



STATE OF ARKANSAS

*House of Representatives*

## Arkansas House Newsletter

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### Daily Summary for Tuesday, March 18, 2025



On Tuesday, the House passed several pieces of legislation. One of the bills, HB1509, seeks to establish the Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act. Another bill, HB1604, prohibits state agencies from using public funds to purchase promotional items made in China. HB1637 would require the Department of Finance and Administration to provide a concise fiscal impact statement for any statewide ballot measure.

Additionally, HB1713 was passed, which mandates that the Attorney General cannot certify a proposed ballot title if its reading level exceeds eighth grade, according to the Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level formula. HB1303 was also approved, which offers an income tax credit related to sustainable aviation fuel. HB1079 mandates coverage for genetic testing for inherited gene mutations for certain individuals.

The House also passed HB1598, which places a temporary pause on the current letter grade designations used by the Arkansas Department of Education to evaluate public schools. This pause would give the department time to implement a new assessment system aligned with the LEARNS Act priorities, with the pause applying only to the current school year.

SB189 was passed, which allows ivermectin for human use to be sold without a prescription or consultation with a healthcare professional.

SB307 was also approved, aiming to address the rising electricity demand in Arkansas. This bill would allow utility companies to implement incremental rate adjustments with the start of construction on investments to increase generation capacity.

The House is set to reconvene on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.