



STATE OF ARKANSAS

*House of Representatives*



# NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Deborah Ferguson DISTRICT 63

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## DAILY SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

On Wednesday, the House passed HB1419. This bill amends the procedure for the filing of a ballot initiative and referendum petition by requiring that signatures are gathered from at least 50 counties. Currently, signatures are required from 15 counties.

The House also passed the following:

HB1401-This bill reduces the time an able-bodied adult may receive cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The bill limits the assistance from 24 months to 12 months.

HB1410-This bill eliminates the state's requirement that children under 16 years of age have to obtain permission from the Division of Labor in order to be employed.

HB1420-This bill states that a person or business that sells or provides a dog for use as an emotional support dog shall provide a written notice to the buyer or recipient that the dog does not have the special training required to qualify as a service animal. It also states a person or business that sells or provides a certificate, identification, tag, vest, leash, or harness for an emotional support animal shall provide a written notice to the buyer or recipient that states the item does not entitle an emotional support animal to the rights and privileges accorded by law to a service dog.

HB1336. This bill creates an agricultural education pilot program in public elementary schools.

The House will convene on Thursday at 11 a.m.