

# Arise Bills of Interest 2018 Regular Session

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Arise followed legislation related to our issue priorities throughout the Alabama Legislature's 2018 regular session, which ended March 29. Measures in **blue** are Arise priority legislation. Measures in **red with white text** are legislation that Arise opposed. Measures in **yellow** were enacted. Measures in **green** are Arise priority legislation that was enacted. Measures in **gray** are enacted legislation that Arise opposed.

## Adequate state budgets

### ***Budget bills:***

**HB155** (Clouse)/**SB175** (Pittman) – Supplemental appropriation to Corrections for mental health treatment for prisoners. *HB155 is no longer moving. **SB175 was enacted as Act 2018-262.***

**HB156** (Clouse)/**SB178** (Pittman) – FY 2019 General Fund budget. *HB156 is no longer moving. **SB178 was enacted as Act 2018-354.***

**HB175** (Poole)/**SB165** (Orr) – FY 2019 Education Trust Fund budget. ***HB175 was enacted as Act 2018-481.** SB165 is no longer moving.*

**HB179** (Poole) – Supplemental appropriations from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund. ***Enacted as Act 2018-502.***

**HB221** (Warren)/**SB177** (Pittman) – FY 2019 Children's First Trust Fund budget. *HB221 is no longer moving. **SB177 was enacted as Act 2018-264.***

### ***Health care:***

**HB321** (Clouse) – Nursing home provider tax for Medicaid. ***Enacted as Act 2018-542.***

**HB322** (Clouse) – Hospital provider tax for Medicaid. ***Enacted as Act 2018-543.***

**HB331** (Mooney)/**SB140** (Orr) – Imposes work requirements on certain Medicaid beneficiaries and increases Medicaid eligibility verification. *HB331 died in the House State Government Committee. SB140 died on the Senate calendar.*

**HB443** (Shedd) – Allows nurse practitioners to practice without collaborating with a doctor. *Died in the House Health Committee.*

**HB446** (Shedd)/**SB351** (Reed) – Creates the Alabama Rural Hospital Resource Center at UAB. *HB446 is no longer moving. **SB351 was enacted as Act 2018-394.***

**HB450** (Standridge)/**SB331** (Melson) – Creates the Rural Hospital Global Budget Board to fund participating hospitals through global payments from certain insurers and communities. *HB450 died in the House Urban & Rural Development Committee. SB331 died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.*

**HB475** (Mooney)/**SB362** (Sanford) – Repeals the provision of Medicaid services through regional care organizations. HB475 died in the House Health Committee. SB362 died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

**HB524** (Daniels) – Constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid. Died in the House Constitution, Campaign & Elections Committee.

### **Other budget measures:**

**HB292** (Poole) – Constitutional amendment to create biannual legislative sessions for consideration of budgets. Died on the House calendar.

**HB293** (Poole) – Creates procedures for a biannual budget process. Died on the House calendar.

**HB295** (Poole) – Implements biannual budget periods. Died on the House calendar.

**SB131** (Pittman) – Un-earmarks \$70.1 million in revenue set aside for DHR and Mental Health and moves it to the General Fund. Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.

**SB132** (Pittman) – Constitutional amendment to re-establish the ETF Rainy Day Account and create a General Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund. Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.

**SB345** (Chambliss) – Limits annual General Fund (GF) appropriations to the amount of recurring revenues collected in the previous 12 months, creates GF reserve and capital funds for revenues exceeding that amount, and limits non-education earmarks. Died on the Senate calendar.

### **Tax reform**

**HB110** (Scott) & **HB470** (Scott)/**SB307** (Pittman) – Allows participants in the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Program to remain in the program even if they acquire an affiliate required to collect sales taxes. HB110 and SB307 are no longer moving. HB470 was enacted as Act 2018-539.

**HB238** (Knight) – Ends the state sales tax on groceries. Died in the House Ways & Means Education Committee.

**HB251** (Johnson, K.)/**SB189** (Brewbaker) – Allows a state income tax deduction for contributions to 529 education savings plans for K-12 private school tuition. HB251, after significant changes that removed Arise's objections by deleting the proposed state tax break for private school tuition, was enacted as Act 2018-280. SB189 is no longer moving.

**HB262** (Ingram)/**SB76** (Marsh) – Increases the income levels at which people can claim the maximum standard deduction on state income taxes. HB262 is no longer moving. SB76 was enacted as Act 2018-232.

**SB187** (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to sunset new tax credits in seven years. Died in the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.

**SB292** (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to un-earmark all revenues and to move postsecondary education into the General Fund budget. Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.

