

DAILY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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94th Arkansas General Assembly
First Extraordinary Session
Monday, September 11, 2023 | Day 1

GOVERNOR SANDERS CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders has called the 94th Arkansas General Assembly into an extraordinary session beginning at 11:00 this morning. Click [here](#) to read the Governor's Proclamation.

TODAY'S MEETINGS

The House and Senate will convene at 11:00 a.m. One group of committees will meet at 1:00 p.m., and a second group will meet at 3:00 p.m. or upon adjournment of the 1:00 p.m. committee, which will meet in the same room. You can read the full schedule [here](#).

NEW BILLS

Seven bills were filed in the Senate and six in the House on Friday. Click [here](#) to see a list of the bills with hyperlinks to the bills' text.

Income Tax Reduction

HB 1001 by Rep. Les Eaves and 37 Representatives and **SB 2** by Sen. Jonathan Dismang and 25 Senators seek to reduce the state's top individual and corporate income tax rates by three-tenths and other adjustments to the income tax rate tables. The top individual rate will be 4.4 percent, and the top corporate rate will be 4.8 percent. The bill also provides a \$150 income tax credit to individuals making \$89,600 or less and reduced amounts for income up to \$103,601. The effective date of the changes is January 1, 2024. The State Chamber/AIA supports these tax reductions.

Other Bills

The six other bills seek to create a Reserve Fund Set-Aside in the Restricted Reserve Fund; make various changes to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); prevent COVID-19 vaccinations from being a condition of employment by state agencies and entities; make felonies committed with a firearm after January 1, 2024, ineligible for early parole; clarify that the State Fire Marshall not be tasked with ensuring that school administrators keep school doors unlocked during school hours; and adjust eligibility requirements for Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program Act.

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/>
- Senate: <http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/>

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