

ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update

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(Notations in Red represent new information or final action.)

SB = Senate Bill

SCM = Senate Concurrent Memorial

SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution

SR = Senate Resolution

HB = House Bill

HCM = House Concurrent Memorial

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HJR= House Joint Resolution

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Bills Impacting Veterans/Military

Senate Bills

[SB 1024 Enduring Freedom Memorial; appropriation](#)

Allows the Department of Administration (ADOA) to use appropriated monies from the State Monument and Memorial Repair Fund (SMMRF) to alter or modify the Enduring Freedom Memorial to add additional names to the memorial. Additionally, appropriates \$21,422.91 from the SMMRF to ADOA in FY22 to alter or modify the Enduring Freedom Memorial to add additional names to the memorial.

[Adopted House MAPS Committee Amendment](#)

Adds that ADOA must use monies from the SMMRF to "alter or modify" monuments in addition to using the monies from SMMRF to maintain, repair, recondition or relocate monuments and memorials.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Kelly Townsend, R-Dist. 16

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 19 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 08 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from

the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. **Scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on 30 Mar 2021.**

SB 1076 low-income multifamily housing; valuation

Requires a county assessor to value qualifying low-income multifamily residential rental property using an income-based method. Classifies, as class 4 property, low-income multifamily residential rental properties that are valued using the statutory income-based method.

Adopted House Committee Amendment

States that the restrictions listed apply to all units except employee units.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 27 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 7-2-1-0. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 02 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 04 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-2-1-0. 05 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 03 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. 08 Mar 2021- HELD in House Rules Committee. 22 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. **23 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

SB 1081 wishes; critically ill children; license plates

As passed the Senate, establishes wishes for children with critical illnesses special plates and the Wishes for Children with Critical Illnesses Special Plate Fund (Fund).

Adopted Strike Everything Amendment

S/E Title: registration; unclaimed property locaters

Establishes the Veteran Housing Trust Fund within the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System consisting of proceeds from the sale of abandoned property in the amount of \$1,000,000 each fiscal year and specifies that monies from the fund must be used solely for housing projects and rental assistance for homeless Veterans.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2020- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 26-3-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

16 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation Committee. 17 Mar 2021- HELD in the House Transportation Committee. **25 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 10-2-0-0.**

SB 1143 veterans overseas conflicts plates

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars entity located in this state, for the purposes of training and paying persons throughout this state where needed to process veterans' claims for service-connected disabilities and illnesses.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 13 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 21 Jan 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-2-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 10 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-1. 15 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **Scheduled for House Third Read on 29 Mar 2021.**

SB 1172 veterans' home facility; Mohave County

Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) to construct and establish a veterans' home facility in Mohave County. The appropriation is intended to be this state's share of the costs and is not subject to expenditure for any purpose unless ADVS has irrevocable commitments from the United States government to fund at least 65% of the total costs. Contains an Emergency Clause.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 19 Jan 2021- First read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 28-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 01 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. **10 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1.**

SB 1260 property tax exemptions; statutory conformity

- Conditional on the voter approval of S.C.R. 1019, exempts, from property tax, the property of veterans with service or nonservice-connected disabilities who are Arizona residents.
- Inserts the correlating resolution for the conditional enactment
- Updates the exemption amount for widows, widowers, persons with a disability and veterans with a service or nonservice-connected disability to reflect the present-day amount of \$4,117, which is statutorily required to be increased based on the average annual percentage increase in the Gross Domestic Product price deflator.
- Updates the exemption amount for property used in trade or in business or for agricultural purposes to reflect the present-day amount of \$195,878.

- Updates the total assessment limit and the household income limit to reflect the present-day amounts.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2021- First read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committee. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 01 Mar 2021- FAILED Senate Third Read with a vote of 14-15-1-0. Motion to reconsider whereby the Senate failed to pass SB 1260 on Third Reading on March 1, 2021. Motion carried. 04 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read on reconsideration with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

09 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 5-4-0-1.

