



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Mary Bentley DISTRICT 54

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 3, 2021

On Wednesday, there were close to 30 additional bills filed and more than 20 bills advancing from committees.

On the House floor members passed the following:

SB6-This bill would ban abortions except those performed to protect the life and health of the mother.

HB1213-This bill amends code in regards to qualification process for a person charged with a crime to receive the services of a public defender. This bill defines an indigent person and requires the court to conduct a further analysis to determine if an individual qualifies for a public defender.

HB1433-This bill outlines transportation funding for the 2020-2021 school year for districts that need more than the foundation funding provided to all public schools.

HB1437-This bill concerns "Publish for Pay websites" or privately-owned websites that request or require the payment of a fee in order to remove a booking photograph from the website. The bill states the person responsible for removing the booking photograph from the website shall remove the photograph within five business days of receipt of a written request and not require payment of a fee for removing the booking photograph. It also states the website must post contact information.

HB1256-This bill defines a process for prosecutors and courts to consider when sealing criminal records. It also removes time spent in the Department of Correction as a reason not to allow a criminal record to be

sealed.

The House will convene on Thursday at 1 pm.