

Categorical Summary - 94th General Assembly

Academics - Higher Education

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
26	HB1122	Vaught	School start on or after Monday of Aug 19 week, not earlier than Aug 14 or later than Aug 26	7/1/2023
38	HB1245	Dalby	House and Senate Judiciary court system finance study	8/1/2023
237	SB294	B. Davis	LEARNS Act	7/1/2023
259	HB1142	Ladyman	Creates AR Nuclear Recycling Program	8/1/2023
364	SB347	Hester	Amends the child maltreatment juvenile code and the Child Maltreatment Act	8/1/2023
372	SB81	Sullivan	Amends law on obscene material; creates offense for furnishing harmful items to minors	8/1/2023
452	HB1566	Vaught	Veterinary technician compensation limit; modifications to collaborative practice agreement	8/1/2023
470	SB365	Irvin	Higher education student disciplinary rights and procedures	8/1/2023
531	HB1729	Gramlich	Adds a licensed massage therapist as mandated reporters under the Child Maltreatment Act.	8/1/2023
542	HB1468	Long	Concerns use of names/preferred pronouns in school settings	8/1/2023
546	HB1529	Ray	Adult Diploma Program	8/1/2023
614	SB125	Dotson	Creates free speech public forums in certain indoor areas on college campuses	8/1/2023
648	SB451	English	Repeals duties of AHECB regarding workforce education	8/1/2023
654	SB470	Dotson	Requires Division of Career and Technical Education to determine courses for weighted credit	8/1/2023
672	SB299	Hammer	Allows nursing education programs to create earn-to-learn program for certain students	8/1/2023
673	SB300	Hammer	Allows State Board of Nursing to create a repository for nursing education and workforce data	8/1/2023
674	SB302	Hammer	Requires DHS create a software database for nursing clinical placement if funds are available	8/1/2023
754	HB1757	G. Hodges	Student Data Vendor Security Act	1/1/2024
791	SB571	English	Amends requirements for certain teachers regarding scientific reading instruction	8/1/2023

Academics - K-12

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
26	HB1122	Vaught	School start on or after Monday of Aug 19 week, not earlier than Aug 14 or later than Aug 26	7/1/2023
48	SB68	Dotson	Designates week in January as Holocaust Education Week in public schools	8/1/2023
100	HB1091	Dalby	Makes high school diploma equivalency equal to regular high school diploma for employment	8/1/2023
165	SB59	Chesterfield	Amends authorization for parents and school personnel to use physical force against a minor	8/1/2023
237	SB294	B. Davis	LEARNS Act	7/1/2023
242	HB1329	S. Richardson	Requires DOE allow career and tech coursework to substitute for required coursework for graduation	8/1/2023
243	HB1336	Cozart	Agriculture education pilot program in public schools	8/1/2023
286	HB1315	Ennett	Requires schools have at least two employees trained to assist with seizures	8/1/2023
317	HB1156	Bentley	Requires school districts make certain designations regarding a student's gender	8/1/2023
364	SB347	Hester	Amends the child maltreatment juvenile code and the Child Maltreatment Act	8/1/2023
372	SB81	Sullivan	Amends law on obscene material; creates offense for furnishing harmful items to minors	8/1/2023
438	HB1333	Lundstrum	Expands Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program to 9-12 grades	8/1/2023
448	HB1527	Bentley	Requires public school to excuse absences for 4-H participation	8/1/2023
542	HB1468	Long	Concerns use of names/preferred pronouns in school settings	8/1/2023

548	HB1538	Vaught	Amends the professional development schedule required for licensed public school personnel	8/1/2023
621	SB285	Tucker	Provides for school absence for accompanying a parent to vote	8/1/2023
635	SB378	B. Davis	Allows rather than requires school district to hire a computer science teacher at each high school	8/1/2023
638	SB387	English	Amends the law concerning the education of military children	8/1/2023
653	SB466	Doston	Prohibits schools from entering into transactions with entity that provides abortion referrals	8/1/2023
654	SB470	Dotson	Requires Division of Career and Technical Education to determine courses for weighted credit	8/1/2023
689	SB396	Dees	Requires age verification and consent from parent/guardian for use of social media	7/1/2023
720	HB1489	Garner	Removes requirement that Board of Education approve community service programs	8/1/2023
754	HB1757	G. Hodges	Student Data Vendor Security Act	1/1/2024
787	SB554	English	Requires educational institutions keep exterior doors locked during school hours	8/1/2023
788	SB556	Dotson	Prohibits schools from discriminating against a student based on religious viewpoint	8/1/2023
802	HB1192	Eubanks	Repeals Public School Educational Cooperative Act of 1981; amends boards of cooperatives	1/1/2024

