vandalism of a monument on public property	4/28/2021
1056	SB541	Teague	Requires a sign recognizing the Birthplace of the Bowie Knife	7/28/2021

COVID-19				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
153	HB1212	Ladyman	Authorizes the DWS director to non-charge employer contributions for certified unemployment insurance claims	2/25/2021
353	HB1488	Gonzales	Authorizes COVID-19 as an occupational disease with regard to workers' compensation benefits eligibility	3/15/2021
403	SB379	Hammer	Authorizes the legislature to deny the renewal of statewide public health disaster emergencies after 60 days	3/19/2021
406	HB1134	Boyd	Allows pharmacists to prescribe vaccines and immunizations, and to more broadly administer and dispense vaccines	7/28/2021
407	HB1135	Boyd	Authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines and immunizations if delegated by a supervising pharmacist	7/28/2021
510	HB1521	McCollum	Codifies executive orders holding healthcare providers immune and exempt from certain requirements during COVID-19	4/1/2021
559	HB1487	Gonzalez	Provides civil immunity for damages or injuries caused by or resulting from exposure to COVID-19 on business premises	4/5/2021
697	HB1502	Fite	Requires clear fask mask coverings by those providing services to the deaf or hard of hearing	7/28/2021
977	HB1547	Lundstrum	Prohibits employers mandating COVID-19 vaccinations through discrimination or coercion	4/28/2021
1002	SB590	Garner	Prohibits state agencies from mandating the use of face coverings	7/28/2021
1030	SB615	Garner	Prohibits state and local authorities from requiring a vaccine passport	7/28/2021
1055	SB663	Irvin	Clarifies the AR Department of Health's authority to continue regulatory flexibilities for the Hospitals Without Walls program	4/29/2021
1113	HB1977	Bryant	Provides exemptions from federal and employer mandates related to COVID-19 vaccinations	
1115	SB739	Hammer	Provides exemptions from federal and employer mandates related to COVID-19 vaccinations	

FINANCIAL AID				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
76	SB35	English	Allows National Guard members to qualify for tuition benefits when exigent circumstances require active duty training	7/28/2021
80	SB126	Sturch	Amends the eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship – Part 2	7/28/2021
81	SB130	Sturch	Repeals old Academic Challenge program – Part 1	7/28/2021
82	SB131	Sturch	Amends the Concurrent Challenge Scholarship	7/28/2021
133	SB66	English	Allows tuition-free benefits for National Guardsmen enrolled in programs of study conducted exclusively online	7/28/2021
217	SB287	Hester	Makes certain immigrant groups eligible for Governor's Scholars and High Technology Programs	3/1/2021
282	HB1200	Mayberry	Amends the AR Rehabilitation Services Forgiveness of Student Loan Program; clarifies eligibility requirements	7/28/2021
331	SB114	Irvin	Requires FASFA completion for several state scholarship programs	7/28/2021
388	SB382	Chesterfield	Adds private, non-profit higher education institutions to the Arkansas Future Grant Program	7/28/2021
399	HB1389	Bragg	Creates Arkansas Foresters of the Future Scholarship Program	7/28/2021
636	SB584	Hickey	Amends the Academic Challenge scholarship program; adds a fiscal impact analysis and bill filing deadline	4/12/2021
743	SB139	Dismang	Amends the ACT requirement for Governor's Scholarship and Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarship	7/28/2021
1079	HB1931	Bentley	Changes the composition and appointment of AR Rural Medicine Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board	7/28/2021

