

# Arise Bills of Interest 2017 Regular Session

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*Arise will follow legislation related to our issue priorities throughout the Alabama Legislature's 2017 regular session. Two meeting days have elapsed. Up to 28 meeting days remain in the session. Measures in blue are Arise priority legislation. Measures in yellow have been enacted. Measures in red with white text are Arise policy priorities that have been enacted.*

## Adequate state budgets

### Budget bills:

**HB155/SB150** (Clouse/Pittman) – FY 2018 General Fund budget. *HB155 is in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB150 is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

**SB129** (Orr) – FY 2018 Education Trust Fund budget. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

**SB147** (Pittman) – FY 2018 Children First Trust Fund budget. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

### Health care:

**SB 54** (Ward) & **SB87** (Pittman) – Suspends Medicaid eligibility, instead of repealing it, for eligible people during a period of incarceration. *SB54 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB87 is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

**SB85** (Pittman) – Establishes criminal penalties for Medicaid provider fraud. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

### Other budget measures:

**SB59** (Ward) – Issues state bonds for prison construction. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

## Tax reform

### Grocery tax:

**HB44** (Knight) – Ends the state sales tax on groceries. *In the House Ways & Means Education Committee.*

### Other tax measures:

**HB23** (Greer) – Exempts some deferred compensation plan benefits from income tax. *In the House Ways & Means Education Committee.*

**SB67** (Coleman-Madison) – Requires “combined reporting,” treating parent corporations and subsidiaries as one entity for corporate income tax purposes. *In the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.*

**SB123** (Marsh) – Makes changes to the Alabama Accountability Act, including increasing income tax credits and allowing a credit against utility gross receipt taxes. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

## “Ban the box” legislation

*Arise is not tracking any legislation related to this issue at this time.*

## Death penalty reform

**HB32** (England)/**SB6** (Brewbaker) & **SB18** (Sanders) – Abolishes judicial override of jury sentencing recommendations in capital cases. *HB32 is in the House Judiciary Committees. SB6 was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB18 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB12** (Pittman) – Allows for execution by firing squad. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**HB68** (Sells) – Adds the murder of a law enforcement or corrections officer or of a child under 14 to the list of offenses eligible for the death penalty. *In the House Judiciary Committee.*

**SB48** (Sanders) – Establishes procedures to determine if a capital defendant has an intellectual disability and thus is ineligible for a death sentence. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB49** (Sanders) – Prohibits the death penalty for defendants who were under age 18 at the time of commission of a capital crime. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB50** (Sanders) – Imposes a three-year death penalty moratorium. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB51** (Sanders) – Repeals the death penalty. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

## Housing Trust Fund

**HB159** (Todd) – Creates a funding mechanism for the Alabama Housing Trust Fund. *In the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

## Minimum wage

**HB26** (Givan) – Creates a state minimum wage of \$10 per hour and regularly adjusts it for inflation. *In the House State Government Committee.*

## Payday/title lending reform

*Arise is not tracking any legislation related to this issue at this time.*

## Public transportation

*Arise is not tracking any legislation related to this issue at this time.*

## Other subjects

**HB2** (Hanes) – Prohibits the Department of Human Resources from seeking a waiver of federal work requirements for some SNAP recipients and requires DHR to develop a work training program for SNAP recipients. *In the House State Government Committee.*

**HB6** (Harper) – Authorizes the Legislature to create a state lottery. *In the House Economic Development & Tourism Committee.*

**HB10** (Ford) – Authorizes a state lottery to support college scholarships. *In the House Economic Development & Tourism Committee.*

**HB28** (England) – Increases the number of offenses that can be expunged from a criminal record and allows expungement of juvenile offenses. *In the House Judiciary Committee.*

**HB30 & HB31** (Ford) – Allows early voting. *In the House Constitution, Campaigns & Elections Committee.*

**HB46** (Scott) – Requires that tax preparers be certified. *In the House State Government Committee.*

**HB74** (England)/**SB141** (Singleton) – Protects individuals from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or familial status. *HB74 is in the House Judiciary Committee. SB141 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**HB79** (Hall) – Allows for automatic voter registration when applying for a driver's license or state ID. *In the House Constitution, Campaigns & Elections Committee.*

**HB100** (Williams, P.) – Requires state colleges and universities to comply with state and federal immigration laws. *In the House State Government Committee.*

**SB23** (Sanders) – Requires that driver's license offices be open in every county at least one day a week. *In the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.*

**SB36 & SB39** (Sanders) – Requires constitutional due process in the collection of court-ordered fees and fines. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB37 & SB38** (Sanders) – Allows deferred payments for court costs and fines and prohibits suspension of a driver's license for unpaid costs or fines. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB42** (Sanders) – Prohibits suspension of a driver's license for unpaid court costs or fines. *In the Senate Transportation & Energy Committee.*

**SB45** (Sanders) – Allows any eligible citizen who is not in prison to register and vote. *In the Senate Constitution, Ethics & Elections Committee.*

**SB47** (Sanders) – Allows voter registration any time a board of registrars' office is open, including on Election Day. *In the Senate Constitution, Ethics & Elections Committee.*

**SB77** (Smitherman) – Establishes an early voting period. *In the Senate Constitution, Ethics & Elections Committee.*

**SB155** (Ward) – Clarifies prison and sentencing reform issues related to probation or parole violations, release dates and alternative sentencing. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

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**For the full text of these bills and others introduced during the Alabama Legislature's 2017 regular session, go to <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/default.aspx>.**