Academics - Licensure

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
45	SB58	Irvin	Creates student and apprentice licensing for massage therapy	8/1/2023
54	HB1178	L. Johnson	Reduces training hours for licensure as community paramedics	8/1/2023
56	HB1108	Ladyman	Lowers threshold for a quorum of the AR Dietetics Licensing Board	8/1/2023
73	SB6	Hill	Creates restricted lifetime license as a contractor for those 65 or older with 12 years of experience	8/1/2023
78	SB42	Sullivan	Reduces requirements on professional counselor license application for full-time experience	8/1/2023
137	SB193	Hill	Removes 1-year limit for veterans to apply for credentials for licensure	8/1/2023
161	HB1182	Vaught	Creates certifications for veterinary technician specialists	8/1/2023
254	SB264	Irvin	Removes requirement that Social Work Licensing Board have no fewer than two African-Americans	7/1/2023
257	HB1082	Pilkington	Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	8/1/2023
258	HB1128	L. Johnson	Requires the Department of Health to establish a voluntary licensure program for emergency medical responders	8/1/2023
260	HB1181	Haak	Establishes counseling compact effective when 10 states enact	8/1/2023
301	SB91	Hammer	Audiology and speech pathology interstate compact	8/1/2023
345	SB97	Wallace	Describes items licensee must surrender if license is revoked to sell prepaid funeral benefits	8/1/2023
416	HB1463	L. Johnson	Removes test required for first time teacher or school administrative applicants	8/1/2023
457	SB90	Hill	Authorizes expedited licensing for individuals licensed in other states	8/1/2023
516	HB1580	Warren	Exempts cosmetologists from licensing restrictions based on criminal records	8/1/2023
573	HB1173	Evans	Repeals prohibition on licensing new psychological examiners	8/1/2023
583	HB1449	K. Ferguson	Reduces minimum age and experience for lifetime cosmetology license	8/1/2023
681	SB341	Boyd	Designates Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's database for commercial driver's license applicants	8/1/2023
688	SB392	Davis	Changes regarding licensing and training of body artists	8/1/2023
732	HB1609	Evans	Various changes to teacher licensure requirements	8/1/2023
735	HB1632	Pearce	Removes blood test from list a commercial driver is deemed to have consented	8/1/2023

Agriculture/Forestry

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
27	HB1137	Cavanaugh	Exempts fires for vegetation disposal from Water and Air Pollution Control Act	8/1/2023
135	SB191	Wallace	Repeals requirement that Plant Board appointments come from industry groups	7/1/2023
161	HB1182	Vaught	Creates certifications for veterinary technician specialists	8/1/2023
206	HB1293	Gazaway	Makes technical corrections to Title 25 of AR Code	8/1/2023
219	SB221	JBC	Reappropriates funds from Development and Enhancement Fund to Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
243	HB1336	Cozart	Agriculture education pilot program in public schools	8/1/2023
253	SB246	Stone	Requires records of search by person who buys and removes timber from land with unknown owners	8/1/2023
367	HB1434	Vaught	Puts burden of proof that agriculture operations are a nuisance on party that brings the action	8/1/2023
448	HB1527	Bentley	Requires public school to excuse absences for 4-H participation	8/1/2023
452	HB1566	Vaught	Veterinary technician compensation limit; modifications to collaborative practice agreement	8/1/2023
467	SB338	Caldwell	Exempts from Egg Marketing Act sale of eggs by producer with fewer than 700 hens	8/1/2023
527	HB1690	Beaty	Changes to employment covered under APERS for certain season staff under Agriculture Department	8/1/2023
530	HB1707	Vaught	Exempts nutrient plan or poultry litter management plan from FOIA	8/1/2023
534	HB1172	Vaught	Exempts sale of mortality composting device for livestock or poultry use from sales tax	1/1/2024
588	HB1618	Wing	Transfers powers from Plant Board regarding catfish, baitfish and ornamental fish to Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
591	HB1662	Puryear	Exempts sale or shipping of antibiotics and microbials for veterinary use from certain requirements	4/11/2023
594	HB1677	Beaty	Amends the law regarding livestock running at large and impounding stray animals	8/1/2023
598	HB1788	Lynch	Amends the law regarding egg marketing, transfers egg marketing regulation to Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
600	HB1827	Milligan	Transfers rules under Poultry Feeding Operations Registration Act to Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
636	SB383	B. Johnson	Prohibits foreign parties from acquiring Arkansas agricultural land	8/1/2023
691	SB403	B. Johnson	Abolishes certain boards within the Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
693	SB407	McKee	Provides that bioenergy from biomass and agricultural harvesting is considered carbon neutral	8/1/2023
695	SB415	Stone	Outlines requirements for a prescribed burning of forestland	8/1/2023
706	SB476	Hill	Creates Rural Veterinary Scholarship Program and Agriculture Scholarship Program Fund	8/1/2023
712	SB506	B. Davis	Transfers the powers and duties of various promotion boards to the Department of Agriculture	7/1/2023
824	HB1706	Vaught	Transfers authority for liquid animal waste management systems to Department of Agriculture	8/1/2023
845	HB1779	Wardlaw	Expands Arkansas wood energy and forest maintenance income tax credit	7/1/2023
887	SB567	Stubblefield	Makes person operating a vehicle on a public bridge liable for damage	8/1/2023