SB 1312 veterans; special license plates; design.

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary entity located in this state for the purposes of using the monies to fund its charitable works.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sonny Borrelli, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-3-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

01 Mar 2021-First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 10 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-1. 15 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed House Democrat and Republican Caucus.

SB 1327 tax credit; affordable housing

Establishes the Affordable Housing Tax Credit (Tax Credit) and outlines requirements for the Tax Credit.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 17-13-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

01 Mar 2021-First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.

SB 1331 veterans' income tax; exemption

Increases the maximum subtraction from Arizona gross income for veteran benefits, annuities and pensions from \$3500 to the full pension amount for taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2020. Contains a retroactive date of January 1, 2021.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 17 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 22-8-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

01 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.

SB 1411 NOW: unemployment insurance; benefits; duration; fund

- Increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit amount (WBA) to:
 - \$320 on the general effective date; and
 - \$400 beginning July 1 following the date the Department of Economic Security (DES) determines Arizona meets the federal criteria to receive an interest-free unemployment insurance loan.
- Increases the amount an individual may earn with no reduction to their WBA (income disregard) from \$30 to \$160
- Increases the state unemployment tax taxable wage limit from \$7,000 to:
 - \$8,000 in calendar year 2022; and
 - \$9,000 in calendar year 2023

Prescribes requirements for the DES to obtain employment and income information and reduces, effective January 1, 2022, the maximum duration of benefits, if Arizona's unemployment rate is less than six percent.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Karen Fann, R-Dist. 1

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Rules Committee. 16 Feb 2021- Assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. 23 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended/Strike Everything" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. 24 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 11 Mar 2021- Passed Third Read with a vote of 25-4-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

16 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on 30 Mar 2021.

SB 1447 military installation fund; property conveyance

Allows the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) to sell, convey, lease or sublease any property, related infrastructure or improvement acquired for the preservation or enhancement of military installations.

[Adopted House Committee Amendment](#)

Makes technical corrections.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Sine Kerr, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 18 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 25 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 01 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

03 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Rules Committees. 15 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Land, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs with a vote of 11-0-0-0. 22 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. **23 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

SB 1514 appropriation; emergency shelter beds; seniors

- Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2022 to the Department of Economic Security for emergency shelter beds in western Maricopa County for seniors.
- Requires DES to distribute the monies to a single Arizona nonprofit provider that meets the following requirements:
 - experience in sheltering 400 or more homeless individuals nightly in temporary shelter;
 - at least 10 years of experience working with the chronically homeless in Maricopa County;
 - experience in providing housing placement services under the Housing First Model; and
 - participation in the Coordinated Entry System pursuant to the requirements of the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 09 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-1-1-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 18 Feb 2021- Passed to Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-3-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 15 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. **17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-0-0-1.**

SB 1559 Native American veterans; tax settlement

Extends the amount of time that the monies in the Veterans' Income Tax Settlement Fund revert to the State General Fund from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024 and the amount of time that Arizona Department of Veterans' Services will accept applications from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance

Committee with a vote of 7-0-3-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 01 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to House.

03 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 24 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0.

SB 1802 NOW: holiday code talkers day

Establishes August 14 as “National Navajo Code Talkers Day,” and requires, if this holiday falls on a day other than Sunday, the Sunday following August 14 to be observed as the holiday.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai, D-Dist. 7

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government Committee. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 25 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 01 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

03 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 10 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 15 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 18 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 18 Mar 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. Transmitted back to the Senate. 23 March 2021- Concurrence to House Changes recommended. 24 Mar 2021- Motion to Concur on House changes passed by the Senate Committee of the Whole. 24 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Final Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Governor.

