

DAILY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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THANKS FOR ATTENDING OUR LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

A big thank you to our sponsors and everyone that attended our Legislative Reception last evening. We are especially grateful for the very large number of legislators that attended. The business attendees from across the state were very appreciative of the opportunity to visit.

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

Six committees meet at 10:00 a.m., the Senate convenes at 1:00 p.m. and the House at 1:30 p.m. Visit www.arkleg.state.ar.us for committee meetings & agendas, floor calendars, bills, rosters and video links to meetings

NEW BILLS

We added [9 new bills](#) to our tracking, which includes a couple bills of interest.

HB 1147 by Rep. DeAnn Vaught and Sen. Bart Hester

This bill addresses an issue that was contentious in the last session. But the parties worked hard in the interim and reached an agreement on this bill.

The bill provides that a person employed by an Arkansas licensed residential construction company is exempt from the Real Estate License Law if certain requirements are met. A person employed by an Arkansas licensed residential construction company is exempt if: (1) the employee provides a written disclosure to any purchaser involved in the possible or actual sale of newly constructed residential real estate stating that the employee is acting exclusively on behalf of his or her employer, that the purchaser has a right to be represented by his or her own licensed real estate agent or legal counsel, and that the employer shall maintain the written disclosure for 7 years after delivery; (2) the primary business activity of the Arkansas licensed residential construction company is not an activity described under 5 17-42-103(10); (3) the employee is not providing real estate services to or on behalf of more than 1 entity not wholly owned by the Arkansas licensed residential construction company; and (4) the Arkansas licensed residential construction company employs a principal broker who shall be responsible for the conduct of any persons identified in this subdivision in the same manner as if such person was a licensee, as defined under 17-42-103(8).

The bill has been assigned to the House Insurance & Commerce committee.

HB 1158 by Rep. Julie Mayberry

This bill creates a refundable income tax credit for qualifying early childhood education program directors, teachers, and instructional staff, and for eligible business childcare expenses. The tax credit applies to early childhood education program directors, teachers, and instructional staff who are employed in an early childhood education program that meets the requirements of the Better Beginnings quality rating system of DHS and who earn less than the state's minimum salary for K-12 public school teachers, as provided in 6-17-5 2403.

The tax credit is a sliding scale: (1) Child Development Associate Credential - \$1,800 (2) Arkansas Children's Program Administrator Credential - \$1,800 (3) Associate degree in early childhood education or a related field - \$2,400 (4) Bachelor's degree or higher in early childhood education or a related field - \$3,000. For the business expense tax credit, if the eligible childcare facility received a rating of: (1) Level 6 Credit up to 25% of the eligible business childcare expenses (2) Level 5 20% (3) Level 4 15% (4) Level 3 10% (5) Level 2 5%.

This bill has been assigned to the House Revenue & Taxation committee.

SB 62 by Sen. Ricky Hill and Rep. Jeff Wardlaw

This bill prohibits public entities from engaging in a boycott of energy, fossil fuel, firearms, and ammunition industries, or from contracting with a company without written certification that the company is not engaged in such boycotts. Companies must certify they will refrain from boycotts for the duration of the contract. This prohibition does not apply to a company that offers to provide goods or services for at least 20% less than the lowest certifying business, or contracts with a total potential value of less than \$1,000. This bill has been assigned to the State Agencies Committee.

BILL TRACKING

Bills Filed | Senate: 9 new - 70 filed | House: 23 new - 158 filed
State Chamber Tracking: 64 - 9 new today

To view all tracked bills by category, click [State Chamber AIA Bill Tracking Categories](#)

2023 STATE CHAMBER AIA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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