Amendments/Resolutions

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
194	HB1320	Ray	Requires initiated ballot measures be filed with AG before signature gathering	8/1/2023
	HJR1006	Lundstrum	Lottery scholarship amendment for vo-tech schools	
	HR1029	Vaught	Recognizes positive impact of 4-H program and proclaims February 28, 2023, as 4-H Day at the Capitol	
	HR1030	Fortner	Expresses sincere appreciation to Arkansas farmers, ranchers, and foresters	
	HR1071	A. Collins	Recognizes Nancy Jo Smith for over 50 years of service to UAMS, to her patients, and to the state	
	HR1084	M. Shepherd	Celebrates the 50th anniversary of UAMS Regional Campuses	
	SR2	Gilmore	Provides the Senate recognize and celebrate Forestry Day at the State Capitol on January 25, 2023	

	SR11	Caldwell	Commends farmers, ranchers and foresters	
	SR14	Gilmore	Recognizes positive impact of 4-H program and proclaims February 28, 2023, as 4-H Day at the Capitol	
	SR48	Love	Commends UALR Trojan women's basketball team for 2023 regular season conference championship	

Athletics

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
420	HB1496	Hawk	Expands what constitutes an abuse of an athletic contest official offense	8/1/2023
589	HB1649	M. Shepherd	Prohibits NIL inducements to enroll at another higher education institution	4/11/2023
590	HB1650	M. Shepherd	Prohibits local government from prohibiting the sale or resale of event tickets at any price	4/11/2023
642	SB421	Leding	Requires injury mitigation course for personnel of association that sponsors sports training	8/1/2023
792	SB572	English	Requires volunteers working with students in athletics to apply for criminal background check	8/1/2023

Construction/Facilities

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
60	HB1155	Bentley	Regarding childcare facility compliance with applicable zoning and land use requirements	8/1/2023
73	SB6	Hill	Creates restricted lifetime license as a contractor for those 65 or older with 12 of experience	8/1/2023
239	HB1005	Pilkington	Extends licensing requirement exemptions for architects	8/1/2023
667	SB559	Dismang	Amends definition of design professional contract; increases remodel project from \$1M to \$2M	8/1/2023
694	SB410	Irvin	Allows Chief Inspector of Boiler Inspection Division to extend date of inspection for good cause	4/11/2023
728	HB1582	Warren	Changes to job order contracting for agencies/institutions	8/1/2023
737	HB1643	L. Johnson	Requires automated external defibrillators be placed at locations on higher education campuses	8/1/2023
764	SB355	Caldwell	Requires Fire Prevention Code beginning Jan. 1, 2025	8/1/2023
811	HB1514	T. Shepherd	Requires overdose rescue kits in locations on higher education campuses	8/1/2023

Economic Development

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
746	HB1710	McClure	Creates Rural Economic Development Initiative	8/1/2023

Energy

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
278	SB295	Dismang	Amends the AR Renewable Energy Development Act	8/1/2023
299	HB1497	Lundstrum	Expands the time for a public utility to seek a rate change	8/1/2023
476	SB483	Dismang	Amends required financial security for net-metering facilities	8/1/2023
701	SB454	Gilmore	Requires electric utility to have schedule that offers interruptible service	8/1/2023

Financial Aid

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
244	HB1347	Beck	Establishes ADHE financial aid appeals committee	8/1/2023
275	SB200	English	Amends tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen	8/1/2023
386	SB248	English	Establishes the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Plus scholarship	8/1/2023