GENERAL FISCAL AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
69	SB100	Irvin	To enhance higher education fiscal accountability and transparency	7/28/2021
260	HB1110	Meeks	Requires state agencies to report data security incidents to Legislative Audit	7/28/2021
288	SB205	Hickey	Requires the state's Chief Fiscal Officer to report commitments of Rainy Day Funds to the legislature	3/8/2021
372	HB1214	Wardlaw	Combines the reponse fund, recovery fund, and catatrophic loss funds of the Governor	7/28/2021
373	HB1241	Lowery	Redefines a 'claimant agency' entitled to offset delinquent tax collections against a state income tax refund	7/28/2021
446	SB378	Hammer	Requires legislative review for distribution of unanticipated discretionary federal emergency funds	2/24/2021
554	SB250	Irvin	Adds motor vehicles for UAPB	7/11/2021
591	HB1666	Womack	Amends certain laws pertaining to Legislative Audit	7/28/2021
671	HB1559	Gray	Modifies the audits and duties of the Internal Audit Section - Department of Inspector General	7/28/2021
1058	SB375	Dismang	Define the funds available and the process for transfers to and from the Restricted Reserve Fund	4/29/2021
1078	HB1926	Meeks	Makes various provisions for transactions involving virtual currency for the purposes of the Uniform Commercial Code	7/28/2021

HEALTH CARE				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
97	SB99	Bledsoe	Requires step therapy protocols be based on appropriate clinical practice guidelines or peer-reviewed data	various dates
357	HB1450	Magie	Requires health benefit plans provide coverage for early refills of prescription eye drops	7/28/2021
408	HB1069	Pilkington	Allows pharmacists to dispense oral contraceptives	7/28/2021
503	HB1246	Johnson	Allows pharmacists to treat certain health conditions; modifies and allows delegation of physician dispensing	7/28/2021
514	HB1619	Boyd	Excludes prescription drugs approved by the FDA from Schedule VI unless objections raised by the Secretary	7/28/2021
553	SB290	Leding	Diagnostic coverage for breast exams for patients with a family history of breast cancer; prohibits cost sharing	7/28/2021
583	HB1357	Vaught	Requires Positron Emission Topography [PET] scan coverage for patients with a prior history of cancer	7/28/2021
626	HB1570	Lundstrum	Prohibits providing gender transition procedures on person who are under 18	7/28/2021
645	SB446	Bledsoe	Specifies plans under § 23-61-1001 are included in Act 97 of 2021 and as used in the regulation of step therapy protocols	7/28/2021
651	SB505	Bledsoe	Requires providers to co-prescribe Naloxone when prescribing or dispensing an opioid under certain conditions	7/28/2021
665	HB1804	Evans	Amends the Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights and Pharmacy Benefits Managers Licensure Act	7/28/2021
666	HB1774	Penzo	Requires physicians who writes certifications for medical marijuana to provide information about pharmacist consultants	7/28/2021
723	SB603	Irvin	Clarifies requirements of health insurers in cooperating with ambulatory surgery center acting as a temporary hospital facility	7/28/2021
767	HB1068	Pilkington	Authorizes healthcare professionals to use telemedicine to perform group meetings for services, including group therapy	4/21/2021
779	SB309	Irvin	Defines persons at 'high risk' for colorectal cancer as those over 45 with a family history; prevents cost-sharing for screening	1/1/2022
829	HB1063	Dotson	Authorizes audio-only consultations to qualify as covered services under the Telemedicine Act	7/28/2021
922	HB1852	Gray	Requires the State Board of Pharmacy to promulgate and maintain standards for prescription delivery services	7/28/2021
939	SB664	Leding	Exempts health savings account-qualified health insurance policies from prohibitions on cost-sharing requirements	7/28/2021
955	SB602	Irvin	Revises the definitions of craniofacial anomaly and associated reconstructive surgery regarding medical care coverage	4/27/2021

965	HB1569	Lundstrum	Prescribes methods for calculating the contributions to cost-sharing requirements for enrollees in health benefit plans	7/28/2021
1053	SB617	Rapert	Places restrictions and disclosure requirements on prescribers who utilize out-of-state pharmacies	7/28/2021
1054	SB639	Hammer	Requires coverage for off-label use of drug treatments to treat patients who are diagnosed with PANS or PANDAS	7/28/2021
1103	HB1881	Gray	Prohibits a payor or PBM from requiring a patient to use a mail pharmacy; prevents discrimination regarding 340B pricing	7/28/2021
1104	HB1709	Payton	Prohibits providing a manufacturer discount of an insulin product unless provided directly to the end user in a coupon card	1/1/2022
1105	HB1907	Lowery	Authorizes providers to bill a healthcare payor or PBM; prohibits certain PBM requirements of enrollees	7/28/2021
1112	SB703	Leding	Amends Telemedicine Act to add medical marijuana telehealth certification of a patient applying for registry ID card	7/28/2021

