



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives



NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J. Shepherd DISTRICT 97

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

On Thursday, the House passed [HB1462](#). This bill clarifies the definition of “unaccompanied homeless youth” to mean an individual between the ages of 16 and 22 who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. This includes a young person who has either run away from home, is forced to leave his or her home, or whose parents have left the area.

The definition will allow a school’s liaison for homeless children and youth to provide additional support. [HB1462](#) also waives fees for identification, driver’s license, and birth certificates for unaccompanied homeless youth.

The House also passed the following:

[HB1261](#). This bill would mandate insurance coverage for an ambulance service to triage, treat, and transport a patient to an alternative destination such as an urgent care clinic.

[SB295](#)-This bill seeks to create the Cost-Shifting Prevention Act of 2023 by addressing the rates paid for customer-owned net-metering facilities.

[HB1511](#). This bill states that by January 1, 2029, every school bus owned or operated by a school shall

have an electronic child safety alarm system installed.

The House will reconvene on Monday at 1:30 p.m.