**SB303** (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to create an automatic trigger for corporate income tax reductions. *Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

**SB353** (Figures) – Constitutional amendment to increase property taxes by 5 mil earmarked for Medicaid. *Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

**SB375** (Hightower) – Constitutional amendment to create a flat individual income tax rate of 4.2 percent with specified deductions and credits. *Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

**SB390** (Sanders) – Removes the state sales tax on groceries and over-the-counter drugs and limits the income tax deduction for federal taxes. *Died in the Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee.*

## Payday/title lending reform

**SB138** (Orr) – Increases the term for payday loans to 30 days. *Died in the House Financial Services Committee.*

## Housing Trust Fund revenue

**HB273** (Todd)/**SB242** (Coleman-Madison) – Increases the mortgage filing fee to provide funding for the Housing Trust Fund. *HB273 died in the House Ways & Means General Fund Committee. SB242 died in the Senate Finance & Taxation General Fund Committee.*

## Death penalty reform

**HB233** (Coleman)/**SB103** (Sanders) – Imposes a three-year death penalty moratorium. *HB 233 died in the House Judiciary Committee. SB103 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB104** (Sanders) – Repeals the death penalty. *Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB106** (Sanders) – Retroactively applies the ban on judicial override in death penalty cases to cases decided before 2017. *Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB118** (Sanders) – Establishes procedures to determine if a capital defendant is ineligible for the death penalty due to an intellectual disability. *Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB119** (Sanders) – Prohibits the death penalty for offenders who were under age 18 at the time of the crime. *Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

## Public transportation

**HB10** (Williams, J.D.)/**SB85** (Smitherman) – Creates a Public Transportation Trust Fund. *HB10 is no longer moving. SB85 was enacted as Act 2018-161.*

## Criminal justice debt reform

**HB87** (McClammy) – Allows for installment payments of court-ordered fees and fines. *Died in the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.*

**HB287** (Mooney)/**SB213** (Orr) – Reforms civil forfeiture of property for people charged with crimes. *HB287 died in the House Judiciary Committee. SB213 passed the Senate but was never received by the House.*

**HB338** (England)/**SB34** (Ward) – Allows mayors to waive court costs and municipal judges to remit court costs upon a showing of indigency. *HB338 died on the House calendar. SB34 died on the Senate calendar.*

**HB367** (Hall) – Repeals civil forfeiture of certain property and ends civil forfeiture in controlled substance cases. *Died in the House Judiciary Committee.*

**HB397** (England)/**SB41** (Ward) & **SB154** (Melson) – Allows municipalities to issue summons and complaints instead of making arrests. *HB397 died in the House Judiciary Committee. SB41 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB154 died on the House calendar.*

**HB518** (Mooney) – Creates a civil forfeiture database and reports. *Died in the House Judiciary Committee.*

**SB31** (Albritton) – Requires municipal court judges to release defendants without cash bond in most circumstances. *Died on the Senate calendar.*

**SB55** (Chambliss) – Allows issuance of hardship driver's licenses with limited driving privileges for certain Alabamians with suspended or revoked licenses. *Enacted as Act 2018-289.*

**SB166** (Sanders) – Prohibits incarceration for nonpayment of fines without an indigency determination and makes many other revisions related to state and local criminal fees and fines. *Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**SB167** (Sanders) – Prohibits driver's license suspensions for failure to pay fees and fines. *Died on the Senate calendar.*

**SB276** (Coleman-Madison) – Prohibits automobile registration renewal for owners with an unpaid parking ticket. *Died in the Senate County & Municipal Government Committee.*

## Other subjects

**HB6** (Hanes) – Prohibits DHR from seeking a federal waiver of SNAP work requirements. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB76** (Warren) – Expands licensure and oversight requirements for childcare and preschool facilities. *Enacted as Act 2018-278.*

**HB165** (Hall) – Establishes an Equal Pay Commission to study pay disparities between people of different races and sexes. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB225** (Hill)/**SB148** (Ward) – Revises the juvenile justice system. *HB225 died on the Senate calendar. SB148 died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.*

**HB234** (Coleman) – Allows a reduction in jail time for parole violations. *Died in the House Judiciary Committee.*

**HB257** (Givan)/**SB198** (Singleton) – Ban-the-box legislation to prohibit the state and localities from inquiring about criminal convictions on job applications. *HB257 died in the House State Government Committee. SB198 died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB314** (Mooney)/**SB139** (Orr) – Imposes restrictions on receipt of SNAP and TANF assistance. *HB314 died in the House State Government Committee. SB139 died in the Senate Fiscal Responsibility & Economic Development Committee.*

**HB368** (Clarke) – Bars wage discrimination based on a person's sex. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB369** (Hanes) – Imposes work requirements on TANF recipients and requires drug testing of TANF recipients in certain cases. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB390** (Hanes) – Imposes drug testing on some SNAP applicants. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB412** (Mooney) – Requires cooperation with child support enforcement as a condition of SNAP eligibility. *Died in the House State Government Committee.*

**HB421** (Sessions) – Reduces the number of curable lease breaches under the Landlord-Tenant Act. ***Enacted as Act 2018-473. After Arise advocacy, the House amended the bill to remove language that would have given renters just three days to correct lease violations and would have cut the notice period for lease termination from seven days to three days.***

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For the full text of these bills and others introduced during the Alabama Legislature's 2018 regular session, go to <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/default.aspx>.