



# Newsletter From Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd District 97

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## Daily Summary for Wednesday, March 19, 2025

On Wednesday, the House passed several bills. HB1293 increases the payment for claims from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for designated beneficiaries of certain public employees killed in the line of duty. HB1734 allows nurse practitioners to sign death certificates and pronounce the death of a patient. HB1705 requires information about how the religious and moral beliefs of the founding fathers influenced the founding of the United States to be included in existing Social Studies Standards. SB223 creates the Religious Rights at Public Schools Act of 2025, which provides clarity on the freedoms of students and staff. Finally, HB1619 directs the Arkansas Medicaid Program to reimburse 100% of the fees for administering RSV immunizations. The House will reconvene on Thursday at 1 p.m.

