



Daily Legislative Update

Friday, January 30, 2015

19th Day of 90th General Assembly

TODAY AT THE CAPITOL

The House and Senate are in recess until Monday, February 2nd.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

SB6 by Senate President Jonathan Dismang and House Speaker Jeremy Gillam passed the House yesterday by a vote of 95-2 with three not voting. The bill has been sent back to the Senate to concur in a House amendment. SB6 makes various changes to income tax tables, sets the capital gains tax exemption at 40 percent beginning February 1 of this year (currently at 50 percent as of 2015), and repeals the 100 percent capital gains tax exemption for gains over \$10 million.

SB 96 by Sen. Jim Hendren passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 27-7. The bill would create the "Health Reform Legislative Task Force" and extend the private option through 2016 but no further without legislative action. The purpose of the Task Force is to consider and recommend various changes to the private option program specifically and to "explore and recommend options to modernized Medicaid programs serving the indigent, aged, and disabled." SB96 will next be considered by the House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee.

HB 1181 by Rep. Donnie Copeland, which would cap enrollment for the Private Option as of July 1, 2015 and set a Dec. 31, 2015 deadline to end the program, failed on a 10-8 in the House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee yesterday. Bills need 11 votes to advance from a House Committee.

STATE CHAMBER/AIA BILL TRACKING

To date, the House has filed 211 bills and the Senate has filed 184 bills.

The State Chamber/AIA is tracking 77 bills and resolutions.

New bills added to State Chamber/AIA tracking today:

<u>HB 1201</u>	<u>Jett, Joe (D)</u> <u>Burnett, David (D)</u>	Allows steel manufacturers to carry forward unused remainders of the tax credit for the purchase of waste reduction, reuse, or recycling equipment for up to 14 years.
<u>HJR1002</u>	<u>Douglas, Dan (R)</u>	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to eliminate the even-year fiscal session of the General Assembly.
<u>SB 176</u>	<u>Clark, Alan (R)</u>	Deletes the requirement that the 10 years of experience in the field of education required of the Commissioner of Education include experience as a teacher and at least five years of administrative or supervisory experience.
<u>SB 178</u>	<u>Clark, Alan (R)</u>	Directs the DHS to terminate coverage under the Health Care Independence Act and restore the Medicaid waivers that were in place before October 1, 2013.
<u>SB 179</u>	<u>Clark, Alan (R)</u> <u>Cozart, Bruce (R)</u>	Requires school districts under a desegregation order to notify the Department of Education in writing; makes various procedural changes to the Public School Choice Act.
<u>SB 181</u>	<u>Williams, Eddie Joe (R)</u> <u>Lemons, Tim (R)</u>	Requires foundation repair contracts to contain the street address of the dwelling covered and the names and addresses of parties to the contract; provides such contracts are enforceable by homeowners against contractors.
<u>SB 183</u>	<u>Williams, Eddie Joe (R)</u>	Creates procedures for the creation of a state plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from power plants; requires approval by the Legislative Council before submission to the EPA; limits the plan's rate impacts and other effects.
<u>SJR 2</u>	<u>Clark, Alan (R)</u> <u>Hammer, Kim (R)</u>	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution limiting House service to five terms and Senate service to three terms, but no more than 16 years combined service.
<u>SJR 3</u>	<u>Williams, Eddie Joe (R)</u>	Proposes an amendment to the Constitution which would remove the provision that strips the Governor of his or her powers and duties when absent from the state.

For the complete, searchable list of bills being tracked, please visit our [tracking site](#). The full text of each bill is available at the site.

NEXT WEEK AT THE CAPITOL

House convenes Monday at 1:30 p.m.
Senate convenes Monday at 1:30 p.m.

[Committee Meetings for Monday, February 2, 2015](#)

[JOINT](#)

9:00 AM	Room 149	ENERGY - JOINT	Agenda
10:00 AM	Room 130	PUBLIC RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS-JOINT	Agenda

[HOUSE](#)

None listed.

[SENATE](#)

Upon Adjournment of Senate	Room 270	SENATE EFFICIENCY
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