



NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Deborah Ferguson DISTRICT 63

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 18, 2021

On Thursday, the House passed a bill requiring students entering the ninth grade class of 2022-2023 to earn one credit in a computer science course before the student graduates. SB107 states that beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a public school district shall employ a computer science teacher at each high school.

The House passed more than 40 bills this afternoon, including the following:

HB1562-This bill amends the law concerning autonomous vehicles. It establishes parameters with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for operating autonomous vehicles.

HB1703-This bill requires casinos to report and withhold taxes on gambling winnings.

HB1637-This bill allows the General Assembly to review Presidential Executive Orders. It also states that standing committees of the General Assembly meeting jointly may request the Attorney General to review the presidential executive order and prepare an opinion.

SB465-This bill extends the current special privilege tax on medical marijuana to July 1, 2023. The tax is currently set to expire on July 1, 2021. This tax helps to fund the UAMS National Cancer Designation Trust Fund.

The House will convene on Monday at 1 pm.