387	SB249	English	Expands funding sources for veteran/military tuition benefits	8/1/2023
413	HB1412	Mayberry	Requires ADHE to use scholarship funds for summer courses	8/1/2023
438	HB1333	Lundstrum	Expands Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program to 9-12 grades	8/1/2023
539	HB1417	Lundstrum	Provides \$2M of Academic Challenge distributed to vo-tech and technical schools	8/1/2023
680	SB336	M. Johnson	Appropriates \$200,000 to Dept. of Health - Board of Physical Therapy for scholarships	8/1/2023
706	SB476	Hill	Creates Rural Veterinary Scholarship Program and Agriculture Scholarship Program Fund	8/1/2023
842	HB1772	L. Johnson	Establishes psychological testing workforce scholarship and incentive program	8/1/2023

Fiscal/Business

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
88	SB180	Dotson	GASB standards for state financial management systems	8/1/2023
266	HB1401	Burkes	Reduces DWS assistance from 24 to 12 months	8/1/2023
411	HB1307	Wardlaw	Requires state agencies to divest from financial services firms that discriminate based on ESG scores	8/1/2023
526	HB1674	McCullum	Requires AG create accounts to receive funds awarded to the state in lawsuits	8/1/2023
554	HB1626	Eaves	Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program participants satisfied bond requirements	4/11/2023
561	SB578	Dismang	Oversight of restricted reserve by ALC or JBC, set-asides for specific projects	8/1/2023
632	SB363	Wallace	Requires Joint Audit Committee to report findings of illegal practices to AG	8/1/2023
657	SB479	Dismang	Amends the distribution of medical marijuana tax related to NCI designation at UAMS	8/1/2023
751	HB1743	Painter	Creates the higher education deferred maintenance revolving loan fund	8/1/2023
760	HB1845	Wardlaw	Clarifying information used to regulate ESG scores	8/1/2023
826	HB1713	Perry	Amends self-insured fidelity bond trust fund	8/1/2023

Health Care

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
66	HB1042	Allen	Authorizes guidelines requiring coverage for multiple prostate cancer screenings per year	8/1/2023
87	SB141	Irvin	Amends definition of healthcare insurer to include any entity that has subscribers in AR	8/1/2023
136	SB192	Boyd	Amends the law concerning step therapy treatment for biosimilar medical products	8/1/2023
163	SB187	Irvin	Repeals Healthcare Quality and Payment Policy Advisory Committee Act	8/1/2023
302	SB94	Hammer	Modifies requirements and authority of the Insurance Commissioner regarding pharmacy benefit managers	8/1/2023
303	SB112	Boyd	Authorizes physician assistants be identified as treating providers	8/1/2023
314	HB1007	Pilkington	Authorizes pharmacists to dispense HIV preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis	8/1/2023
316	HB1035	Pilkington	Requires coverage for depression screenings for birth mothers	8/1/2023
429	HB1121	Allen	Requires coverage of biomarker testing for early cancer detection	8/1/2023
451	HB1558	Pilkington	Expands prior authorization exemption for medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction to include alcohol	8/1/2023
480	HB1261	L. Johnson	Requires health coverage of ambulance service	8/1/2023
490	HB1102	Pilkington	Requires newborn testing of certain medical conditions	8/1/2023
494	HB1129	L. Johnson	Requires health plan coverage for behavioral health services	8/1/2023
501	HB1274	L. Johnson	Makes changes regarding a utilization review entity used under the Prior Authorization Transparency Act	8/1/2023
502	HB1275	L. Johnson	Allows providers to grant electronic access to medical records system to health payors	1/1/2024
512	HB1565	Vaught	Requires behavioral health study be completed by Oct. 31, 2024	8/1/2023

537	HB1302	Wing	Requires employers provide trauma event counseling for public safety officers	1/1/2024
575	HB1271	L. Johnson	Exempts certain health providers from prior authorization requirements	8/1/2023
576	HB1272	L. Johnson	Prohibits insurers from leading, renting or selling healthcare contract or provider networks	8/1/2023
577	HB1276	L. Johnson	Exempts antipsychotic prescription drugs from regulation under step therapy protocols	8/1/2023
578	HB1312	Perry	Regulates claims and prior authorization for emergency medical services	8/1/2023
580	HB1348	L. Johnson	Development of qualified payment audit process by Insurance Department	8/1/2023
586	HB1562	Schulz	Expands list of people eligible for an opioid antagonist	4/11/2023
597	HB1776	Shulz	Reimbursement for ambulance services	8/1/2023
615	SB178	Hammer	Mental health or substance abuse treatment reimbursement through psychiatric collaborative care	10/1/2023
805	HB1252	L. Johnson	Expands list of items health plans must cover to include prosthetic devices	8/1/2023
831	HB1741	D. Ferguson	Requires dental plan enrollee to provide annual consent of an assignment of benefits	1/1/2024
876	SB181	Hammer	Coverage requirement for IVIG treatment for PANS/PANDAS	1/1/2024

