



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives



NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J. Shepherd DISTRICT 97

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

House members passed several bills on Wednesday including three bills advanced by the [House Education Committee](#).

[HB1156](#) states that public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools shall designate multiple occupancy restrooms for exclusive use by the male sex or exclusive use by the female sex.

[HB1157](#) states that every public school and open-enrollment charter school shall provide parents with digital or hard copy information about local water safety education courses and swimming lessons offered for free or at a reduced price.

[HB1238](#) outlines enhanced transportation funding for school districts.

The House also passed [HB1004](#). This bill amends the [Sex Offender Registration Act](#) by requiring the physical address of the sex offender, including the house or apartment number, to be made public. Currently, only the street name and block number are required.

The House passed [HB1245](#). This bill directs the [House and Senate Judiciary Committees](#) to conduct a study of financial matters related to the court system.

In addition, the House passed [HB1042](#). This bill enhances coverage of prostate cancer screenings by directing the Insurance Commissioner to adopt any updated guidelines published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

[The House is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday at 11 a.m. Any changes to the schedule due to winter weather will be posted at \[arkansashouse.org\]\(http://arkansashouse.org\)](#)