HUMAN RESOURCES				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
88	HB1121	Dotson	Requires specific language for all state agency employee handbooks on equal employment opportunity hiring	7/28/2021
153	HB1212	Ladyman	Authorizes the DWS director to non-charge employer contributions for certified unemployment insurance claims	2/25/2021
289	SB206	Irvin	Increases provisional positions for UAPB	7/1/2021
352	HB1496	Gonzales	Requires standards for termination; limits use of state funds to buyout higher education president/chancellor contracts	7/28/2021
353	HB1488	Gonzales	Authorizes COVID-19 an occupational disease with regard to workers' compensation benefits eligibility	3/15/2021
379	SB118	Wallace	Establishes extra help positions to enable the creation of the Arkansas Public Service Internship Program	3/17/2021
383	SB239	Rapert	Amends minimum levels for employee benefit stop-loss insurance policies	7/28/2021
496	SB345	Davis	Amends the Higher Education Uniform Classification and Compensation Act	7/1/2021
573	SB119	Wallace	Amends the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act and the catastrophic leave program	7/28/2021
612	SB341	Ballinger	Prohibits public employers from recognizing labor unions or associations as bargaining agents	7/28/2021
630	SB218	Hendren	Redefines 'nonconviction information' for the purpose of non-criminal background checks	7/28/2021
746	HB1735	Penzo	Provides occupational or professional licensure access to individuals who hold federal work permits	7/28/2021
882	HB1684	Mayberry	Makes Achieving a Better Life Experience [ABLE] account taxable; adds ABLE as eligible for state employee withholdings	1/1/2021
1100	SB627	Garner	Prohibits use of 'divisive concepts' in employee training [excludes higher education]; higher education referenced in 25-1-606	1/1/2022
1019	SB484	Dismang	Non-resident work inside and outside of state is taxable only on portion of income allocated to work performed in-state	4/29/2021

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
67	SB74	Hill	Authorizes government entities to provide voice, data, broadband, video or wireless telecommunications	2/4/2021
260	HB1110	Meeks	Requires state agencies to report data security incidents to Legislative Audit	7/28/2021
377	SB263	Hammer	Adds cable, telecommunication, and broadband service providers to provisions authorizing utilities to attach signs to poles	7/28/2021
742	SB526	English	Amends the composition of the Data and Transparency Panel	7/28/2021
763	HB1514	Meeks	Compels the release of data stored by a data company for a public entity	7/28/2021

