

Legislative Link Update

April 2, 2019

Hello and welcome to the 2019 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 79th day of session. Friday was the last day for bills to be heard in committees of the opposite chamber, except for the Appropriations committees that will be meeting this week. To date, 47 bills have passed both chambers and were submitted to the governor. Governor Ducey has signed into law 35 bills and vetoed one bill. With Friday's deadline officially behind us, the next deadline that we look forward to is April 19 which is the last day for bills to be amended through a conference committee which consist of lawmakers from both chambers that convene to discuss and approve compromise amendments before the bill receives a final vote.

Floor activity last week in the House stalled after the resignation of Representative David Stringer (R-Prescott), which was effective 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. This brings the party split in the chamber down to 30 Republicans, just one vote shy of a majority to pass legislation, and 29 Democrats. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will be selecting Representative Stringer's replacement from a slate of nominees selected by precinct committeemen in LD1. It is expected that Representative Stringer's replacement may be selected this week.

Below are updates on the a few bills that we believe may be of interest to you:

SB 1468 Schools; Suicide Prevention Training

SB 1468 requires school districts and charter schools to provide training in suicide awareness and prevention for school guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work with students in grades 6 through 12, beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Each person required to obtain training is required to complete the training at least once every three years. By July 1, 2020, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration is required to annually identify or develop and post online a list of approved materials that schools may use to provide the training. Each teacher training program in Arizona is required to develop or adopt evidenced-based instruction on suicide awareness and prevention and provide that instruction to all teacher candidates in the teacher training programs. SB 1468 passed out of the Senate 28-2, received a do pass recommendation from the House Education and Judiciary Committees, and now awaits consideration from the House Rules Committee.

HB 2318: S/E Texting While Driving; Prohibition; Enforcement

HB 2318, sponsor Rep. Noel Campbell, is a strike everything amendment that mirrors the texting and driving language of SB 1165 which is currently awaiting a House Rules hearing. HB 2318 establishes statewide standards that prohibit the use of a hand-held cell phone while driving a vehicle, with certain exceptions. The bill passed out of Senate Transportation and

Public Safety last week 6-2 and received an okay from the Senate Rules Committee on April 1. HB 2318 is now awaiting action from the Senate Committee of the Whole.

SB 1147 S/E Tobacco Products; Vapor Products

A strike everything amendment to SB 1147 has been introduced that will increase the age to sell or purchase tobacco and tobacco related products from 18 to 21 statewide. SB 1147 passed out of the House Health & Human Services Committee 5-4 and is now awaiting a House Rules hearing.

HB 2023 POLITICAL SIGNS; BALLOT MEASURES; TAMPERING

HB 2023 makes it a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor for any person to knowingly remove, alter, deface or cover any political sign in support of or opposition to any ballot measure, question or issue. during the period beginning 45 days before a primary election and ending 7 days after the general election. For a sign for a candidate in a primary election who does not advance to the general election, the period during which political signs are allowed ends 7 days after the primary election. HB 2023 passed out of the House 60-0, out of the Senate 30-0 and was signed by Governor Ducey on March 22.

Similar to previous years, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time.

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26231&listid=66612&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale’s Legislative Link Program.

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