Health Care - UAMS

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
42	SB93	Hammer	Clarifies that Commission on Dental Accreditation is the accrediting entity for a College of Dentistry	8/1/2023
51	HB1251	L. Johnson	Clarifies that criminal background checks apply to all emergency medical services personnel	8/1/2023
67	HB1250	L. Johnson	Requires obstetricians and gynecologists as members of Opioid Recovery Partnership	8/1/2023
233	SB265	Boyd	Allows hospital permit to sell drugs at retail for emergency room patients or discharge patients	8/1/2023
234	SB279	Irvin	Expands alternative discipline for non-nurses	8/1/2023
268	HB1420	M. Brown	Requires health providers documenting need for emotional support dogs meet certain requirements	8/1/2023
274	SB199	Stubblefield	Makes healthcare professional who performs a gender transition on a minor liable if minor is injured	8/1/2023
301	SB91	Hammer	Audiology and speech pathology interstate compact	8/1/2023
303	SB112	Boyd	Authorizes physician-assistants be identified as treating providers	8/1/2023
313	SB344	Hammer	Requires health facility post notices regarding felony status for attacking a health care worker	8/1/2023
314	HB1007	Pilkington	Authorizes pharmacists to dispense HIV preexposure and postexposure prophylaxis	8/1/2023
316	HB1035	Pilkington	Requires coverage for depression screenings for birth mothers	8/1/2023
348	SB195	Hammer	Amends protocol for medical provider to take possession of a child under Safe Haven Act	8/1/2023
355	SB291	Dees	Transfers registry of persons with disability from traumatic head injury to Department of Health	8/1/2023
369	SB348	M. Johnson	Requires health insurer respond to claims inquiry within 60 days of documentation by Medicaid recipient	8/1/2023
393	HB1008	Pilkington	Moves language on Medicaid requirement for glucose monitors; adds pharmacy requirement	8/1/2023
482	HB1452	Gonzalez	Requires hospitals comply with federal hospital transparency pricing regulations	1/1/2024
494	HB1129	L. Johnson	Requires Medicaid coverage for behavioral health services	8/1/2023
513	HB1574	Vaught	Establishes Medicaid supplemental reimbursement rates for children	8/1/2023
558	HB1829	Lundstrum	Requires annual audit of untested sexual assault collection kits	8/1/2023
559	SB542	Irvin	Requires abortion provider who refers a woman for an abortion to comply with Right-to-Know-and-See Act	8/1/2023
562	HB1011	Pilkington	Requires Medicaid reimbursement for depression screening of pregnant women	8/1/2023
581	HB1385	Vaught	Requires immediate Medicaid reimbursement for long-acting reversible contraception post-partum	8/1/2023
597	HB1776	Shulz	Establishes reimbursement for ambulance services	8/1/2023
641	SB419	Dismang	Extends sunset date for Medical Marijuana Special Privilege Tax Act of 2017	8/1/2023

657	SB479	Dismang	Changes to distribution of medical marijuana tax related to NCI designation at UAMS	8/1/2023
663	SB520	Irvin	Expands graduate medical residency expansion board	8/1/2023
670	SB86	Penzo	Requires medical board to create rules to license naturopathic physicians	8/1/2023
702	SB463	Gilmore	Requires Medical Board to revoke license of physician who fails to comply with Abortion-Inducing Drugs Act	8/1/2023
716	SB517	Penzo	Adds provisions to healthcare facility visitation related to clergy members	8/1/2023
765	SB359	Chesterfield	Amends law regarding access to medical records for legal proceedings	8/1/2023
817	HB1642	Maddox	Excludes certain health education/treatment vehicles from maximum number allowed	8/1/2023
830	HB1734	L. Johnson	Amends the Patient Right-to-Know Act	Retroactive
844	HB1778	L. Johnson	Expands the graduate medical residency expansion board	8/1/2023
848	HB1786	Pilkington	Prohibits abortion to save life of mother unless in a hospital or emergency room	8/1/2023
865	SB53	JBC	Appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services	8/1/2023
872	SB79	Hammer	Makes clinical nurse specialists eligible for full independent practice	8/1/2023
876	SB181	Hammer	Coverage requirement for IVIG treatment for PANS/PANDAS	4/13/2023
880	SB456	Hill	Prohibits use of general revenue for NIL deals with student-athletes	8/1/2023
	HR1055	Wardlaw	Recognizes importance of stem cell donor match testing in combatting Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia	8/1/2023