LAW ENFORCEMENT				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
57	HB1057	Dalby	Registration of out-of-state sex offenders from another jurisdiction	7/28/2021
186	HB1236	Berry	Authorizes the establishment of unified command of law enforcement efforts on Capitol grounds during civil disturbance	7/28/2021
250	SB24	Ballinger	Defense of a person with physical or deadly force	7/28/2021
375	SB270	Garner	Doxxing of a minor - Class C felony	7/28/2021
428	HB1204	Tosh	Privileged communications between a certified peer support member and emergency responder	7/28/2021
505	HB1373	Collins	Requires staff and supervisors of a public safety dispatch center be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation	7/28/2021
551	SB407	Irvin	Requires school districts with a School Resouce Officer [SRO] to file a memo with law enforcement; SRO specialized training	7/28/2021
620	HB1549	Cozart	Amendments to the 2015 School Safety Act	7/28/2021
622	HB1510	Scott	Requires school districts with a School Resouce Officer [SRO] to file a memo with law enforcement; SRO specialized training	7/28/2021
638	SB306	Clark	Allows carrying a concealed firearm in a municipally owned park, except those containing a football field, baseball field, etc.	7/28/2021
648	SB394	Irvin	Amendments to the 2015 School Safety Act	7/28/2021
693	HB1598	Wardlaw	Allows carrying a concealed firearm in a municipally owned park, recreation structure, and basebal field [see also Act 638]	7/28/2021
710	HB1593	Gazaway	Allows retired prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys to carry a concealed handgun	7/28/2021
747	HB1680	Richardson	Requires a law enforcement officer involved in a critical incident to debrief with a mental health professional	7/28/2021
766	HB1327	Bryant	Allows various judges to carry concealed weapons where otherwise prohibited	7/28/2021
786	SB292	Rapert	Creates the Public Safety Equipment Grant Program	7/28/2021
792	HB1685	Boyd	Requires annual training for law enforcement regarding the duty to intervene when observing the use of excessive force	7/28/2021
822	HB1586	Gazaway	Expands the consent requirement for the offense of video voyeurism	7/28/2021
828	HB1098	Wooten	Parental notice when owner, operator or employee of childcare facility is married to a sex offender	7/28/2021
872	SB59	Ballinger	Prohibits the enforcement of federal laws relating to firearms and firearm accessories owned or manufactured in-state	7/28/2021
887	HB1878	Gazaway	Adds Fentanyl and Heroin to the Controlled Substances Act	7/28/2021
896	SB561	Clark	Makes permanent the listing of a person's name in the Child Maltreatment Registry for severe maltreatment	7/28/2021
948	SB467	Garner	Permits an emergency medical technician to carry a concealed handgun at any time without a license	7/28/2021
956	HB1898	Wardlaw	Expands the authority for carrying a weapon on a 'journey'	7/28/2021
1012	HB1957	Wardlaw	Prohibits state officials from enforcing certain federal bans on the possession of firearms	7/28/2021
1014	HB1508	Brown	Amends several criminal offenses associated with riots and protests	7/28/2021
1081	HB1938	Wing	Requires a public safety agency to develop curricula for mental health awareness training	1/1/2022
	HCR1002	Boyd	Encourages collaboration among healthcare providers, law enforcement, and others to address precription drug abuse	

LEGAL				
ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
56	HB1056	Fite	FOIA exemption for electronic public meetings during a declared disaster; recordings required	2/2/2021
310	SB194	Sullivan	Expands FOIA to permit copying public documents by photograph	7/28/2021

356	HB1455	Collins	Amends the law concerning the conveyance of real property by power of attorney	7/28/2021
420	HB1645	Dalby	Creates the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act	7/28/2021
649	SB299	English	Adds informed consent disclosures to third party to DWS records; exempts from FOIA	7/28/2021
559	HB1487	Gonzalez	Civil immunity for damages or injuries caused by or resulting from exposure to COVID-19 on business premises	4/5/2021
572	SB196	Sullivan	Adopts FOIA "catalyst theory" for awarding attorney's fees	7/28/2021
608	HB1637	Vaught	Authorizes legislative review of executive orders issued by the President	7/28/2021
627	SB494	Hammer	Extends qualified immunity to law enforcement agencies for institutions of higher education	7/28/2021
658	HB1626	Brooks	Allows FOIA requests for employee's gross salary without prior notice	7/28/2021
778	SB346	Rapert	Allows public entities to charge for fulfilling FOIA requests for audio/visual media	7/28/2021
945	SB334	Ballinger	Restrictions and definitions regarding the use of eminent domain by state agencies	7/28/2021
1021	SB535	Davis	Prohibits the state from compelling disclosure of or publicly disclosing personal/membership information of non-profit entities	7/28/2021
1032	SB640	Hammer	Increases the statute of limitations for recovery of medical debt	various dates
1047	SB340	Ballinger	Creates an online notarial process; authorizes a notary public to notarize signatures virtually	4/29/2021
1088	HB1693	Maddox	Repeals and replaces the Uniform Principal and Income Act; changes to laws regarding trusts and estates	1/1/2022

