

Arise Bills of Interest

2018 Regular Session

March 12, 2018

Arise will follow legislation related to our issue priorities throughout the Alabama Legislature's 2018 regular session. Eighteen meeting days have elapsed. Up to 12 meeting days remain in the session. Measures in blue are Arise priority legislation. Measures in red with white text are legislation that Arise opposes. Measures in yellow have been enacted. Measures in green are Arise priority legislation that has been enacted.

Adequate state budgets

Budget bills:

HB155 (Clouse)/**SB175** (Pittman) – Supplemental appropriation to Corrections for mental health treatment for prisoners. *HB155 is in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB175 passed the Senate and was approved by the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

HB156 (Clouse)/**SB178** (Pittman) – FY 2019 General Fund budget. *HB156 is in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB178 passed the Senate and was approved by the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

HB175 (Poole)/**SB165** (Orr) – FY 2019 Education Trust Fund budget. *HB175 passed the House and is in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee. SB165 is in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

HB179 (Poole) – Supplemental appropriations from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund. *Passed the House and was approved by the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

HB221 (Warren)/**SB177** (Pittman) – FY 2019 Children's First Trust Fund budget. *HB221 passed the House and is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee. SB177 passed the Senate and was approved by the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee.*

Health care:

HB321 (Clouse) – Nursing home provider tax for Medicaid. *Passed the House and is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

HB322 (Clouse) – Hospital provider tax for Medicaid. *Passed the House and is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

HB331 (Mooney)/**SB140** (Orr) – Imposes work requirements on certain Medicaid beneficiaries and increases Medicaid eligibility verification. *HB331 is in the House State Government Committee. SB140 was approved by the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.*

HB443 (Shedd) – Allows nurse practitioners to practice without collaborating with a doctor. *In the House Health Committee.*

HB446 (Shedd)/**SB351** (Reed) – Creates the Alabama Rural Hospital Resource Center at UAB. *HB446 was approved by the House Urban & Rural Development Committee. SB351 was approved by the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.*

HB450 (Standridge)/**SB331** (Melson) – Creates the Rural Hospital Global Budget Board to fund participating hospitals through global payments from certain insurers and communities. *HB450 is in the House Urban & Rural Development Committee. SB331 is in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.*

HB475 (Mooney)/**SB362** (Sanford) – Repeals the provision of Medicaid services through regional care organizations. *HB475 is in the House Health Committee. SB362 is in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.*

Other budget measures:

SB131 (Pittman) – Un-earmarks \$70.1 million in revenue set aside for DHR and Mental Health and moves it to the General Fund. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

SB132 (Pittman) – Constitutional amendment to re-establish the ETF Rainy Day Account and create a General Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

SB345 (Chambliss) – Limits annual General Fund (GF) appropriations to the amount of recurring revenues collected in the previous 12 months, creates GF reserve and capital funds for revenues exceeding that amount, and limits non-education earmarks. *Approved by the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

Tax reform

HB110 (Scott)/**SB307** (Pittman) – Allows participants in the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Program to remain in the program even if they acquire an affiliate required to collect sales taxes. *HB110 is in the House Ways & Means Education Committee. SB307 was approved by the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

HB238 (Knight) – Ends the state sales tax on groceries. *In the House Ways & Means Education Committee.*

HB251 (Johnson, K.)/**SB189** (Brewbaker) – Allows a state income tax deduction for contributions to 529 education savings plans for K-12 private school tuition. *HB251 passed the House and was approved by the Senate Education & Youth Affairs Committee. SB189 passed the Senate and was approved by the House Financial Services Committee.*

HB262 (Ingram)/**SB76** (Marsh) – Increases the income levels at which people can claim the maximum standard deduction on state income taxes. *HB262 was approved by the House Ways & Means Education Committee. SB76 passed the Senate and House and was forwarded to the Governor.*

SB187 (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to sunset new tax credits in seven years. *In the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.*

SB292 (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to un-earmark all revenues and to move postsecondary education into the General Fund budget. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

SB303 (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to create an automatic trigger for corporate income tax reductions. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

SB353 (Figures) – Constitutional amendment to increase property taxes by 5 mil earmarked for Medicaid. *In the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

SB375 (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to create a flat individual income tax rate of 4.2 percent with specified deductions and credits. *SB375 is in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

