



# On the Hill

...reporting the progress of the  
Alabama State Legislature

## House Passes Several Bills

The Alabama Legislature met for two days this week. The legislature has used 24 of the 30 legislative meeting days allowed in a session. At the conclusion of business on Thursday, 608 bills have been introduced in the House and 464 bills have been introduced in the Senate.

## Bills ANHA is Monitoring

### News Bill

**Senate Bill 459:** would make changes to the structure of the Regional Care Organizations called for in the Medicaid reform bill of 2013. *SB 459 received a favorable report from the Senate Health Committee and awaits action in the Senate.*

### 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 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.*

**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.*

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

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

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

### **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, received a favorable report from the House Ethics & Campaign Finance Committee and awaits action in the House.*

**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. SB 389 awaits action in the Senate.*

**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, received a favorable report from the House Internal Affairs Committee and awaits action in the House. SB 178 passed the Senate and awaits action in the House.*

**Senate Bill 16:** would amend the Alabama Sunset Law to allow the Legislature to consider an omnibus bill to continue multiple agencies. *SB 16 awaits action in the Senate.*

**Senate Bill 153:** proposes a constitutional amendment to enact term limits for members of the Alabama Legislature. *SB 153 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.*