MISCELLANEOUS

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
84	HB1003	Fite	Updates language referring to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to remove outdated terminology	7/28/2021
219	HB1058	Dalby	Permits a juror receiving per diem compensation to donate those funds to an eligible statewide non-profit	1/1/2022
268	HB1154	Ladyman	Amends public health provisions that regulate ionizing radiation to comply with federal laws and regulations	7/28/2021
276	HB1356	Dotson	Review of constitutional boards/commissions for failure to timely meet	7/28/2021
355	HB1462	Scott	Authorizes colleges and universities to designate a homeless and foster liaison from existing staff	7/28/2021
380	SB127	English	Authorizes libraries to accept payment via credit or debit cards	7/28/2021
403	SB379	Hammer	Authorizes the legislature to vote to deny the renewal of a statewide public health disaster emergency after 60 days	3/19/2021
577	SB531	Elliott	Creates the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp	7/28/2021
777	SB402	Dismang	Creates the Arkansas Cultural Institutions Trust Fund Act	7/28/2021
780	SB295	Flippo	Revises eligibility verification procedures related to public assistance programs including SNAP and Medicaid	7/28/2021
874	HB1228	Johnson	Allows a designated entertainment district that is contiguous with premises where alcohol is sold	7/28/2021
958	HB1831	Berry	Requires broadcast of the "Star-Spangled Banner" before school-sanctioned sporting events [K-12 and higher education]	7/28/2021
959	HB1832	Berry	Requires daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance/moment of silence; during after school assemblies/sports events [K-12]	7/28/2021
1092	HB1890	Ladyman	Requires the Public Health committees to study the commercial application of technology to reclaim spent nuclear fuel rods	7/28/2021

PROCUREMENT

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
440	SB305	Caldwell	Raises threshold for public improvement projects	7/28/2021
487	SB400	Flippo	Clarifies when a solicitation protest must be submitted	7/28/2021

488	SB401	Flippo	Makes technical changes for state agency cooperative purchasing agreements	7/28/2021
793	HB1853	Gonzalez	Provides that procurement law will be construed liberally; preempts conflicting statutes and principles of common law	7/28/2021

RETIREMENT

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
220	HB1320	Maddox	Changes the amount charged to delinquent employers that fail to remit funds - ATRS	7/28/2021
425	HB1299	Warren	Increases the amount of allowances for higher education early retirement incentives	7/28/2021

REVENUE AND TAX

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
434	SB465	Dismang	Extends the sunset date for the Medical Marijuana Special Privilege Tax Act to 7/1/23	3/24/2021
594	HB1706	Wardlaw	Creates a wood energy products income tax credit	1/1/2021
840	HB1555	Jett	Increases the annual cap for historic rehabilitation income tax credits	various dates
914	SB244	Hammer	Amends 'instructional materials' to include equipment required to make use of materials for sales tax exemption	7/1/2021
944	SB181	Garner	Exempts 'electronic devices, including laptops and computer accessories', for sales tax holiday	7/1/2021
966	HB1509	Brown	Amends the AR Tax-Deferred Tuition Savings Program	7/28/2021
971	HB1157	Tollett	Increases the classroom expense deduction for teachers	1/1/2021
1019	SB484	Dismang	Non-resident work inside and outside of state is taxable only on income for work performed in-state	4/29/2021

TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
79	SB125	Sturch	Amends laws regarding higher education; repeals sections of the Higher Education Performance Reporting System	7/28/2021
467	SB425	Ballinger	Technical corrections [Title 6 - Education]	7/28/2021
544	SB64	Irvin	Technical corrections [Title 6 - Education]	7/28/2021
1027	SB618	Ballinger	Technical corections concerning the acceptance of certain federal benefits promoting vocational education	7/28/2021

UAMS

ACT	BILL	SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE
62	HB1107	Boyd	Requires physical copies of prescriptions to validate the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	7/28/2021
225	HB1067	Pilkington	Creates the Arkansas Breast Milk Bank within UAMS	7/28/2021
226	HB1116	Dotson	Prohibits providers from implementing end-of-life procedures for a minor without parental consent	7/28/2021
311	HB1061	Mayberry	No Patient Left Alone Act - right to be physically present with a patient in a hospital or long-term care facility	3/10/2021
345	HB1155	Ladyman	Removes state board approval to access the Central Cancer Registry for research purposes	7/28/2021
346	HB1137	Vaught	Prohibits pelvic exams on unconscious patients without the prior written consent of the patient	7/28/2021
348	HB1259	Hammer	Authorizes licensed athletic trainers to work under physician supervision	7/28/2021
358	HB1408	Lundstrum	Applies restrictions under the Women's Health Act of 2015 to funding available through Medicaid	7/28/2021

