STATE OF ARKANSAS
House of Representatives

Arkansas House Newsletter

April 9, 2021

Daily Summary for April 8, 2021

On Thursday, the House HB1865 which requires all law enforcement officers in the state to complete annual training related to a law enforcement officer's duty to intervene if the law enforcement officer observes the use of excessive force by another law enforcement officer.

The House also passed the following:

HB1811-This bill would require towing companies to post information about vehicles in their possession on a website sponsored and managed by the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board.

HB1749-This bill states that an employee of a public school shall not be required to use a pronoun, title, or other words to identify a public school student as male or female that is inconsistent with the public school student's biological sex.

HB1748-This bill states a referendum election to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday may be called by a city or county if the governing body adopts a resolution by a two-thirds majority vote.

SB550-This bill limits the cost of in-state calls from Division of Correction inmates to an amount no more than the per-minute cost of an interstate inmate telephone call as determined by the Federal Communications Commission as of January 1, 2021.

SB479-This bill states that a restaurant with a valid alcoholic beverage permit from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (ABC) may expand its outdoor dining availability with approval from the local government zoning authority of the municipality or county in which it is located without obtaining prior approval from the ABC. This bill also allows restaurants to remit sales taxes in quarterly payments rather than monthly for the next year.

The House will convene on Monday at 1 pm.