



On the Hill

...reporting the progress of the
Alabama State Legislature

House Passes Several Bills

The Alabama Legislature met for three days this week. The legislature has used 19 of the 30 legislative meeting days allowed in a session. At the conclusion of business on Thursday, 560 bills have been introduced in the House and 424 bills have been introduced in the Senate.

Bills ANHA is Monitoring

New Bills This Week

House Bill 533: would provide for the discretionary medical furlough of certain incapacitated inmates convicted of non-capital felony offenses. *HB 533 awaits action in the House General Fund Committee.*

House Bill 554: would make changes to the licensing of assisted living administrators. *HB 554 awaits action in the House Board and Commissions Committee.*

Senate Bill 417: would add to the definition of infected health care workers those who are infected with hepatitis C. *SB 417 awaits action in the Senate Health Committee.*

Health Care

House Bill 10: would establish a state income tax credit for physicians and dentists providing free services to Medicaid recipients. *HB 10 awaits action in the House Ways & Means Education Committee.*

House Bill 147/Senate Bill 220: would declare null and void parts of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). *HB 147 awaits action in the House Health Committee. SB 220 received a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

House Bill 291: would establish the State Advisory Council on Palliative Care and Quality of Life within the Alabama Dept. of Public Health. *HB 291 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate Health Committee.*

House Bill 504: would require various state health agencies to develop a plan to reduce chronic diseases and improve chronic care coordination. *HB 504 awaits action in the House Health Committee.*

Senate Bill 92: would expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. *SB 92 awaits action in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

Budget/Tax/Finance

House Bill 235/Senate Bill 198: General Fund budget. *HB 235 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate General Fund Committee. SB 198 awaits action in the Senate General Fund Committee.*

Workforce

House Bill 61/Senate Bill 205: would specify that under the Workers' Compensation Law an employee would have the right to select his or her own pharmacy. *HB 61 awaits action in the House Commerce & Small Business Committee. SB 205 awaits action in the Senate Health Committee.*

General Government

House Bill 118/Senate Bill 36: would prohibit a legislator from lobbying the Legislature for two years after leaving office. *HB 118 awaits action in the House Ethics & Campaign Finance Committee. SB 36 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House Ethics & Campaign Finance Committee.*

House Bill 508/Senate Bill 389: would amend the ethics law as it relates to principals of firms that retain lobbyists. *HB 508 passed the House and awaits action in the Senate Constitution & Elections Committee. SB 389 awaits action in the Senate Constitution & Elections Committee.*

Senate Bill 11/Senate Bill 178: would reorganize some legislative functions including the Legislative Council and the Administrative Procedures Act. *SB 11 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House Internal Affairs Committee. SB 178 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House State Government Committee.*

Senate Bill 16: would amend the Alabama Sunset Law to allow the Legislature to consider an omnibus bill to continue multiple agencies. *SB 16 received a favorable report from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

Senate Bill 153: proposes a constitutional amendment to enact term limits for members of the Alabama Legislature. *SB 153 received a favorable report from the Senate Campaign Finance & Ethics Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

Senate Bill 372/374: would fill legislative seats vacated after the third regular legislative session in the quadrennium to be filled by appointment by the governor. *SB 372 & 374 received favorable reports from the Constitution & Elections Committee and await action in the Senate.*