391	HB1434	Fite	Creates the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council	7/28/2021
406	HB1134	Boyd	Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe and more broadly administer vaccines	7/28/2021
407	HB1135	Boyd	Authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines	7/28/2021
408	HB1069	Pilkington	Allows pharmacists to dispense oral contraceptives	7/28/2021
412	HB1258	Johnson	Creates the Full Independent Practice Committee for nurse practitioners	7/28/2021
428	HB1204	Tosh	Expands the definition of certified 'peer support member'	7/28/2021
430	SB212	Hammer	Creates the PANS/PANDA Advisory Council	3/24/2021
434	SB465	Dismang	Extends the sunset date for the Medical Marijuana Special Privilege Tax Act to 7/1/2023	3/24/2021
444	SB189	Teague	Adds non-emergency ambulance services as 'medical transportation' for Medicaid	3/24/2021
445	SB22	Irvin	Adds options for licensure as orthotic and prosthetic assistants	7/28/2021
449	HB1198	Penzo	Amends supervision requirements for nurse anesthetists	7/28/2021
462	SB289	Hammer	Ensures a right of conscience for healthcare institutions, healthcare payers and medical practitioners	7/28/2021
498	SB85	Bledsoe	Requires an ultrasound be performed on a pregnant woman with a description of the unborn child	7/28/2021
503	HB1246	Johnson	Allows pharmacists to treat certain conditions; modifies physician dispensing; and requires pharmacy and medical board rules	1/1/2022
505	HB1373	Collins	Requires staff and supervisors of a public safety dispatch center be trained in telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation	7/28/2021
508	HB1515	Boyd	Prohibits a Medicaid carrier or provider from holding, owning or having a beneficial ownership in a related party	7/28/2021
510	HB1521	McCollum	Codifies executive orders that hold healthcare providers immune and exempt from certain requirements during COVID-19	4/1/2021
514	HB1619	Boyd	Excludes prescription drugs approved by the FDA from Schedule VI unless objections are raised by the Secretary	7/28/2021
530	SB410	Irvin	Creates ARHOME to replace Arkansas Works - Medicaid expansion	1/1/2022
561	HB1589	Breaux	Prohibits a state entity from performing an abortion except to save life of a mother; protect life of a child; and to remove a stillborn	7/28/2021
562	HB1402	Barker	Revises procedures for administering abortion-inducing drugs; prohibits providing an abortion-inducing drug via delivery	7/28/2021
569	HB1254	Wardlaw	Requires Medicaid reimburse an APRN as a primary care provider authorized with duties of a primary care case manager	7/28/2021
571	HB1548	Penzo	Requires Medicaid to conduct a review of personal care reimbursement rates within 90 days of minimum wage change	7/28/2021
583	HB1357	Vaught	Requires PET scan coverage for patients with a prior history of cancer	7/28/2021
598	HB1136	Boyd	Requires Hep C screening at delivery for providers not attending a patient prenatally	7/28/2021
607	HB1215	Bentley	Repeals the requirement that a certified nurse midwife have an agreement with a consulting physician	7/28/2021
624	HB1176	Johnson	Requires Medicaid reimbursement for telemedicine mental health services	4/8/2021
626	HB1570	Lundstrum	Prohibits providing gender transition procedures on persons under 18	7/28/2021
632	SB226	Chesterfield	Requires ALC to establish Medical Marijuana Advisory Subcommittee	7/28/2021
634	SB152	Hammer	Amends membership of the State Medical Board; expands scope and prescriptive authority for physician assistants	7/28/2021
637	SB387	Hammer	Requires Medicaid to provide coverage for the off-label use of drug treatments for PANS and PANDAS	7/28/2021
651	SB505	Bledsoe	Requires a provider to co-prescribe Naloxone when prescribing or dispensing an opioid under certain conditions	7/28/2021
656	HB1545	Davis	Amends provisions concerning the Medicaid waiver for autism spectrum disorders	7/28/2021
666	HB1774	Penzo	Requires physicians who write certifications for medical marijuana to provide information about pharmacist consultants	7/28/2021
715	HB1776	Evans	Replaces nursing facility staffing ratios; requires Medicare/Medicaid certification for nursing facility licensure	7/28/2021
723	SB603	Irvin	Clarifies requirements of health insurers in cooperating with ambulatory surgery centers acting as a temporary hospital facility	7/28/2021

