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93rd General Assembly Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 – Session Day 1

REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS TODAY

The Arkansas House and Senate will convene the 93rd meeting of the Arkansas General Assembly at noon today. Governor Asa Hutchinson will give his State of the State address at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow from the House Chamber with the Senate watching via video from their Chamber.

PREFILED BILLS and BILL TRACKING

During the prefilng period, which began in mid-November, State Senators filed 70 bills and State Representatives filed 106 bills. We added 60 to our tracking list. You can view our tracking list by clicking [here](#).

The bills we add to our tracking system are saved into one or more of 20 different categories and are posted on our website. To view the list of categories click [here](#).

CAPITOL ACCESS AND COMMITTEES

A joint statement from the House, Senate and Secretary of State was released late last week outlining plans to provide a safe environment during the session. Committee meetings will occur in the mornings and afternoons to allow for duplicate use of the largest committee rooms. Each committee room will have a “bullpen” room for people scheduled to testify on a bill to wait until called. Committee meeting rooms, days and times of the meetings are included in the statement. Committee agendas will be handled as follows: all bills will be assigned to one of three categories: A) Active, B) Noncontroversial and C) Deferred. Only bills on the active list will be eligible for hearing and notice of the active agendas will be provided 18 hours in advance. The statement also provides information about access to the Capitol. To review the entire joint statement click [here](#).

NO STATE CHAMBER/AIA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Legislative leadership has requested that all planned meetings be suspended until further notice. Therefore, we will not host our Legislative Reception next week.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

You can view the State Chamber/AIA’s legislative agenda by clicking [here](#).

BILL SCORING

We plan to score floor votes on key bills again this session. Bills subject to scoring will be those that address issues in our Legislative Agenda and/or are discussed in a Daily Legislative Update.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

The chairs and co-chairs of House Committees will be announced today.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

To view schedules, calendars, bill information and legislator information, click www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

Legislative Message Center

House of Representatives: 501-682-6211

Senate: 501-682-2902

Live Streaming from the Capitol

The House and Senate have links to live streaming of their committee meetings and floor session online.

- House: <https://www.arkansashouse.org/>
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