SCR 1019 constitutional property tax exemptions

Subject to voter approval, amends the Constitution of Arizona to repeal sections relating to property tax exemptions and replaces the sections with one consolidated property tax exemption section and allows the Legislature to exempt the following:

- Property of an educational, charitable or religious association or institution that is not used or held for profit;
- Personal property that is used in a trade or business or for agricultural purposes;
- Cemeteries that are set apart and used to inter deceased human beings;
- The property of a widow or widower who is an Arizona resident;
- Property of an Arizona resident who is at least 18 years-old and has a medically certified total and permanent disability; and
- The property of an honorably discharged veteran who is an Arizona resident with a service or non-service-related disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2021- First read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committee. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 8-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee

of the Whole. 08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 18-12-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

10 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Ways & Means Committee with a vote of 5-4-0-1. 22 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. **23 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

[SCR 1027 property tax exemption; veterans; disabilities](#)

Subject to voter approval, constitutionally exempts the property of a veteran with a service-connected disability, the veteran's spouse or the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran with a service-connected disability from property tax.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 5-3-2-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 03 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 21-9-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

09 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Ways & Means and Rules Committees.

House Bills

[HB 2109 bingo; conduct; licenses](#)

Removes the prohibition relating to conducting a lottery or raffle within a 12-hour period before or after a bingo occasion or game and increases the gross receipt amounts for each license classification as follows:

- Class A license, from \$15,600 to \$75,000;
- Class B license, from \$300,000 to \$500,000; and
- Class C license, from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Increases the threshold amount for cash prizes to be paid by check from amounts over \$150 to amounts over \$1,100.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Aaron Lieberman, D-Dist. 28

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 19 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Commerce and Rules Committees. 03 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **18 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 26-1-3-0. Transmitted to the Governor. 24 Mar 2021- Signed by the Governor.**

HB 2128 state licensing; fee waivers

- Requires that the occupational licensing fee be waived for any active duty military service member and the member's spouse or for any honorably discharged veteran who has been discharged not more than two years before application, if the individual is applying for that specific license in this site for the first time.
- Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund each fiscal year to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) to reimburse an agency on a first-come, first-serve basis for fees that the agency waived; and
- Directs an agency to apply to ADOA for reimbursement of the waived fees.

Fiscal Note

Per the JLBC Fiscal Note, HB 2128 would reduce licensing revenue and General Fund revenue; however, due to a lack of distributional data on Arizona veterans' occupations, they are unable to estimate the magnitude of this impact.

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Joanne Osbourne, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- HELD in the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee. 15 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 9-5-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 04 Mar 2021-Passed House Third Read with a vote of 57-2-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

08 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0.

HB 2288 appropriation; military installation projects

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund in FY22 to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs to distribute to Yuma County for military installation preservation and enhancement projects.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Timothy Dunn, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-1-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 50-10-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 02 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 10-0-0-0.

HB 2297 military leaves of absence; duration

Bases the allowable military leave period for officers and employees of this state, any county, city or town or any agency or political subdivision of this state or a county, city or town on the average total of regularly scheduled hours worked in a biweekly period as follows:

- A full-time officer or employee who works two thousand eighty hours annually is entitled to up to one hundred twenty hours of military leave annually and up to two hundred forty hours in any two consecutive years.
- An officer or employee who is regularly scheduled to work more than two thousand eighty hours annually is entitled to fifteen days of military leave each fiscal year based on the total number of hours in the individual's regularly scheduled biweekly hours.

Adopted Senate Committee Amendment

- Modifies the calculation of a military leave period for officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision to a stated amount based on the average hours worked in a weekly work period each year multiplied by three in a one-year period and multiplied by six in a two-year period.
- Contains an intent clause.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Kevin Payne, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs and Public Safety and Rules Committees. 25 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 01 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules Committee. 02 Feb 2021- Passed House Minority Caucus. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 04 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 25 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. **Scheduled for Senate Third Read on 29 Mar 2021.**

HB 2470 buffalo soldiers memorial; extension

Provides an extension from October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2025 for the placement of a memorial dedicated to the commemoration of Buffalo Soldiers in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 12-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 08 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. **15 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

HB 2472 special license plates; veterans design

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars entity located in this state, for the purposes of training and paying persons throughout this state where needed to process veterans' claims for service-connected disabilities and illnesses.

