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

Monday, November 9, 2026
1:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair	Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Chair	Rep. Cameron Cooper
Sen. Dave Wallace, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jay Richardson
Sen. Scott Flippo	Rep. Stephen Magie	Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
Sen. Ricky Hill	Rep. Jack Ladyman	Rep. Wayne Long
Sen. Greg Leding	Rep. Mary Bentley	Rep. Bart Schulz
Sen. Clint Penzo	Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson	Rep. Kendra Moore
Sen. John Payton	Rep. Fred Allen	Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Sen. Fredrick J. Love	Rep. Aaron Pilkington	Rep. Zack Gramlich
	Rep. Mark Perry	Rep. Glenn Barnes
	Rep. Lee Johnson	Rep. Dolly Henley

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration to Approve the October 2, 2026, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**

C. Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISP) **[Exhibits C1-C15]**

1. ISP 2025-092 by Senator Clint Penzo – To Create the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act; To Provide for Licensure of Naturopathic Physicians in Arkansas; To Create the Arkansas State Board of Natural Medicine; And for Other Purposes.
2. ISP 2025-099 By Representative Johnson – To Require Rules, Regulations, and Standards of the State Hospice Office to Specify that Certified Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants May Serve as Designated Attending Physicians.
3. ISP 2025-100 by Representative Johnson – To Amend the Full Independent Practice Authority of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.
4. ISP 2025-101 by Representative Johnson – To Establish An Advanced Paramedic Endorsement or Certification.
5. ISP 2025-102 by Representative Johnson – To Amend the Definition of “Podiatric Medicine”; To Authorize Certain Signature Authorizations for Podiatrists; And to Allow a Podiatrist to be a Supervising Physician of a Physician Assistant.
6. ISP 2025-103 by Representative Bentley – To Authorize Certified Nurse Midwives With Full Practice Authority to Prescribe Schedule II Substances Without a Collaborative Practice Agreement.
7. ISP 2025-104 by Representative Bentley – To Repeal and Replace the Licensed Lay Midwife Act; To Expand the Scope of Practice for Certified Professional Midwives; And to Establish the Arkansas State Board of Midwifery Within the Department of Health.
8. ISP 2025-105 by Representative Bentley – To Amend the Licensed Lay Midwife Act; To Change the Term Lay Midwife to Licensed Midwife; To Clarify the Practice of Licensed Midwifery; And to Include Certain Deliveries As Within the Scope of Practice of Licensed Midwifery.
9. ISP 2025-106 by Representative Bentley – To Authorize a Licensed Nurse to Pierce Ears Without Additional Licensure as a Body Artist; And to Clarify that the Scope of Practice for a Licensed Nurse Includes Ear Piercing.

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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10. ISP 2025-107 by Senator Penzo – To Amend the Requirements to Obtain a Certificate of Full Independent Practice Authority by a Certified Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist.
11. ISP 2025-108 by Senator Penzo – To Modify the Membership of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee.
12. ISP 2025-109 by Senator Penzo – To Allow An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with Full Independent Practice Authority to Participate in a Collaborative Practice Agreement with Another Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.
13. ISP 2025-110 by Senator Penzo – To Expand Prescriptive Authority for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to Include All Schedule II Substances Within Their Scope of Practice.
14. ISP 2025-111 by Senator Penzo – To Modify the Definitions Related to Pharmacy and Pharmacists to Allow a Standard-Of-Care Approach; And to Establish Pharmacist Reimbursement Parity for Services Provided by a Pharmacist.
15. ISP 2025-112 by Senator Penzo – To Authorize a Licensed Pharmacy to Compound Therapeutic Peptides for Patients With Certain Medical Conditions.

D. Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Division for Local Public Health, Public Health Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Food Establishments **[Exhibit D]**
   1. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
   2. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
   3. Jeff Jackson, Public Health Section Chief, ADH

E. Discussion of Annual Report on Implementation of Availability of Automatic Defibrillators on School Campuses **[Exhibit E]**
   - Cheria McDonald, State School Nurse Consultant, Department of Education

F. Discussion of Report on School Nutrition and Physical Education Standards **[Exhibit F]**
   - Jerri Clark, Director, School Health Services, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education

G. Other Business

H. Adjournment