Human Resources

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
84	SB111	Irvin	Establishes family leave insurance	8/1/2023
100	HB1091	Dalby	Makes high school diploma equivalency equal to regular high school diploma for employment	8/1/2023
106	HB1197	Underwood	Disqualifies person from unemployment for failing to accept suitable work	1/1/2024
126	SB118	Dotson	Establishes definition of antisemitism in regard to discrimination	8/1/2023
184	SB186	Irvin	Background check requirements for providers of care to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities	8/1/2023
186	SB212	Irvin	Allows e-signature for background checks under Child Welfare Licensing Act and criminal history checks	3/2/2023
196	HB1430	Lundstrum	Amends DWS calculation of wages and taxable wage base, employer contributions and more	3/6/2023
197	HB1433	Lundstrum	Amends DWS rules, disclosures, judicial review of claims, recovery, board membership and adult education	3/6/2023
511	HB1559	McAlindon	Prohibits institutions from requiring implicit bias training	8/1/2023
587	HB1575	Burkes	Requires DWS require five work search contacts per week for an individual on unemployment	1/1/2024
645	HB436	English	Higher education provisional positions and vehicles	8/1/2023
756	HB1775	Vaught	Establishes foster care leave program	8/1/2023
770	SB426	Irvin	Extends catastrophic leave for maternity purposes from 4 to 12 weeks	4/12/2023
778	SB491	Davis	Deletes Higher Education Classification and Compensation Act and clean up	7/1/2023
784	SB524	Petty	Clarifies process for noncriminal justice purpose for a background check	8/1/2023
792	SB572	English	Requires volunteers working with students in athletics apply for a criminal background check	8/1/2023
822	HB1681	Wade	Prohibits universal basic income programs	8/1/2023
854	HB1840	Wade	Provides person who commits fraud of \$1,000 or more in unemployment claims is disqualified for 10 years	8/1/2023

Information Technology

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
504	HB1369	Meeks	Establishes public entity cybersecurity policy requirements	8/1/2023

510	HB1555	Meeks	Exempts meetings and policies from FOIA related to cyber attacks	8/1/2023
634	SB376	English	Requires Data Security Panel develop shared services data hub for data sharing and efficiency	8/1/2023
846	HB1780	Meeks	Creates self-funded cyber program	8/1/2023

Law Enforcement

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
30	HB1123	Vaught	Permit to carry a concealed firearm cannot be denied for voluntarily seeking mental health treatment	8/1/2023
35	HB1125	Evans	Prohibits a Level 3 or 4 sex offender from purchasing, owning, possessing, using, or operating unmanned aircraft	8/1/2023
37	HB1004	Ray	Amends Sex Offender Registration Act to include a sex offender's home address	2/9/2023
83	SB100	Boyd	Expands definition of sobering center concerning transport by a law enforcement officer	8/1/2023
166	HB1018	Meeks	Authorizes bomb squad members to carry concealed weapons and make explosives-related arrests	8/1/2023
202	HB1396	Tosh	Requires academy training for officers in interacting with person with Alzheimer's disease	1/1/2024
348	SB195	Hammer	Amends protocol for medical provider to take possession of a child under the Safe Haven Act	8/1/2023
412	HB1327	Gazaway	Allows law enforcement agency to trade forfeited firearm to dealer for credit toward future purchases	3/30/2023
445	HB1486	A. Hudson	Enhances penalties for texting and driving while operating a vehicle involved in a collision	8/1/2023
531	HB1729	Gramlich	Adds a licensed massage therapist as mandated reporters under the Child Maltreatment Act	8/1/2023
558	HB1829	Lundstrum	Requires annual audit of untested sexual assault collection kits	8/1/2023
586	HB1562	Schulz	Expands list of people who can be prescribed, dispensed and supplied an opioid antagonist	4/11/2023
613	SB96	Wallace	Modifies timing of service to ACIC of application for termination of the obligation to register as a sex offender	8/1/2023
707	SB481	Hammer	Repeals requirement that a law officer be present with an automated speed enforcement device	8/1/2023
739	HB1663	Gazaway	Creates offense of knowingly exposing another person to fentanyl in the first and second degree	8/1/2023
752	HB1750	Unger	Allows employees and board members of Department of Corrections to carry firearms in certain situations	4/12/2023
757	HB1784	Pilkington	Prohibits consideration of status as medical marijuana patient or caregiver regarding concealed handgun license	8/1/2023
773	SB450	Stubblefield	Amends the law concerning possession of a handgun on a journey	8/1/2023
775	SB469	Tucker	Creates Violent Crime Clearance Grant Fund	4/12/2023
777	SB480	King	Construes concealed carry permit law for reciprocity licensure in other states	8/1/2023
787	SB554	English	Requires educational institutions keep exterior doors locked during school hours	8/1/2023