[Adopted Senate Committee Amendment](#)

Asserts that the person who pays the \$32,000 must design the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates with the design and color of the special plates subject to the approval of the Department.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-4. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 43-15-2-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee on 29 Mar 2021.**

[HB 2473 veterans; special license plates; design](#)

Establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation. Additionally, establishes the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Auxiliary Special Plates. Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary entity located in this state for the purposes of using the monies to fund its charitable works.

[Adopted Senate Committee Amendment](#)

Asserts that the person who pays the \$32,000 must design the Veterans of Overseas Conflicts Special Plates with the design and color of the special plates subject to the approval of the Department.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. . 03 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-3. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 40-18-2-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee on 29 Mar 2021.**

[HB 2474 post-traumatic stress injury day](#)

Establishes June 27 in each year as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day and specifies that Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Day is not a legal holiday.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-1-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees.

[HB 2542 veteran suicides; annual report](#)

Adds that the report on veteran suicides in this state provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services must include utilization and encounter data for a nonprofit veterans’ services organization that provides services related to reducing suicides among this state’s military and veteran populations.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Justin Wilmeth, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 25 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee on 29 Mar 2021.**

[HB 2565 area agencies on aging; appropriation](#)

Appropriates \$2,500,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2022 to the Department of Economic Security to distribute to area agencies on aging for home and community-based services.

Subject to a Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: appropriation; affordable housing

Language not yet posted as of 3/26/2021

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 28 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-1-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 45-14-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 31 Mar 2021.

HB 2670 undergrounds storage tanks; tax extension

Extends the repeal of the excise tax levied on each gallon of regulated substances stored in underground storage tanks (USTs) until January 1, 2031.

Subject to a Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: event wagering; licensing

Language not yet posted as of 3/26/2021

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Joel John, R-Dist. 4

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water and Rules Committees. 16 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passes House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 53-6-1-0. 24 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. **23 Mar 2021- W/D from the Senate Finance Committee and re-assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee.**

HB 2668 nutrition assistance; benefit match; appropriation

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2022 to the Department of Economic Security for a Produce Incentive Program.

Subject to a Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: homelessness; grants

Language not yet posted as of 3/26/2021

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Joel John, R-Dist. 4

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-1-0. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 11-1-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 40-19-1-0. 24 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. **Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 31 Mar 2021.**

HB 2694 VLT and registration fee exemptions

- Adds a VLT and registration fee reduction for veterans with a disability other than 100% that is equal to the percent of the veteran's disability.

- Adds a VLT and registration fee exemption for a veteran who is a bona fide purple heart recipient and their surviving spouse until remarriage or death.
- Requires a person claiming the purple heart exemption or fee reduction to present satisfactory proof of the VA financial aid or government compensation.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Walter Blackman, R-Dist. 6

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 18 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 18 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-1-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

[HB 2706 appropriation; veterans’ services; benefits counselors](#)

Appropriates \$948,400 from the State General Fund in FY 22 to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services to hire additional benefits counselors.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Richard Andrade, D-Dist. 29

Major Actions: 01 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety, Appropriations and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 56-3-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Appropriations and Rules Committees. 16 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0.

[HB 2760 military installation fund; property conveyance.](#)

Allows the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) to sell, convey, lease or sublease any property, related infrastructure or improvement acquired for the preservation or enhancement of military installations.

[Adopted Senate Committee Strike-Everything Amendment](#)

S/E Title: contractors; qualifying party

Specifies that a licensed contractor's qualifying party or a person named on the contractor's license is not personally liable for violations of contracting regulations by a licensee.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Timothy Dunn, R-Dist. 13

Major Actions: 02 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs and Rules Committees, 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee with a vote of 9-2-0-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 54-4-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 25 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee on 29 Mar 2021.

