



# Summary Report

Military & Veteran  
Related Bills of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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## **What is the Arkansas Veterans Coalition?**

The Arkansas Veterans Coalition (“*AVC*”) is a statewide **non-partisan**, 501(c)19 not-for-profit organization comprised of:

1. Arkansas’ nationally chartered/recognized Veteran Service Organizations (“*VSOs*”) such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV, MOAA, MOPH, VVA, Marine League, National Association of Black Veterans, and
2. Affiliate veteran and veteran-focused non-profit organizations, such as the AARP Veterans team, Hearts of Our Heroes, Beck Center for Veterans, and
3. Multiple Regional Veterans Coalitions (“*RVCs*”) throughout the state,

### **With a common goal (mission):**

***Represent and support Arkansas’ Active/Reserve Military, Arkansas National Guard Members, retired Veterans, Honorably Discharged Veterans, their families, and survivors – an estimated 500,000+ Arkansans.***

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## **Executive Summary**

The following is an itemized summary of the Military & Veteran Related Bills introduced during the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2025 Legislative Session) segregated as follows:

- 1. AVC initiated Bills**
- 2. Non-AVC Bills – Supported by AVC**
- 3. Non-AVC Bills - Opposed by AVC**
- 4. Non-AVC Bills – No Position by AVC**

**Note:** “Died In Committee” means the Bill was referred to a Committee for debate and with a recommendation. Because no action taken by the Committee before Session Adjournment therefore the Bill, in effect, “died”.

There were a total of 22 Military & Veteran Related Bills with:

***Passed/Enacted: 16***

***Died In Committee: 5***

***Did Not Pass: 1***

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### **AVC Initiated Bills**

***Passed/Enacted: 3***

***Died In Committee: 1***

- **AVC Issue 1 – HB1738 – Died In House Revenue & Taxation Committee**  
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING BENEFITS PROVIDED TO DISABLED VETERANS; TO PROVIDE A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF DISABLED VETERANS.
- **AVC Issue 2 – No Bill Introduced (Unable to secure a Sponsor)**
- **AVC Issue 3 – HB1658 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 550**  
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES; TO DEFINE "DEPLOYMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXCEPTION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES.
- **AVC Issue 4 – HB1986 – Passed & Enacted – Awaiting Act # Assignment**  
AN ACT CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS AND CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS
- **AVC Issue 5 – HB1077 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 506**  
ACT CONCERNING THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN



## **Non-AVC Bills**

### **Supported by AVC**

*Passed/Enacted: 6*  
*Died In Committee: 2*

- **HB 1056 - Passed & Enacted – ACT 34**  
CREATE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
- **HB 1129 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 407**  
AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "HOMESTEAD" FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND MINOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.
- **HB 1400 – Pass & Enacted - ACT 259**  
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX-DELINQUENT PARCEL; AND TO EXEMPT DISABLED VETERANS FROM CERTAIN PENALTIES WHEN REDEEMING A TAX-DELINQUENT PARCEL.
- **SB 45 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 51**  
AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE WOMEN VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND TO REPEAL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE PLATE.
- **HB 1526 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 575**  
AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY.
- **HB 1076 – Died in House Revenue & Taxation Committee**  
AN ACT TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX LAWS; TO CREATE THE CARING FOR CAREGIVERS ACT; TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CARING FOR CERTAIN FAMILY MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- **HB 1792 – Died in Joint Military & Veterans Committee**  
AN ACT REGARDING EMPLOYMENT; TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE UNPAID LEAVE ON VETERANS DAY TO VETERAN EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- **HB 1809 – Passed – Delivered to Governor/Awaiting Signature & ACT #**  
TO ALLOW FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY A TRUST OR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO QUALIFY AS A HOMESTEAD FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
- **HB 1835 – Passed – Delivered to Governor/Awaiting Signature & ACT #**  
CONCERNING SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS; AND TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING DRUG COURT, MENTAL HEALTH COURT, VETERANS COURT, AND DWI/BWI SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS.

## Non-AVC Bills

### Opposed by AVC

- **HB 1545**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.

