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Newsletter From Rep. Stetson Painter
District 3

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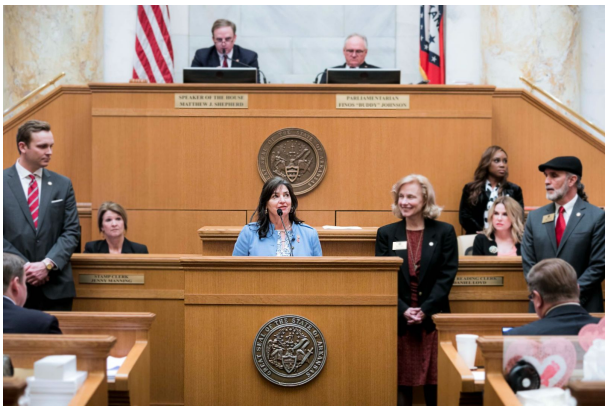
Daily Summary for Wednesday, March 1, 2023



On Wednesday, the House passed HB1486. This bill amends the law concerning distracted driving. It states if a distracted driver causes an accident that results in serious physical injury or death of another person, the driver upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and could face a fine of up to $2,500 and imprisonment for up to one year.

The House also passed HB1365 and SB265

HB1365 classifies the theft of a catalytic converter as a Class C felony. It states a person commits unauthorized possession of a catalytic converter if the person knowingly possesses a catalytic converter that has been removed from a motor vehicle and is not permanently marked.

SB265 allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense up to a 31-day supply of medication to emergency room patients or patients who are being discharged from the hospital. Currently, hospitals can dispense a 2-day supply.

On Wednesday afternoon, the House Education Committee passed SB294, to Create the LEARNS Act. The education reform bill now heads to the full House. The House will reconvene on Thursday at 1 p.m.