

A portrait of Representative Mary Bentley, a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue blazer and a pearl necklace, smiling.

NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Mary Bentley DISTRICT 54

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR APRIL 19, 2021

The House passed two bills today which would create new tax credits.

HB1719 creates the Reboot Pilot Program. It would provide income tax credits for employers who hire former felony offenders who were released from his or her first term of incarceration in the last year. The maximum amount of this credit is \$3,000.

HB1456 creates an income tax in an amount equal to 50% of an eligible railroad track maintenance expenditures. The maximum amount of the credit is \$5,000 per mile of track.

The House also passed the following:

HB1746-This bill would allow registered hairstylists to shampoo, blow-dry, and perform simple styling without a cosmetology license if they are under the supervision of licensed cosmetologists.

HB1848-This bill creates the Healthy Active Arkansas Schools Act. It would require the Department of Education to work with the Department of Health to develop guidelines for public schools and open-enrollment charter schools to address healthy eating and increased physical activity.

HB1870-This bill would require the biological father of a child to pay 50% of pregnancy and childbirth expenses incurred by the child's mother.

The House will convene on Tuesday at 1 pm.