

The Children's Check-Up

Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders

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More Child Covid Cases

Read More: <https://www.alreporter.com/2022/01/14/alabama-setting-record-numbers-of-child-covid-hospitalizations/>



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Read More: <https://www.uab.edu/news/campus/item/12559-support-the-ronald-mcdonald-house-during-collection-drive-by-uab-graduate-school>



Isolation Guidelines Change for K-12 Schools

<https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/2022/01/11/parents-administrators-concerned-after-cdc-and-adph-revise-guidelines/9103097002/>

The Alabama Legislature



Tuesday, January 11th was the first day of the 2022 Regular Alabama Legislative Session. The House and Senate convened at noon and quickly recessed until the joint session for the State of the State that evening.

On Tuesday, the House swore in their newest member, Patrice (Patty) McClammy. Representative McClammy was elected in a special session to replace her father, the late Representative McClammy.

There were 100 Senate bills and 149 House bills introduced this week.

The House and Senate adjourned early on Thursday and will return to the State House in the afternoon on Tuesday, January 18.

Special Session

The Governor expected to call a special session of the Alabama Legislature to address the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. Alabama lawmakers spent much of the first week in preparation to spend about \$772 million in federal COVID relief money. A spending proposal hasn't yet been made public, but lawmakers have indicated broadband and water and sewer infrastructure and health care are priority expenses for the federal money that comes with spending restrictions and reporting requirements. Lawmakers in a special session last year steered about \$400 million in ARPA funds toward new prisons and \$80 million to hospitals and nursing homes.

Bills to Watch

SB 5 by Senator Shelnett *HLTH Committee* **Pending Committee Action**
Prohibits medical procedures on minor children intended to alter appearance of gender with exceptions, provides for certain disclosures by school officials, establishes criminal penalties.

HB 49 by Representative Hollis *HLTH Committee* **Pending Committee Action**
Nicotine, motor vehicles, smoking of tobacco products prohibited in vehicle with child aged 14 and under present.

SB 79 by Senator Smitherman *Education Policy* **Pending Committee Action**
This bill would provide a uniform statewide system of procedural due process protections relating to the suspension and expulsion of public school students for violating the student code of conduct or state law.

Children First Luncheon

On Wednesday, January 12th, Children First hosted our annual Legislative Spouses Luncheon at the RSA Plaza. It was a successful luncheon with about 30 people in attendance. A huge thank you to AT&T for sponsoring our lunch and for updating us on broadband legislation. Children First looks forward to this luncheon every year. This is a great time of fellowship and a wonderful way to kick off the legislative session.