HB 2805 unemployment insurance; benefits; tax base

Increases the taxable wage base, unemployment weekly benefit amount and income disregard cap beginning January 1, 2022 as follows:

- Taxable wage base from in excess of \$7,000 to in excess of \$8,000 beginning January 1, 2022.
- Unemployment weekly benefit amount from \$240 to \$300 beginning January 1, 2022.
- Income disregard amount from \$30 to \$160.

Subject to a Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: same subject

Language not yet posted as of 3/26/2021

Fiscal Note

JLBC estimates that the bill would increase UI Trust Fund revenues by \$77.9 million in calendar year (CY) 2022 and comparable amounts in CY 2023 and CY 2024. It is also estimated that the bill would increase UI benefit expenditures by \$65.5 million in CY 2022, \$51.0 million in CY 2023, and \$36.4 million in CY 2024. The resulting net increase in the cash balance of the UI Trust Fund balance relative to current law would be \$12.4 million in CY 2022, \$27.7 million in CY 2023, and \$43.1 million in CY 2024

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. David Cook, R-Dist. 8

Major Actions: 09 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 14-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 50-9-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

11 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 31 Mar 2021.

HB 2820 dietitian nutritionists; licensure

Establishes licensure requirements for dietician nutritionists and outlines requirements for the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services and provides that a license issued to any member of the National Guard or the U.S. Armed Forces Reserves does not expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and is extended 180 days after the member returns from federal active duty if the member notifies the Director of their active duty status.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 08 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 39-20-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 24 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate

Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-1-0-0. Scheduled for Senate Rules on 29 Mar 2021.

HB 2883 empowering charitable organizations special plates

Establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations special plates if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for implementation.

Additionally, establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations Special Plates Fund consisting of donations from the Empowering Charitable Organizations special plates.

Monies from the fund shall be annually allocated to a non-profit organization that is headquartered in Arizona and have a mission to improve lives in the greater Tucson community by empowering charitable organizations with resources to carry out their missions of assisting Veterans and active duty military members who are based in the southern part of this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Andrés Cano, D-Dist. 3

Major Actions: 11 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Transportation and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Transportation Committee with a vote of 11-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 43-16-1-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 7-0-2-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules on 29 Mar 2021.**

HJR 2001 private property; sale; veterans administration

States that Arizona consents to the sale of certain land to the United States for use by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Mark Finchem, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Military Affairs & Public Safety and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” Recommendation from the House Military Affairs & Public Safety Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 47-12-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 18 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation with a vote of 6-1-1-0. 22 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. **23 March 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

Bills that Impact the ADVS Administratively

Senate Bills

SB 1051 ASRS; employer payments; ineligible contributions

Clarifies requirements for the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) relating to the payment of ineligible contributions.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. David Livingston, R-Dist. 22

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees. 20 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Finance Committee with a vote of 9-0-1-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted to the House.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 12-0-0-1. Mar 15 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 18 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” from the House Committee of the Whole.

SB 1063 administrative review of agency decisions

Requires that a trial reviewing a final administrative decision of specified regulating agencies be a de novo trial, if demanded by an appellee other than the agency. Requires a court, in a review of a final administrative decision brought by or against a regulated party, to decide all questions of fact without deference to any previous determination.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 08 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 5-3-0-0. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 03 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

11 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 23 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Commerce Committee with a vote of 6-4-0-0. Scheduled for House Rules on 29 Mar 2021.

