



Legislative Update

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Legislative Session

- The 55th legislative session adjourned Sine Die on June 30, 2021. The session began on January 11, 2021 and lasted 171 days. This is the longest session since 1992 and is only surpassed in length by three other sessions.
- The General Effective Date is September 29, 2021
- Record-breaking 1,708 bills were introduced this year (compared to 1,607 last year)
- Budget bills included:
 - Funding for critical IT projects
 - Authorization to spend federal funds tied to approval of the AHCCCS Housing and Health Opportunities (H2O) waiver proposal.
 - Expansion of the Newborn Screening Program

Other Bills of Interest:

- \$3 billion in supplemental expenditure authority approved
- Expanding BH services at private offices or clinics
- Establishing a maternal mental health advisory committee
- Allowing immunization data to be shared with the HIE and other AHCCCS contractors
- Establishing a community health center graduate medical education (GME) program
- Regulating telehealth across the state
- Creating a licensed health aide program to allow relatives to provide care to their family members with complex health conditions.