STATE OF ARKANSAS
House of Representatives

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Keith Brooks
DISTRICT 78

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 30, 2021

By a vote of 64-34 and 1 member voting present, the House passed SB410 on Tuesday.

This bill establishes the framework for a new Medicaid expansion program called ARHOME which stands for Arkansas Health & Opportunity for Me.

ARHOME would replace the current Arkansas Works program. It would continue to offer low-income families private insurance, with incentives for taking advantage of work opportunities, education, and skill development.

The House also passed the following:

HB1788-This bill would allow a municipal improvement district to enter a partnership with a private sector company to provide broadband internet service.

SB161-This bill would allow public schools to offer a hunting safety course as part of their curriculum.

HB1750-This bill states that a medical marijuana dispensary shall post signage at the check-in station of the dispensary notifying the qualifying patient of the availability of a pharmacist consultant. It also requires that information be posted on the dispensary website.

SB163-This bill creates the Arkansas Military Affairs Council Act and establishes the Military Affairs Grant Program. The council will work with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to promote and support military installations for state and local economic development.

SB397-This bill directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to create a Higher Education Consumer Guide for prospective students and parents.

The guide would include the following information on each state-supported higher education institution:

Retention and graduation rates.

The cost of tuition.

The average amount borrowed and loan default rate.

Percentage of students who applied for first-time undergraduate admission and were offered admission.

Average composite test scores of students enrolled.

Job placement of students within the first three years of graduation.

Income of college alumni over the first 20 years after graduation.

The House will convene on Wednesday at 1 pm.