SB 1066 state agencies; technology plans; deadline

Requires budget units to submit IT plans to ADOA on or before May 15, rather than September 1, of each year and allows the legislative and judicial departments of state government to continue submitting IT plans to ADOA for informational purposes by September 1, rather than May 15, of each year.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Rick Gray, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Transportation & Technology and Rules Committees. 21 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Transportation & Technology Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 26- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Committee of the Whole. 01 Feb 2021- Passed out of Senate Third Read with a vote of 30-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

23 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections Committee. 03 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 08 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed House Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 15 Mar 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. 16 Mar 2021- Transmitted to the Governor. [18 Mar 2021- Signed by the Governor.](#)

[SB 1112 noncustodial federal monies; appropriation](#)

- Beginning January 1, 2023, authorizes the Legislature to appropriate noncustodial federal monies. Defines noncustodial federal monies as federal monies that meet one of the following criteria:
 - Designated by the federal government as a block grant monies;
 - Designated by the federal government as general revenue sharing monies;
 - Provides the state with broad authority to make spending decisions to develop, implement or operate a program or service; or
 - Considered essential to meet total spending obligations of a federally matched program.
- Requires a budget unit that receives noncustodial federal monies to account for the monies in separate accounts or funds as necessary to meeting accounting, budgeting and auditing requirements.
- Specifies if the Legislature does not appropriate for a specific fund, grant program or block of noncustodial federal monies, the authorized budget unit must administer and spend the monies according to federal and state law.
- Requires the Legislature to specify, in each noncustodial federal monies appropriation, the purposes the monies are to be used.
- Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2023.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. JD Mesnard, R-Dist. 17

Major Actions: 20 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Appropriations and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Appropriations Committee with a vote of 7-3-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 16-14-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committees. 24 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 8-4-0-1. [Scheduled for House Rules on 29 Mar 2021.](#)

[SB 1116 state permitting dashboard](#)

Requires the Governor to appoint a State Permitting Director (Director) and requires the Director to establish an online permitting dashboard that displays the progress of state authorizations for participating projects. Outlines requirements for eligible projects, the permitting dashboard and dispute resolution.

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

Major Actions: 12 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-1-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

24 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Appropriations and Rules Committee.
Scheduled to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on 30 Mar 2021.

SB 1373 health facilities; duty of care

Affirms that each health care institution under the licensure of the Department of Health Services and that provides congregant or residential care and the health care institutions’ respective employees, agents and assigns have a duty of care for the residents and requires health care institutions to provide both:

- Basic life support, including initiating immediate CPR before the arrival of emergency medical services to a resident who experiences symptoms or cardiac arrest or cessation of respiration and in accordance with the resident’s advance directives and do-not-resuscitate order. Staff who are certified in CPR must be available at all times.
- First Aid before the arrival of emergency medical services to a resident who experiences emergency illness or injury and to a noninjured resident who has fallen and is unable to reasonable recover independently and in accordance with the resident’s advance directives and do-not-resuscitate order. Staff who are certified in First Aid must be available at all times.
- Grants health care institutions and associated staff who render CPR as prescribed immunity from civil liability, if the CPR was provided in good faith and consistent with related certification standards.
- Specifies that the liability exclusion is not applicable to a person who acts with gross negligence.
- Makes conforming changes.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Nancy Barto, R-Dist. 15

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. 15 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed Senate and Democrat Caucus. 22 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed Third Read with a vote of 25-5-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

01 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. **22 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 8-1-0-0.**

SB 1377 civil liability; public health pandemic

Establishes, retroactive to March 11, 2020, civil liability standards for specified acts or omissions during a state of emergency for a public health pandemic.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Vince Leach, R-Dist. 11

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee. 15 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 22 Feb 2021- Retained on the Committee of the Whole calendar. 24 Feb 2021-

Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 18-12-0-0. Transmitted to the House.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 6-4-0-0. 22 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. 23 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. **Scheduled for House Committee of the Whole on 29 Mar 2021.**

SB 1636 legislative drafting requirements; repeal

Repeals, retroactive to July 1, 2021, the requirement that all new programs or committees established by the Legislature include a termination date and removes the statutory termination date for numerous programs, committees and councils including but not limited to the following:

- The Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Military Veterans Advisory Committee; and
- The Post-9/11 Veteran Education Relief Advisory Committee.