745	SB143	Bledsoe	Ensures Medicaid beneficiaries have immediate access to approved new products and label expansions	7/28/2021
758	HB1781	Johnson	Clarifies and expands prescription limitations for Medicaid	7/28/2021
760	HB1682	Johnson	Authorizes adjunct or co-located outpatient behavioral health services with non-behavioral health services	7/28/2021
764	HB1459	Penzo	Requires Medicaid to reimburse clinical psychologists, social workers, professional counselors, or mental health counselors	7/28/2021
767	HB1068	Pilkington	Authorizes healthcare professionals to use telemedicine for group meetings for services, including group therapy	4/21/2021
802	HB1689	Vaught	Creates the Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental and Behavioral Health	7/28/2021
803	HB1582	Hodges	Authorizes multi-year licensing by the State Medical Board	7/28/2021
817	HB1687	Penzo	Removed permit for health facility expanding geographic area of home health services	7/28/2021
827	HB1177	Johnson	Amends the Emergency Medical Services Act	7/28/2021
829	HB1063	Dotson	Authorizes 'audio-only' consultations to qualify as covered services under the Telemedicine Act	4/21/2021
830	HB1810	Beaty	Requires DHS to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for vagus nerve stimulation therapy at 100% cost of the device	7/28/2021
837	SB155	Davis	Prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities regarding organ transplants	7/28/2021
883	HB1760	Johnson	Establishes the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact in Arkansas	7/28/2021
886	HB1862	Johnson	Prohibits Medicaid from requiring a referral from a primary care provider for first 10 mental health counseling visits	7/28/2021
891	SB396	Irvin	Modifies annual cap on Diagnostic Laboratory services in the Medicaid program	7/28/2021
899	SB621	Hester	Requires Medicaid program and DHS reconsider consent decrease in light of recent court decisions	7/28/2021
920	HB1894	Barker	Creates Blue Ribbon Task Force to End Child Abuse	7/28/2021
949	SB388	Beckham	Prohibits hospitals from performing an abortion except to save the life of the mother, remove ectopic pregnancy, and remove stillborn	7/28/2021
960	HB1180	Gonzalez	Requires licensing entities to file scope of practice rules with public health committees for mandatory review	7/28/2021
968	HB1439	Pilkington	Adds therapists, addiction specialists and counselors to Volunteer Health Care Act	7/28/2021
975	HB1499	Fite	Amends several aspects of the oversight and responsibilities of child advocacy centers	7/28/2021
989	HB1880	Johnson	Makes various changes to behavioral health crisis intervention protocols	7/28/2021
990	HB1897	Bryant	Authorizes blood draw by non-physician when a person consents or is under a warrant or court order	7/28/2021
1112	SB703	Leding	Amends Telemedicine Act to add medical marijuana telehealth certification of a patient applying for registry ID card	7/28/2021
1053	SB617	Rapert	Places restrictions and disclosure requirements on prescribers who utilize out-of-state pharmacies	7/28/2021
1079	HB1931	Bentley	Changes the composition and appointment of AR Rural Medicine Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board	7/28/2021
1080	HB1932	Johnson	Changes the composition of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board	7/28/2021
	HCR1002	Boyd	Encourages collaboration among healthcare providers, law enforcement and others to address prescription drug abuse	
	SCR7	Irvin	Encourages UAMS Cancer Institute to pursue Nation Cancer Institute Designation	
	SCR14	Irvin	Urges U.S. Congress to pass legislation increasing federal support for graduate medical education	