Legal

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
36	HB1099	Collins	Expands time to seek AG opinion under FOIA	8/1/2023
80	SB87	Dotson	Amends creation and implementation of the Code of Arkansas Rules	8/1/2023
126	SB118	Dotson	Establishes definition of antisemitism in regard to discrimination	8/1/2023
131	SB43	Stubblefield	Defines and restricts adult-oriented performances	8/1/2023
241	HB1263	Richmond	Amends auction process for sale and redemption of tax-delinquent property	3/9/2023
274	SB199	Stubblefield	Makes healthcare professional who performs a gender transition on a minor liable if minor is injured	8/1/2023
364	SB347	Hester	Various changes to child maltreatment juvenile code and the Child Maltreatment Act	8/1/2023
367	HB1434	Vaught	Places burden of proof that agriculture operations are a nuisance on party that brings the action	8/1/2023
417	HB1467	Cozart	Prohibits Claims Commission from accepting an appeal that is not timely filed	8/1/2023
470	SB365	Irvin	Establishes higher education student disciplinary rights and procedures	8/1/2023

505	HB1408	M. Brown	Allows landowner to initiate a civil action to relocate certain easements	8/1/2023
514	HB1576	Scott	CROWN Act - Prohibits discrimination by institution of higher education or schools related to hairstyle	8/1/2023
542	HB1468	Long	Concerns use of names/preferred pronouns in school settings	8/1/2023
614	SB125	Sullivan	Creates free speech public forums in certain indoor areas on college campuses	8/1/2023
636	SB383	B. Johnson	Prohibits foreign parties from acquiring Arkansas agricultural land	8/1/2023
708	SB484	Tucker	Excludes certain bequests and testamentary distributions from trusts from charitable contributions	8/1/2023
733	HB1615	Lundstrum	Prohibits government discriminatory action against an organization or person based on religious beliefs	8/1/2023
757	HB1784	Pilkington	Prohibits consideration of status as medical marijuana patient or caregiver regarding concealed handgun license	8/1/2023
773	SB450	Stubblefield	Amends the law concerning possession of a handgun on a journey	8/1/2023
777	SB480	King	Construes concealed carry permit law for reciprocity licensure in other states	8/1/2023
830	HB1734	L. Johnson	Changes regarding prohibited conduct and injunctive relief under Patient Right-to-Know Act	Retroactive
879	SB380	Clark	Amends custodian response requirements under FOIA	8/1/2023

Miscellaneous

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
47	SB48	M. Johnson	Expands definition of a good samaritan regarding suicide preventions	8/1/2023
124	SB101	Dotson	UA System clean-up bill	8/1/2023
126	SB118	Dotson	Establishes definition of antisemitism in regard to discrimination	8/1/2023
131	SB43	Stubblefield	Defines and restricts adult-oriented performances	8/1/2023
188	SB217	Boyd	Allows a licensed authorized organization to advertise a charitable raffle	8/1/2023
214	SB189	Irvin	Amends the definition of intellectual and developmental disability	8/1/2023
300	HB1510	Ray	Amends allowable dates for special elections on measures or questions referred to voters by governmental entities	1/1/2024
338	HB1532	Hodges	Amends thresholds for nonprofit orgs regarding registration, disclosure and audit report requirements	8/1/2023
365	SB356	English	Abolishes 22 inactive state boards	7/1/2023
506	HB1462	J. Scott	Changes the fees charged to foster or homeless youth for certain documents and education programs	8/1/2023
519	HB1619	Hodges	Allows community college board to reconstitute community college district	8/1/2023
525	HB1653	McKenzie	Prohibits public entity purchase or operation of drone manufacture by certain foreign entities/individuals	8/1/2023
599	HB1816	Warren	To ensure members of nonprofit association control governing principles, purpose and policy of association	8/1/2023
612	SB66	Dees	Requires commercial entity age verification for website access that may be harmful to minors	8/1/2023
627	SB353	Dotson	Legislator privilege to refuse to disclose and prevent legislative employee from disclosing confidential information	8/1/2023
676	SB310	M. Johnson	Repeals the Electronic Waste Collection, Recycling, and Refuse Act	8/1/2023
689	SB396	Dees	Requires age verification and consent from parent/guardian for minor social media use	7/1/2023
715	SB513	M. Johnson	Amends SOS actions regarding failure of nonprofit to file annual disclosure statements	8/1/2023
726	HB1551	McClure	Concerning Community Colleges	8/1/2023
786	SB551	Dotson	Changes director of ADHE to commissioner; amends hiring process	4/12/2023
794	SB413	Dismang	Authorizes Senate and Senate Rules committee to consider gubernatorial appointments	4/12/2023

