

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Legislation Update

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SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

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HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

[SB 1001 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT](#)

Repeals the annual highway safety fee for registered vehicles to fund highway patrol (currently set at \$32).

[Adopted Committee Amendment:](#)

Adds a Legislative Intent clause citing that it is the intent of the Legislature that the highway patrol be fully funded by the State General Fund.

[Adopted Floor Amendments:](#)

[Amendment #1:](#) Substitute to the Committee Amendment, requires the Legislature to appropriate monies from the state General Fund to fully fund the Arizona Highway Patrol in each fiscal year.

[Amendment #2:](#) Removes the repeal of the changes to the vehicle license tax for alternative fuel vehicles beginning January 1, 2020.

Sponsor(s): Senator Ugenti-Rita, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 23 Jan 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" from the Senate Appropriations

Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 29 Jan 2019- passed out of both Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” in Senate Committee of the whole with Floor Amendments. 11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 24-6-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB 1098 housing assistance pilot program; appropriation

Establishes the Housing Assistance Pilot program to provide grants to assist individuals who are transitioning off of public assistance in securing housing. Creates a House Assistance advisory board consisting of the Director or Director’s designee from the following departments:

- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.
- Department of Corrections
- Arizona Department of Housing
- Department of Economic Security

The advisory board is tasked with establishing criteria for housing assistance grants, establishing the application process and awarding housing assistance grants to qualified applicants.

Adopted Senate Health and Human Services Committee Amendment:

Allows grants to be used for housing in a community setting that provides 24 hour onsite supervision and that foster’s a person’s compliance with the person’s medication and treatment plans for persons who have serious mental illness and who have demonstrated the inability to successfully live in an independent setting.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Lela Alston, D-24

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Health and Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. **Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee: 26 Feb 2019.**

SB 1099 patriotic youth groups; school access

Authorizes the principal of a public school, during the first quarter of each academic school year, to allow representatives from any youth group listed in [36 USC, Subtitle II, Part B](#) as a patriotic society to address students for up to ten minutes during regular school hours on how the youth group as a patriotic society supports education interests and civic involvement.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist 24; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist 5

Major Actions: 22 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Education and Rules Committees. 5 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Education Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed by the Senate Rules Committee. 12 Feb 2019- Passed by Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

SB1156 water protection; technical correction Subject to a S/E amendment relating to trauma treatment services; contracting; appropriation

Makes technical changes.

Proposed Strike Everything Amendment:

Allows the Arizona State Hospital, Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to contract for trauma treatment services only with a behavioral health clinician that meets specified criteria. Appropriates \$450,000 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to provide grants to contractors who provide trauma treatment service training to behavioral health clinicians.

Major Sponsor(s): Rep. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and Assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in Senate Appropriations Committee: 26 Feb 2019.**

SB 1157 technical correction; annual leave; transfer Subject to a S/E amendment relating to income tax subtraction; veterans' pensions

Makes a technical correction relating to the state personnel system.

Proposed Strike Everything Amendment:

Increases the maximum subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions from \$3500 to the full pension amount for taxable year 2019 and on if the taxpayer is an honorably discharged veteran.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. David Gowan, R-Dist. 14

Major Actions: 23 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled for a hearing in Senate Appropriations: 26 Feb 2019.**

SB 1172 family caregivers; income tax credit Subject to S/E amendment relating to family caregivers; pilot; grant program

Creates, beginning in Tax Year (TY) 2019 and ending before TY 2023, an individual income tax credit (tax credit) for the care and support of a qualifying family member. Outlines various tax credit limitations and eligibility criteria.

Adopted Senate Finance Committee Strike Everything Amendment:

Establishes a Family Caregiver Grant Program and Fund to reimburse family caregivers for 50 percent of qualifying expenses incurred, up to \$1,000 per qualifying family member. Appropriates \$1,500,000 in FY 2020 from the state General Fund to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for the Grant Program Fund.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Heather Carter, R-Dist. 15; Senator Kate Brophy McGee, R-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Finance and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee: 6 Feb 2019. 6 Feb 2019- HELD in the Senate Finance Committee. 13 Feb 2019- received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for Senate Committee of the Whole: 25 Feb 2019.**

SB 1338 veteran special plates; branch seal

Requires the Department of Transportation veteran special plates with the following options:

- An American flag in the center of the plate
- An Army seal
- A navy Seal
- A US Marine Corps seal
- An Air Force seal.

Allows a person who qualifies for a veteran special plate to select which plate design they prefer.

Adopted Committee Amendment:

Requires the Department to also offer a veteran special plate design with a Coast Guard seal.

