

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

09:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Vice Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. David Burnett
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jonathan Dismang
Sen. Ronald Caldwell
Sen. John Cooper

Rep. John Burris, Chair
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Vice Chair
Rep. James L. Word
Rep. Butch Wilkins
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Stephanie Malone
Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV
Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Kelley Linck
Rep. Justin T. Harris
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Kim Hammer
Rep. David L. Branscum
Rep. David Meeks
Rep. Andy Mayberry

Rep. Betty Overbey
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Nate Steel, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark Biviano, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlie Collins, Non-Voting
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Non-Voting
Rep. Tommy Thompson, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas, Non-Voting
Rep. Sue Scott, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark D. McElroy, Non-Voting
Rep. Stephen Magie, Non-Voting
Rep. John K. Hutchison, Non-Voting
Rep. John Baine, Non-Voting
Rep. Mary Broadaway, Non-Voting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
1. Senator Cecile Bledsoe
 2. Representative John Burris
- C. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the October 23 & 24, 2014 Meetings (**EXHIBITS C-1 & C-2**)
- D. **Discussion of ISP2013-195** "AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES TO THE EXTENT THAT IN-PERSON HEALTHCARE CONSULTATION SERVICES ARE COVERED." (**EXHIBIT D**)
1. Sponsor, Senator Cecile Bledsoe
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- E. **Discussion of ISP2013-199** "TO STUDY THE ROLE OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE." (**EXHIBIT E**)
1. Sponsor, Representative Kim Hammer
 2. Michael Carter, DNSc, DNP, Family & Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Geriatrics, College of Medicine, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 3. Julie Thibodaux, APRN, CPNP (Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner), Volunteer Nurse Practitioner at Open Door Health and Community Services, West Fork, Arkansas
 4. Discussion by the Committees

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- F. **Discussion of ISP2013-203** “REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND IMPACT OF REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS AND SURGICAL ASSISTANTS.” (EXHIBIT F)
1. Sponsor, Representative Charlotte Vining Douglas
 2. Deborah A. Goad, Certified Surgical Technologist (CST), B.S., President, Arkansas State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists
 3. Christopher Madden, Certified Surgical Technologist (CST), Program Director, Arkansas State University
 4. Catherine A.G. Sparkman, JD, Director, Government and Public Affairs, Association of Surgical Technologists
 5. Discussion by the Committees
- G. **Discussion of ISP2013-202** “REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR A SCOPE OF PRACTICE CHANGE IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NEW LICENSURE OF COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC.” (EXHIBIT G)
1. Sponsor, Representative Kelley Linck
 2. Ken Kelley, Arkansas Ambulance Association
 3. Discussion by the Committees
- H. **Adopt for Study & Discussion of ISP2013-205** “AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ASSISTANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” (EXHIBIT H)
1. Sponsor, Representative Stephen Magie
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- I. **Adopt for Study & Discussion of ISP2013-206** “AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; TO EXTEND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO HYDROCODONE COMBINATION PRODUCTS IF EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY A PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” (EXHIBIT I)
1. Sponsor, Representative Stephen Magie
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- J. **Adopt for Study & Discussion of ISP2013-207** “REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR NEW LICENSURE OF AN ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN.” (EXHIBIT J)
1. Sponsor, Representative Deborah Ferguson
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- K. **Adopt for Study & Discussion of ISP2013-004** “AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” (EXHIBIT K)
1. Sponsor, Representative Mary Broadaway
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- L. **Rule Referred to Senate & House Public Health, Welfare & Labor Committee from Administrative Rules & Regulations Subcommittee.** (EXHIBIT L)
 State Board of Pharmacy, Review of Proposed Regulation 7, Regarding Therapeutic Substitution.
1. John C. Kirtley, P. D., Executive Director, Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy
 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- M. Arkansas Department of Health, Public Health Lab/Office of Alcohol Testing, Review of Proposed Rule Regarding Updates to Regulations for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices **(EXHIBIT M)**
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- N. Arkansas Department of Health, Public Health Laboratory, Review of Proposed Rule Pertaining to Testing of Newborn Infants **(EXHIBIT N)**
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- O. Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Protection, Review of Proposed Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the List of Controlled Substances. **This an Emergency Rule Which Went into Effect November 13, 2014, and Expires May 12, 2015. (EXHIBIT O)**
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- P. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Proposed Rule Regarding the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment—Transition ARKids-B to CHIP Separate Child Health Program; ARKids 2-14 **(EXHIBIT P)**
 - 1. Marilyn Strickland, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- Q. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Review of Proposed Regulation No. 21, Regarding the Arkansas Asbestos Abatement Regulation **(EXHIBIT Q)**
 - 1. Ryan Benefield, Interim Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 - 2. Discussion and Action by the Committees

- R. Committee Correspondence Received from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). The House & Senate Public Health, Welfare & Labor Committees Have Been Notified by Letter from Artee Williams, Director, that the Agency is Suspending the Use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program Funds for the Purposes of the Community Investment Initiative During 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. **(EXHIBIT R)**
 - 1. Artee Williams, Director, Department of Workforce Services
 - 2. Discussion by the Committees

- S. Other Business

- T. Adjournment