Procurement

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
11	HB1023	Fortner	Requires U.S. and AR flags purchased by public entities be made in America	8/1/2023

336	HB1524	M. Berry	Removes notice requirement for bids for contracts of projects under \$50,000	8/1/2023
525	HB1653	McKenzie	Prohibits public entity purchase or operation of drone manufacture by certain foreign entities/individuals	8/1/2023
556	HB1735	Wardlaw	Amends powers and duties of State Procurement Director	8/1/2023
611	SB62	Hill	Prohibits contracting with companies that boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms or ammunition industries	8/1/2023
758	HB1789	McAlindon	Prohibition on contracts with companies owned in whole or part by China	8/1/2023

Retirement

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
107	HB1201	Warren	ATRS General Omnibus Act	7/1/2023
248	SB127	Hickey	Various changes to annuities under APERS	7/1/2023
498	HB1253	McAlindon	Prohibits consideration of nonpecuniary factors (ESG) in pension benefit plans	8/1/2023
527	HB1690	Beaty	Changes to employment covered under APERS for certain season staff under Agriculture Department	8/1/2023

Revenue and Tax

Act	Bill	Sponsor	Description	Effective
532	SB549	Dismang	Decreases income tax rates for individuals and corporations	1/1/2023
534	HB1172	Vaught	Exempts sale of mortality composting device for livestock or poultry use from sales tax	1/1/2024
641	SB419	Dismang	Extends sunset date for Medical Marijuana Special Privilege Tax Act of 2017	4/11/2023
650	SB461	Dismang	Increases AR historic rehabilitation income tax credit to 30%-40% of expenses depending on location	7/1/2023
651	SB462	Dismang	Extends deadline for applying for historic rehabilitation income tax credit from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2030	8/1/2023
845	HB1779	Wardlaw	Expands Arkansas wood energy and forest maintenance income tax credit	7/1/2023

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Revenue Stabilization

Act	Bill	Description
853	HB1833	House RSA
888	SB569	Senate RSA

UA System Operating Appropriations

Act	Bill	Description
382	SB144	University of Arkansas System and Various Divisions
		Universities
377	SB106	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
383	SB145	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
385	SB147	University of Arkansas at Monticello
433	HB1232	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
574	HB1233	University of Arkansas at Little Rock
875	SB123	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
		Two-Year Colleges
374	SB103	University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
378	SB107	University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
398	HB1212	Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas
399	HB1213	University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain
400	HB1214	University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College
408	HB1227	Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas
410	HB1230	University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana
		Nonformula/Other
499	HB1269	UAMS - Biosciences
432	HB1229	UADA/UAF - Biosciences
878	SB327	UADA - \$5M research and extension renovations

Higher Education Capital and Reappropriations

Act	Bill	Description
145	HB1372	Two-Year College Capital Reappropriation
154	HB1388	Two-Year College Capital Projects
221	SB223	Four-Year University Capital Reappropriation
231	SB244	Four-Year University Capital Projects

Other Miscellaneous Appropriations

Act	Bill	Description
119	HB1363	DFA - Disbursing Officer miscellaneous grants
122	SB70	AOC - Operating
123	SB69	AOC - Trial Court Administrators
282	HB1080	DOH - Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

371	SB24	TSS - AR Building Authority
572	HB1170	DOE - Elementary and Secondary Education Grants
603	SB20	DOH - Tobacco Settlement Commission
605	SB32	DOC - Operating
606	SB33	DOC - Division of Workforce Services
678	SB331	DOE - \$25M Division of Elementary and Secondary Ed grants
796	HB1096	DFA - Disbursing Officer
797	HB1117	DHS - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement
807	HB1466	Claims Commission
870	SB75	DOE - ADHE
871	SB76	DOE - Operating
873	SB83	Department of Agriculture