

# Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2019 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature convened on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Today is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of session and there have been over 660 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. For comparison, last session there were over 1,250 bills introduced and of those 369 were passed by the Legislature and 346 were ultimately signed into law. We are in the process of reading through those bills and the hundreds more that will be introduced in the coming weeks. So far, we have identified 19 bills that we have added to our Legislative Link Tracking List because we believe they may be of interest to you and your neighborhood.

The session began with Governor Ducey giving his 5<sup>th</sup> State of the State address. You can watch his speech here: <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2019/01/governor-ducey-delivers-state-state-address>. Several priorities outlined by Governor Ducey include approving the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) to address the state's existing water crisis, reintroducing the Safe Arizona Schools Plan, bringing more qualified teachers into the classroom, and recognizing occupational licenses for new Arizona residents.

Governor Ducey also released his Executive Budget Recommendation last week for the FY2020 fiscal year. Some of the budget items highlighted by a \$1 billion surplus include allocating:

- \$30 million for conservation efforts dedicated to protecting the water level in Lake Mead and an additional \$5 million for infrastructure projects for agriculture.
- \$10 million to support Career and Technical Education and expand Arizona's competitive workforce.
- \$9.3 million to provide funding for 89 new School Resource Officers for Arizona schools.
- A one-time deposit of \$542 million to bolster Arizona's Rainy Day Fund to \$1 billion.

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.

Remember, you can watch committee hearings via the internet by going to the [legislature's website](#) and clicking on the live proceedings hyperlink located in the column on the left side of the page.

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