Becomes effective on the general effective date, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

Primary Sponsor(s): Sen. Rick Gray, R-Dist. 21

Major Actions: 03 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 15 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 22 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 24 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Committee of the Whole. 25 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-1-2-0. Transmitted to the House.

11 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. 22 Mar 2021- Passed House Rules. **23 Mar 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus.**

House Bills

HB 2009 budget units; encumbrance documents; exception

Clarifies that certain expenditures under current law are exempt from the requirements of encumbrance documents.

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

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 13 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 58-0-2-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

22 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 01 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and

Republican Caucus. 18 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-0-3-0. Transmitted to the Governor. 24 Mar 2021- Signed by the Governor.

HB 2014 GRRC; petition to request review

States that a person may petition the Governors Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to review an existing practice, substantive policy statement or final rule of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission).

Primary Sponsor(s): Representative Leo Biasiucci, R-Dist. 5

Major Actions: 11 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 13 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Rules. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 04 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 04 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-28-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 4-3-1-0.

HB 2061 CTEDs; nonprofits; postsecondary institutions; agreements

Allows a career technical education district (CTED) governing board to enter into an agreement for administrative, operational and educational services with a nonprofit organization or a public or private postsecondary institution.

Subject to a Strike-Everything Amendment

S/E Title: state permitting dashboard

Language not yet posted as of 3/26/2021

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. John Fillmore, R-Dist. 16

Major Actions: 14 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Education and Rules Committees. 19 Jan 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Education Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-1. 25 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read. 26 Jan 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 28 Jan 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

17 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Education, and Rules Committees. 24 Mar 2021- W/D from the Education and re-assigned to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Scheduled to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on 31 Mar 2021.

HB 2242 agency actions; procedures; fee awards

Increases the maximum allowable amount of court fees that may be awarded to the prevailing party in certain cases against the state or a city, town or county. Modifies statutory requirements relating to occupational licensees and applicants for occupational licensure.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Travis Grantham, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: 21 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Commerce and Rules Committees. 02 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House

Commerce Committee with a vote of 9-1-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Democrat and Republican Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the Committee of the Whole. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-1-0-0. 12 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 04 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 8-0-0-0. 15 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 16 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. **25 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 29-0-1-0. Transmitted back to the House.**

HB 2265 rulemaking; expedited process; rule expiration

Allows an agency to file a Notice of Intent (notice) with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRRC) if seeking to expire a rule or rules and outlines procedural requirements.

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

Major Actions: 25 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 60-0-0-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 01 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. **08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.**

HB 2433 state agencies; cash payment; acceptance

Requires each state agency or authorized agent of a state agency to accept cash and money orders to pay any amount due to that agency or agent or this state.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Shawwna Bolick, R-Dist. 20

Major Actions: 26 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 03 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 13-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Finance and Rules Committees.

HB 2535 mandatory reporting; vulnerable adults; penalties

An emergency measure modifying the conditions regarding required reporting of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults involving sexual offenses. Establishes failure to report abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable adults involving sexual offenses as a class 6 felony.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Jennifer Longdon, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services, Judiciary and Rules Committees. 11 Feb 2021- Withdrawn from the House Health & Human Services Committee. 17 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Judiciary Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-1. 22 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. 24 Feb 2021-Transmitted to the Senate.

02 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 17 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 22 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 23 March 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus.

HB 2551 misconduct involving weapons; public places

Allows a person with a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) to carry a deadly weapon into a public event or public establishment, with the following exceptions:

- A public event or public establishment that is a secure facility;
- The licensed premises of a public event or public establishment that has a liquor license under A.R.S. Title 4;
- A state, county or municipal judicial department, prosecutorial office or facility, law enforcement agency or correctional facility;
- An area where firearm possession is prohibited by federal law;
- An educational institution defined in A.R.S. § 13-2911;
- A community college district or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents;
- Facilities operated by the Arizona State Hospital; or
- A public establishment that is a vehicle or craft.

