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Arkansas House Newsletter

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Daily Summary for March 8, 2021

The House State Agencies and Governmental Affairs Committee began hearing proposed constitutional amendments this afternoon. You can watch the presentations at www.arkansashouse.org.

Meanwhile, the House took up several public health and education bills this afternoon.

Members passed the following bills:

HB1258-This bill authorizes full independent practice authority for certified nurse practitioners who meet certain requirements. Currently, nurse practitioners have to practice in a collaborative agreement with physicians.

HB1069-This bill authorizes pharmacists to provide access to oral contraceptives. The bill also includes a provision for pharmacists to refer a patient to a primary care or women's health provider if she has not been seen by a physician in the previous 6 months.

SB226-This bill creates the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) Medical Marijuana Advisory Subcommittee. The subcommittee will provide advice on all matters pertaining to Amendment 98. Amendment 98 permitted the sale, distribution, and use of medical marijuana in Arkansas.

HB1506-This bill classifies the use of a hoax bomb as a Class C felony. A hoax bomb is defined as a device designed to look like an explosive or incendiary device.

SB31-This bill states that any public high school shall administer college and career readiness assessments, including a career readiness assessment that leads to a nationally recognized work readiness certificate, to each student before he or she graduates from high school.

The House will convene on Tuesday at 1 pm.