#### *Why did the AVC oppose the Bill?*

- Representative Karilyn Brown (R, District 67) heard about the AVC's Issue 4 (provide for excused mental health absences for children of fallen service members in all the state's public schools) and contacted the AVC Government Affairs Committee Chairman. She stated that her late husband was an Air Force Officer, and she was a passionate supporter of veterans' issues. She wanted to sponsor a bill to address the AVC's Issue 4.
- Although the AVC and the AVC Member Organization, Hearts of Our Heroes (HOOH, a Gold Start Family-supporting non-profit), offered to provide support for drafting the bill, Rep. Brown engaged a Member of the Central Arkansas Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Col. D. K. Berry (USAF, Retired), to work with the Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) to draft a bill.
- Despite repeated attempts by AVC and HOOH to seek to engage in the drafting process to provide critical/essential information, Rep. Brown did not respond to those offers.
- On a late Friday afternoon, the AVC/HOOH was provided a copy of a draft bill for AVC/HOOH review and comment before the anticipated filing of a bill the following Monday.
- AVC/HOOH noted although they had some language related to AVC's Issue 4, the Bill was much (1) much broader and focused on several other education-related issues not related to AVC's Issue 4, (2) although there was verbiage that was intended to incorporate AVC's Issue 4 into the Bill, the verbiage did not adequately or address the issue.
- AVC/HOOH submitted comments and suggested verbiage changes to Bill so that it would address AVC's Issue 4.
- The recommended amendments provided by AVC/HOOH were rejected by Rep. Brown who stated her intent to file the Bill as written.
- Another attempt to explain why the bill did not only adequately address AVC's Issue 4, but there were other material points in the bill the AVC/HOOH noted could be problematic and provided an explanation along with suggested verbiage/amendment that might enhance the bill and avoid what the AVC/HOOH saw as potential unintended consequences should the bill pass as written. And, once again, the AVC/HOOH stated her bill was sufficiently flawed, and if the bill was filed as written, the AVC/HOOH could not support the bill and would be put in a position it did not want to take, oppose the Bill and "speak against the bill in committee".
- Rep. Brown, again, rejected any input by AVC/HOOH or to consider amending her bill before filing it.
- The bill was filed and referred to the House Education Committee where Rep. Brown and MOAA representative (DK Berry) introduced and spoke for the bill and the AVC (Mark Diggs) and HOOH (Sharri Briley) spoke against the bill ([\(See video of the bill's Committee testimony Here\)](#)).
- Approximately two hours after the Committee Meeting, Rep. Brown informed the AVC she had removed the AVC Issue 4 verbiage from her bill and recommended the AVC seek a sponsor for a bill that would address its specific issues- which we did with HB1986 which was enacted.

## **Non-AVC Bills**

### **No Position by AVC**

***Passed/Enacted: 6***

***Did Not Pass: 1***

***Died In Committee: 2***

- **HB 1423 Did not Pass**

TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THE PREPARATION, PRESENTATION, OR PROSECUTION OF A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTER EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW.

- **HB 1485 – Died in House Revenue & Taxation Committee**

TO CREATE A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR SALES TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT VETERANS' FACILITIES.

- **HB 1638 -Passed & Enacted - ACT508**

TO MODERNIZE REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND TO AMEND ARMED FORCES AND UNIFORMED SERVICES LISTINGS TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE.

- **HB 1899 – Died in Joint Military & Veterans Affairs Committee**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE SERVICE AND THE REPORTING OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS VETERANS' CHILD WELFARE SERVICE.

- **SB 497 – Passed - Delivered to Governor/Awaiting Signature & ACT #**

TO REQUIRE THE CREATION OF A POSTER REGARDING VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES; AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EMPLOYERS TO DISPLAY THE POSTER.

- **SB 515 - Passed - Delivered to Governor/Awaiting Signature & ACT #**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HISTORY UNIT REQUIREMENT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; TO REQUIRE THAT A UNIT DEDICATED TO ARKANSAS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BE INCLUDED WITHIN EXISTING ARKANSAS HISTORY COURSE CONTENT GUIDELINES.

- **SB 74 – Passed & Enacted - ACT 192**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS 16 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 17 FISCAL YEAR.

- **HB 1498 – Passed & Enacted – ACT 507**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MILITARY-TYPE CANTEENS AND EXCHANGES.

