

Legislative Link Update

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Hello and welcome to the 2018 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Today is the 19th day of session and there have been over 960 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. House and Senate Committees have been very busy this week hearing and debating various legislation. To date, 114 bills have received a do pass from their committee and of those bills, 24 have been cleared by the House or Senate Rules Committee. We will now begin monitoring the Committee of the Whole (COW) and Consent calendars as bills are moving closer to a final vote by their chamber of origin.

We will be approaching some of the first session deadlines next week as January 29th is the last day for Senate bills to be introduced and February 5th is the last day for House bills to be introduced. As you know "new" bills can and frequently are introduced as strike everything amendments after the deadline, but these upcoming milestones will at least give us a good benchmark read on the magnitude of issues we will be faced with this session.

SPECIAL SESSION ON OPIOIDS

Both the House and the Senate approved the CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; REGULATION; APPROPRIATION on Thursday evening paving the way for Governor Ducey to sign the legislation tied to his call for a special session to address the opioid epidemic. Signed this afternoon by Governor Ducey, the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act provides funding for treatment, improves oversight and enforcement tools, and extends life-saving resources to law enforcement, first responders, and community partners on the ground. While both chambers understood the legislation's intent, the bill did not pass without lengthy debate or proposed amendments. Four floor amendments were adopted to ease concerns from lawmakers over physicians' ability to comply with the new e-prescription rules, law enforcement's handling of records, and the definition of medically assisted treatment. As many legislators have stated publicly, these new laws are the first step in dealing with the opioid crisis and we expect legislation to be introduced over the next few years to build a stronger state-wide plan. Attached is a comprehensive review of the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act which can be found on Governor Ducey's website.

BILLS

Below are updates on a few bills we think might be of interest to you:

HB 2076 STATE HIGHWAY WORK ZONES; ACCIDENTS

If a person exceeds the speed limit in a state highway work zone and the violation results in an accident causing serious physical injury or death to another person, the person is guilty of causing serious physical injury or death by a moving violation, a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor. HB 2076 received a do pass from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and is now awaiting a hearing from the House Rules Committee.

HB 2088 PUPILS; CONCUSSIONS; PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

School districts policies and procedures relating to the health and safety of students participating in district-sponsored athletic activities must include a requirement that a student's parent or guardian be immediately notified if the student is suspected of sustaining a concussion in a practice session, game or other interscholastic athletic activity. HB 2088 received a do pass from the House Education Committee and is now awaiting a hearing from the House Rules Committee.

SB 1083 SCHOOLS; RECESS PERIODS

Each school district and charter school is required to provide at least two "recess" (defined) periods during the school day for students in kindergarten through grade 5, except that a school that offers half-day kindergarten is required to provide at least one recess period during the school day for students in that program. Does not apply to middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, Arizona online instruction or schools in which the lowest grade of instruction offered is grade 5. SB 1083 received a do pass from the Senate Education Committee with a technical amendment, was cleared by the Senate Rules Committee with a technical amendment, and is now awaiting debate by the Senate Committee of the Whole (COW).

SB 1117 LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS; PEACE OFFICERS; FIREARMS

SB 1117 would authorize peace officers to possess a firearm while on the premises of a licensed liquor establishment while they are on duty or off duty. SB 1117 received a do pass from the Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee and is now awaiting a hearing from the Senate Rules Committee.

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=25998&listid=63263&print=true>

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

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