Defines “Secured Facility” as:

- A public establishment or public event that has security personnel and electronic weapons screening devices at each entrance;
- A public establishment or public event with security personnel who screen each person and require every person carrying a weapon to leave it in temporary and secure storage; or
- The area of a public event or public establishment that is not generally accessible to the public and has:
 - Security personnel, or
 - Biometric, coded or employee-restricted entry to limit access.

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

Major Actions: 28 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Judiciary and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- W/D from the House Judiciary Committee and re-assigned to the House Government & Elections Committee. 10 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. 15 Feb 2021-Passed House Rules. 16 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 23 Feb 2021- Received a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 24 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-29-0-0. 25 Feb 2021- Transmitted to the Senate.

02 March 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. 18 Mar 2021- Received a “Do Pass” recommendation from the Senate Judiciary Committee with a vote of 5-2-1-0.

HB 2620 health care workers; assault; prevention

- States that it is aggravated assault if a person commits an assault knowing or having reason to know that the victim is a health care worker while engaged in the health care worker's duties and makes it a class 5 felony if the assault involves a physical injury.
- Requires health care employers, no later than July 1, 2022, to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that must be available at all times to all health care workers and contractors.
- Requires health care employers to investigate a workplace violence incident as soon as practicable and review the circumstances of the incident, solicit input from all of those involved, and document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.
- Requires health care employers to provide training and education to its health care workers who may be exposed to workplace violence.
- Stipulates that the specified penalties do not apply to a person who does not have the ability to form the culpable mental state because of a mental disability.
- States language relating to the workplace violence prevention plan does not apply to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) or other licensed facility under the jurisdiction of the ASH superintendent.
- Defines mental disability.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-2-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed Senate Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 42-17-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees.

HB 2622 nonretaliation policies; health care institutions

- Prohibits a third-party contractor of a health care institution from retaliatory action against a health professional.
- Makes the period of time before there is a rebuttable presumption six months.
- Defines third-party contractor as an entity that contracts with a health care institution to provide health care services in the health care institution by contracting or hiring health professionals

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Amish Shah, D-Dist. 24

Major Actions: 27 Jan 2021- First Read and assigned to the House Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 01 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from in the House Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 9-0-0-0. 08 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. 09 Feb 2021- Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 11 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 11 Feb 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 59-0-1-0. Transmitted to the Senate.

18 Feb 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Health & Human Services and Rules Committees. 03 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Health & Human Services Committee with a vote of 7-0-1-0. 08 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Rules. 09 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus. 16 Mar 2021- Passed Senate Third Read with a vote of 27-3-0-0. 17 Mar 2021- Transmitted to the Governor. 23 Mar 2021- Signed by the Governor.

HB 2759 rulemaking; petitions; GRRC

Requires the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to review the practice, policy, rule, or requirement on receipt of a petition to review an existing agency practice, substantive policy statement, final rule, or regulatory licensing requirement that the petitioner alleges violates state law, is not authorized by statute, is unduly burdensome or is not demonstrated to be necessary to fulfill a public health, safety or welfare concern.

NOTE: Currently, GRRC is required to review the petition only if the practice, policy, rule or requirement applied to a profession for which the average wage in that profession in Arizona does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four.

Primary Sponsor(s): Rep. Travis Grantham, R-Dist. 12

Major Actions: First Read and assigned to the House Government & Elections and Rules Committees. 17 Feb 2021- HELD in the House Government & Elections Committee. 18 Feb 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Government & Elections Committee with a vote of 7-6-0-0. 23 Feb 2021- Passed House Rules. Passed House Majority and Minority Caucus. 03 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation from the House Committee of the Whole. 03 Mar 2021- Passed House Third Read with a vote of 31-29-0-0.

04 Mar 2021- First Read and assigned to the Senate Government and Rules Committees. 22 Mar 2021- Received a "Do Pass" recommendation from the Senate Government Committee with a vote of 4-3-1-0. **Scheduled for Senate Rules Committee on 29 Mar 2021.**