- **HB 1515 - Passed & Enacted – ACT 574**

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD INTO SERVICE; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD FOR MATTERS RELATED TO MILITARY JUSTICE AND TO ADDRESS STAFFING SHORTAGES.

## *The AVLS*

### *How the AVC develops its legislative issues.*

The **AVC Veterans Legislative Session (“AVLS”)** is a biennial *non-partisan* training retreat where a statewide delegation of selected individuals (“Delegates”) are trained in the state’s legislative process and develop recommended legislative issues for the AVC to pursue in the subsequent Arkansas General Assembly.

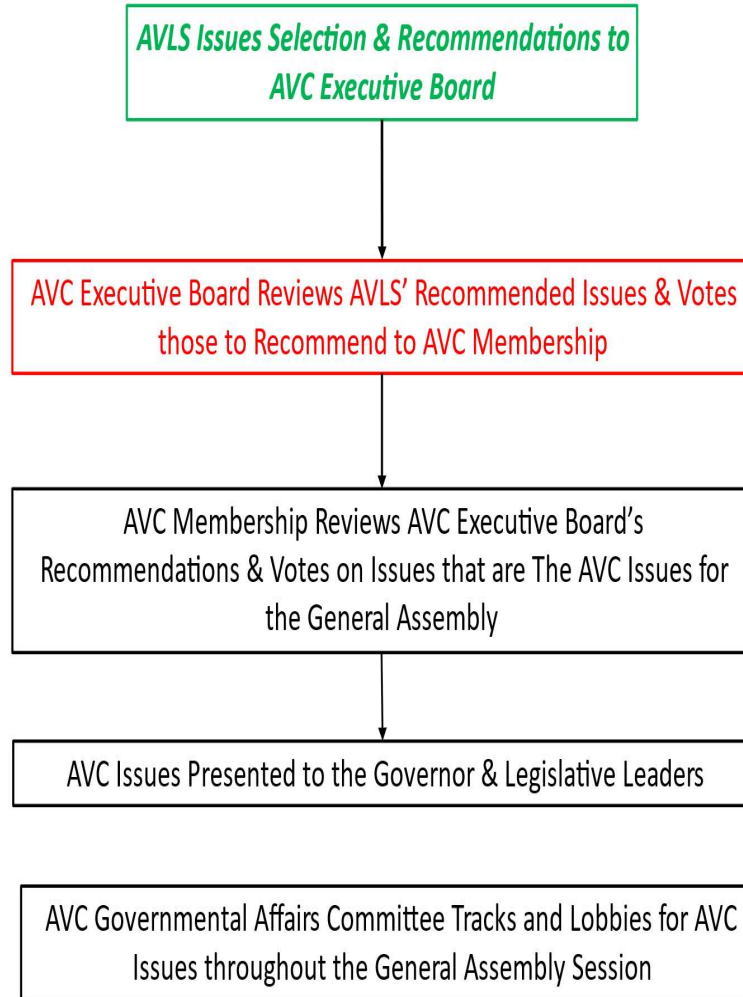
AVC's inaugural AVLS training retreat was held on July 25-27 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute. Each of twenty (20) selected Delegates submitted, discussed, and debated their particular issue in a structured forum and, as a body, voted to submit five (5) of these issues to the AVC Executive Board for their review and consideration of presentation to the statewide AVC Membership for their review and vote at the AVC’s meeting scheduled for September 20, 2024

Subsequently, the AVC Executive Board met on August 14, 2024, to review, discuss, and vote on each of the five (5) issues submitted by the AVLS Delegation. Each of the five (5) issues were unanimously approved and submitted with a *“Do Pass”* recommendation to the statewide AVC Membership for their consideration.

On September 20, 2024, the statewide AVC Membership reviewed, debated, and unanimously voted to approve each of the following issues and authorized the AVC Governmental Affairs Committee to present these issues and seek the support for introduction of and passage of legislation to address each of the following issues:

- *AVC Issue 1: 100% Disabled Veteran Sales Tax Exemption*
- *AVC Issue 2: Homestead and Personal Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Receiving Non-Service-Connected Pension Benefits*
- *AVC Issue 3: Help address the added financial costs to the families of Arkansan Reservists and National Guard Members who are activated and deployed outside the state.*
- *AVC Issue 4: Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs Should be Marked as Excused Absences*
- *AVC Issue 5: Veterans receiving VA Disability Compensation and other benefits, such as pensions, fail to notify the VA when they are being incarcerated or released.*