Payday/title lending reform

SB138 (Orr) – Increases the term for payday loans to 30 days. *SB138 passed the Senate and is in the House Financial Services Committee.*

Housing Trust Fund revenue

HB273 (Todd)/**SB242** (Coleman-Madison) – Increases the mortgage filing fee to provide funding for the Housing Trust Fund. *HB273 is in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB242 is in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

Death penalty reform

HB233 (Coleman)/**SB103** (Sanders) – Imposes a three-year death penalty moratorium. *HB 233 is in the House Judiciary Committee. SB103 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB104 (Sanders) – Repeals the death penalty. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB106 (Sanders) – Retroactively applies the ban on judicial override in death penalty cases to cases decided before 2017. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB118 (Sanders) – Establishes procedures to determine if a capital defendant is ineligible for the death penalty due to an intellectual disability. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB119 (Sanders) – Prohibits the death penalty for offenders who were under age 18 at the time of the crime. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

Public transportation

HB10 (Williams, J.D.)/**SB85** (Smitherman) – Creates a Public Transportation Trust Fund. *HB10 is no longer moving. SB85 was enacted as Act. No 2018-161.*

Criminal justice debt reform

HB87 (McClammy) – Allows for installment payments of court-ordered fees and fines. *In the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.*

HB287 (Mooney)/**SB213** (Orr) – Reforms civil forfeiture of property for people charged with crimes. *HB287 is in the House Judiciary Committee. SB213 was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

HB338 (England)/**SB34** (Ward) – Allows mayors to waive court costs and municipal judges to remit court costs upon a showing of indigency. *HB338 was approved by the House Judiciary Committee. SB34 was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

HB367 (Hall) – Repeals civil forfeiture of certain property and ends civil forfeiture in controlled substance cases. *In the House Judiciary Committee.*

HB397 (England)/**SB41** (Ward) & **SB154** (Melson) – Allows municipalities to issue summons and complaints instead of making arrests. *HB397 is in the House Judiciary Committee. SB41 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB154 passed the Senate and was approved by the House Judiciary Committee.*

SB31 (Albritton) – Requires municipal court judges to release defendants without cash bond in most circumstances. *Approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB55 (Chambliss) – Allows issuance of hardship driver's licenses with limited driving privileges for certain Alabamians with suspended or revoked licenses. *Passed the Senate and House and was sent to a conference committee. The Senate has concurred in conference committee report, which awaits House action.*

SB166 (Sanders) – Prohibits incarceration for nonpayment of fines without an indigency determination and makes many other revisions related to state and local criminal fees and fines. *In the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB167 (Sanders) – Prohibits driver's license suspensions for failure to pay fees and fines. *Approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

SB276 (Coleman-Madison) – Prohibits automobile registration renewal for owners with an unpaid parking ticket. *In the Senate County & Municipal Government Committee.*

Other subjects

HB6 (Hanes) – Prohibits DHR from seeking a federal waiver of SNAP work requirements. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB76 (Warren) – Expands licensure and oversight requirements for childcare and preschool facilities. *Passed the House and was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

HB165 (Hall) – Establishes an Equal Pay Commission to study pay disparities between people of different races and sexes. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB225 (Hill)/**SB148** (Ward) – Revises the juvenile justice system. *HB225 was approved by the House Judiciary Committee. SB148 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

HB234 (Coleman) – Allows a reduction in jail time for parole violations. *In the House Judiciary Committee.*

HB257 (Givan)/**SB198** (Singleton) – Ban-the-box legislation to prohibit the state and localities from inquiring about criminal convictions on job applications. *HB257 is in the House State Government Committee. SB198 was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

HB314 (Mooney)/**SB139** (Orr) – Imposes restrictions on receipt of SNAP and TANF assistance. *HB314 is in the House State Government Committee. SB139 is in the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.*

HB368 (Clarke) – Bars wage discrimination based on a person’s sex. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB369 (Hanes) – Imposes work requirements on TANF recipients and requires drug testing of TANF recipients in certain cases. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB390 (Hanes) – Imposes drug testing on some SNAP applicants. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB412 (Mooney) – Requires cooperation with child support enforcement as a condition of SNAP eligibility. *In the House State Government Committee.*

HB421 (Sessions) – Reduces the number of curable lease breaches under the Landlord-Tenant Act. *Passed the House and is in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.*

For the full text of these bills and others introduced during the Alabama Legislature’s 2018 regular session, go to <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/default.aspx>.