Adopted Floor Amendment:

Adds a delayed effective date of October 1, 2019.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Heather Carter

Major Actions: 31 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” in Senate Committee of the Whole with a Floor Amendment. **18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-1-0. Transmitted to the House.**

SB 1474 POW/MIA flag; display

Allows a POW/MIA flag to be displayed on or in front of the following locations on any day when the United States flag is displayed:

- The building that serves as the location of the municipal court in a city or town;
- The building that services as the location of the justice court; and
- The building that serves as the regional justice court center.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19; Senator Sylvia Allen, R-Dist. 6; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Government Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. **21 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the House.**

SJR 1002 Native American veterans highways

Resolves that the Legislature and Governor:

- Designate the portion of U.S. Route 89 located between the Utah State line and Flagstaff as the “Native American Veterans Highway” in honor of Native American veterans;
- Designate the portions of State Highway 264 that fall under Navajo jurisdiction as the “Navajo Code Talker Highway” and the portions that fall under Hopi jurisdiction as the “Hopi Code Talker Highway”; and

- Designate the portion of the United States Route 160 that is located between the New Mexico state line and the junction of the United States Route 89 as the “Native American Women Veterans Highway.”

Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of SJR1002 to the Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the President of the Navajo Nation and the Chairperson of the Hopi Tribe.

Adopted Committee Amendment:

Makes a technical correction.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10; Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19

Major Actions: 6 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for Senate Committee of the Whole: 25 Feb 2019.**

SJR 1003 Hualapai veterans highway

Resolves that the Legislature and Governor designate the portion of United States Route 66 that is located between Seligman, Arizona and Kingman, Arizona as the, “Hualapai Veterans Highway” And requires the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to approve, place and maintain appropriate signage to identify the highways.

Adopted Committee Amendment:

Limits the designation to the portion of US Route 66 within the Hualapai Reservation.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7; Senator Lela Alston, D-Dist. 24; Senator David Bradley, D-Dist. 10; Senator Lupe Contreras, D-Dist. 19

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. **19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus.**

House Bills

HB 2011 veterans; increased income tax subtraction

Increases the allowable state income tax subtraction for retainer and retirement benefit, annuity and pension pay from the Uniformed Services of the United States from \$3500 to \$10,000 over the next 3 years.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 14; Senator Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means, Appropriations, and Rules Committees. 14 Feb 2019- Withdrawn from the House Ways & Means Committee. **20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-3-0-1.**

HB2019 highway safety fee; repeal; VLT

Repeals the annual highway safety fee for registered vehicles to fund highway patrol (currently set at \$32).

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. T.J. Shope, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2019- FAILED House Transportation Committee with a vote of 2-5-0-0.

HB 2082 junior reserve officer training; CTE

Classifies a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program offered by a school district, charter school, or career technical education (CTE) district as a CTE course or program. Appropriates \$500,000 from the state general fund to the Department of Education (ADE) for distribution on a prorated per pupil basis to CTE and school districts that offer JROTC programs approved by the CTE Division of ADE and ADE respectively.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Frank Carroll, R-Dist. 22; Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3; Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2018- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veteran Affairs, Education and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Education Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules Committee. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole: 25 Feb 2019.

HB 2093 appropriation; veterans’ services; benefits counselors

Appropriates \$1.2 million from the State General Fund, in addition to any other appropriations made in FY 2020, to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23; Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. David Cook, R-Dist. 8; et al.

Major Actions: 24 Jan 2018- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veteran Affairs, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 53-7-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

HB 2142 driver license fees; homeless exemption

Exempts driver license fees for any *person* who does not have a residence address or whose residence address is the address of a shelter that provides services to the homeless.

NOTE: [Laws 2018, Chapter 271](#), exempts veterans who have no address or whose address is that of a homeless shelter from the fees associated with receiving a driver license or nonoperating identification license. HB2142 expands this fee exemption to all homeless persons.

Adopted Committee Amendment:

Limits the fee exemption to nonoperating identification licenses.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 7-0-0-0. 20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-1.

HB 2320 highway safety fee; reduction

Caps the highway safety fee at \$18 and eliminates the requirement that the highway safety fee full fund 110% of the Arizona Department of Public Safety highway patrol budget for each fiscal year.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 29 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Transportation with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Retained on the House Committee of the Whole Calendar.

HB 2321 public service scholarship fund

Establishes the John McCain Public Service Scholarship fund to be used to provide scholarships to students who meet the following requirements:

- Complete a term of service in a national service program that is designed to improve lives and foster civic engagement and that is supported by the federal government;
- Subsequently receive a federal postservice education award.
- Use the federal postservice education award to attend an educational institution or program in this state that is eligible under the terms of the federal postservice education award.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28; Rep. Leo Baisiucci, R-Dist. 5; Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Reginald Bolding, D-Dist. 27; et al.

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Education, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 4 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Education Committee with a vote of 11-0-1-1. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. 11 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 12 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. 14 Feb 2019- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 48-12-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

[HB 2446 military services special plates](#)

Requires the Department of Transportation to issue *military services* special plates and directs the Departments of Veterans' Services and Transportation to design the *military services* special plates. Of the \$25 fee for the plate, \$17 is an annual donation and must be deposited in the Veterans' Donation Fund (VDF) subaccount to be used for services that benefit U.S. Navy veterans or immediate family members of U.S. Navy veterans in this state.

