



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives



NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J. Shepherd DISTRICT 97

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DAILY SUMMARY FOR MARCH 20, 2019

In a vote of 87-0, the House passed HB1674. This bill creates a statewide child abduction response team. It states that the following agencies shall collaborate in an effort to rescue abducted or endangered children:

- Arkansas Attorney General
- Department of Arkansas State Police
- Criminal Justice Institute
- Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Sheriffs' Association
- Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
- Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police
- Department of Community Correction
- Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator

The House passed HB1342. This bill increases the amount below which sales tax is exempt on the purchase of used vehicles from \$4,000 to \$7,500.

The House passed HB1792. This bill states that when an individual under sentence of death, whose

execution date has been set by the Governor, believes that he or she is not competent to be executed, the individual may inform the Director of the Department of Correction in writing and shall provide any supporting evidence he or she wishes to be considered. This bill directs the Director of the Department of Correction to consider any evidence offered by the individual or his or her attorney in making a determination.

The House passed HB1867. This bill amends the requirements for a driver's license or instruction permit by eliminating the requirement for school records for those under 18 years of age to take the written test.

The House passed SB381. This bill states that a school district authorizing the use of corporal punishment shall not use corporal punishment on a child who is intellectually disabled, non-ambulatory, non-verbal, or autistic.

The House will convene again on Monday at 1:30 pm.