

# DAILY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



*Business matters.*

## Daily Legislative Update

94<sup>th</sup> Arkansas General Assembly  
Monday, January 23, 2023 | Day 15

### TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Senate will convene at 1:00 p.m. and the House at 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us) for committee meetings and agendas, floor calendars, bills, legislative rosters and video links to meetings.

### BUSINESS 101 THIS AFTERNOON

The State Chamber/AIA will host a B101 session this afternoon for members of the General Assembly. This is an informative session for legislators, particularly newly elected members, to participate in discussions surrounding taxes, workforce and government impact on businesses.

### LAST WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

The Legislature was quickly down to business last week, reconvening Tuesday after observing Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Two hundred sixty-three bills have been filed so far this session – more than 65 of those filed last week alone. After primarily holding organizational meetings the first week, many standing committees took up their first legislation last week, with legislators debating everything from tax policy to daylight saving time. Legislation that would have required the state to permanently adopt daylight saving time if the federal government grants the authority failed in committee. A second similar bill was pulled from consideration by the sponsor, who asked that the issue be studied further in the interim, after the session. Meanwhile, a resolution urging Congress to permanently extend the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act advanced out of the House and on to the Senate.

One high-profile bill, which would ban the use of the social media platform TikTok on a state-owned or operated device failed in committee, with many legislators saying they agreed with the concept of the policy, but that as written, the bill would have unintended consequences. There will likely be other similar efforts addressing foreign influence in the state. Last week, Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders issued an executive order to protect state data and IT infrastructure from “the influence of adversarial foreign governments.”

Governor Sanders issued an executive order last week, as well, focused on education funding. She stated the policy will cut government red tape and “streamline” the application process for state and federal education dollars available to school districts. The governor has said education reform will be the “hallmark” of her administration. She is working on proposed legislation that she says will include a school choice initiative.

## BILL TRACKING

263 Bills Filed | Senate: 1 new - 84 filed | House: 1 new – 179 filed  
State Chamber Tracking: 75 - 0 new today

To view all tracked bills by category, click [State Chamber AIA Bill Tracking Categories](#)

## [2023 STATE CHAMBER AIA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA](#)

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### LEGISLATIVE SESSION INFORMATION

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### LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE CENTER

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Senate: 501-682-2902

### LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CAPITOL

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- House: <https://www.arkansashouse.org/>
- Senate: <http://www.arkansas.gov/senate/>

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