[Adopted Committee Amendment:](#)

Directs the Departments of Veterans' Services and Transportation to design the *military services* special plates in a manner that allows for a military branch of service insignia to be placed on the plate at the request of the applicant. Removes the requirement that the \$17 donation benefit only US Navy veterans or their immediate family members.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Gail Griffin, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 11 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" by the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0.

[HB2487 state veterans' homes](#)

Makes technical updates in statutory language regarding the Arizona State Veteran Homes.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 30 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a "Do Pass" from the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 6-0-0-1. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus.

[HB 2488 veteran suicides; annual report Subject to S/E amendment relating to annual report; veteran suicides](#)

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), beginning January 1, 2020, to annually compile a report on veteran suicides in this state that includes the following information:

- The number of veterans who died by suicide or accidental death in the preceding 5 years;
- The prevalence of medications or illegal substance in each veteran who died by suicide;
- The number of instances in which veterans who died by suicide were taking multiple prescriptions

Prescribes additional information to be included in the initial report and requires DHS to submit the report annually to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Arizona Department of Veterans' services. Additionally, HB2488 requires that a death certificate must indicate whether or not the person was a veteran.

[Adopted Strike Everything Amendment:](#)

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), beginning January 1, 2020, to annually compile a report on veteran suicides in this state. Outlines the data that must be included in the report and directs the Department of Veterans' Services and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to submit to DHS all data, including protected health information, in order for DHS to comply with the report requirement. Specifies that the information and records acquired by DHS to create the report are

confidential and not subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jay Lawrence, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. Scheduled for a hearing in the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee: 11 Feb 2019. 8 Feb 2019- Removed from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Agenda. 18 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a strike everything amendment. **20 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules.**

[HB 2569 occupational licensing; reciprocity](#)

Extends licensing reciprocity that is afforded to military spouses in this state to a person establishes residence in this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Warren Petersen, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: 4 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Regulatory Affairs and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” by the House Regulator Affairs Committee. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole: 25 Feb 2019.**

[HB2589 distinguished flying cross license plates](#)

Directs the Arizona Department of Transportation to issue distinctive license plates to a person who submits satisfactory proof that the person is a veteran and a bona fide distinguished flying cross recipient or to an immediate family member of a person who have been issued a distinctive plate.

[Adopted Committee Amendment:](#)

Adds a delayed effective date of September 30, 2019 and changes the extraordinary educators special plate and fund to the all in for Arizona schools special plate and fund.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Dist. 23

Major Actions: 12 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. **20 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” by the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0.**

[HB 2694 funeral escorts; funeral board licensure](#)

Requires the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to license funeral escort vehicles and drivers and military escort vehicles and drivers in a manner as prescribed by the Board by Rule. Specifies that the license will only be issued if the applicant:

- Works for a funeral escort business and meets other requirements prescribed by the Board;
- or
- Is affiliated with a nonprofit corporation that provides military processions and meets other requirements prescribed by the Board.

Allows the Board to establish and collect a fee for licensing funeral escort vehicles and drivers and military escort vehicles and drivers.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Noel Campbell, R-Dist. 1; Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29; Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6; Rep. Isela Blanc, D-Dist. 26

Major Actions: 14 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 20 Feb 2019- Discussed and HELD in the House Transportation Committee.

[HCM 2001 deported veterans; medical treatment](#)

Urges the United States Congress to enact legislation providing medical treatment and other benefits for all veterans of the United States Armed Forces, including those who have been deported.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Diego Espinoza

Major Actions: 5 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Military & Veterans Affairs and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee with a vote of 7-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed House Republican and Democrat Caucus.

Bills that Impact the Department Administratively

Senate Bills

[SB 1058 state procurement; identical bids](#)

Requires Arizona bidders to be given preference for procurement contracts over nonresident bidders.

Primary Sponsor(s): Martin Quezada, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 15 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to Senate Government, Commerce and Rules Committees. 21 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Commerce Committee with a vote of 7-1-0-0.

[SB 1240 health information confidentiality; medical examiner](#)

Allows a county medical examiner, or an alternate medical examiner, that directs an investigation into the circumstances of a death to obtain confidential records.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator Kate Brophy-McGee, R-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 29 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 13 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 6-0-2-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. 19 Feb 2019- Passed by Democrat Caucus and HELD by Republican Caucus.

SB 1482 state agencies; fee increase; limit

Prohibits a state agency from increasing a fee by more than the percentage change in the average consumer price index (CPI) between the most recent calendar year and the calendar year in which the fee was last increased, unless authorized by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Primary Sponsor(s): Senator J.D. Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 05 Feb 2019- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 4-3-0-0. 18 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Rules. **19 Feb 2019- Passed Senate Republican and Democrat Caucus.**

House Bills

HB 2131 state agencies; citizen portal; access

Requires each state agency that collects personal information from any person to establish a citizen portal that is a secure online website and that allows a person to access the person’s personal information and to correct any errors in the information.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Bob Thorpe, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2019- First Read and assigned to the House Technology and Rules Committees. 6 Feb 2019- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Technology Committee with a vote of 5-1-0-1. **20 Feb 2019- Passed House Rules.**