# ***AVLS Process Flow Diagram***



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## AVC Issue 2 - HB1658

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### Legislative Sponsors

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- ✓ **House:** Rep. Jason Nazarenko (R, District 4)
  - ✓ **Senate:** Sen. Dave Wallace (R, District 19)
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### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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#### House Revenue & Taxation Committee

[03/20/2025 Committee Hearing Video \(Here\)](#)

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### House Vote - Monday, March 31, 2025 2:26:48 PM

[« Back to HB1658](#)

**HB1658 - TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES; AND TO DEFINE "DEPLOYMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXCEPTION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES.**

**Yeas: 97**

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<a href="#">L. Johnson</a>	<a href="#">Ladyman</a>	<a href="#">Long</a>	<a href="#">Lundstrum</a>	<a href="#">Lynch</a>	<a href="#">Maddox</a>	<a href="#">J. Mayberry</a>	<a href="#">McAlindon</a>	<a href="#">McClure</a>
<a href="#">McCollum</a>	<a href="#">McCullough</a>	<a href="#">M. McElroy</a>	<a href="#">McGrew</a>	<a href="#">McGruder</a>	<a href="#">B. McKenzie</a>	<a href="#">McNair</a>	<a href="#">S. Meeks</a>	<a href="#">Milligan</a>
<a href="#">J. Moore</a>	<a href="#">K. Moore</a>	<a href="#">Nazarenko</a>	<a href="#">Painter</a>	<a href="#">Pearce</a>	<a href="#">Perry</a>	<a href="#">Pilkington</a>	<a href="#">Puryear</a>	<a href="#">Ray</a>
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**Nays: 0**

**Non Voting: 3**

<a href="#">F. Allen</a>	<a href="#">Magie</a>	<a href="#">Mr. Speaker</a>
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**Present: 0**

**Excused: 0**

## AVC Issue 2 - HB1658

### Senate Vote - Monday, April 7, 2025 5:51:19 PM

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**HB1658 - TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES; AND TO DEFINE "DEPLOYMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXCEPTION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES.**

**Yeas: 34**

<a href="#">J. Boyd</a>	<a href="#">J. Bryant</a>	<a href="#">Caldwell</a>	<a href="#">A. Clark</a>	<a href="#">Crowell</a>	<a href="#">B. Davis</a>	<a href="#">Dees</a>	<a href="#">J. Dismang</a>	<a href="#">J. Dotson</a>
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**Nays: 0**

**Non Voting: 1**

[B. King](#)

**Present: 0**

**Excused: 0**

**Enacted – HB1658 is now Act 550 as of 04/10/2025**



## AVC Issue 4 - HB1986

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### Legislative Sponsors

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- ✓ **House :** Lead Sponsor – Rep. Jason Nazarenko (R, District 4)
- ✓ **Senate:** Sen. Dave Wallace (R, District 19)

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### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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#### House Education Committee

[04/08/2025 Committee Hearing Video Here](#)

#### Senate Education Committee

[04/14/2025 Committee Hearing Video Here](#)

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### House Vote - Wednesday, April 9, 2025 3:23:18 PM

[« Back to HB1986](#)

**HB1986 - CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS AND CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS.**

#### Yeas: 95

<a href="#">Achor</a>	<a href="#">F. Allen</a>	<a href="#">Andrews</a>	<a href="#">Barker</a>	<a href="#">Barnes</a>	<a href="#">Barnett</a>	<a href="#">Beaty Jr.</a>	<a href="#">Beck</a>	<a href="#">Bentley</a>
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#### Nays: 1

[J. Mayberry](#)

#### Non Voting: 3

[McCullough](#)

[McGruder](#)

[Milligan](#)

#### Present: 1

[D. Garner](#)

#### Excused: 0



## AVC Issue 4 - HB1986

### Senate Vote - Wednesday, April 16, 2025 11:39:50 AM

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**HB1986 - CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS AND CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS.**

**Yeas: 35**

<a href="#">J. Boyd</a>	<a href="#">J. Bryant</a>	<a href="#">Caldwell</a>	<a href="#">A. Clark</a>	<a href="#">Crowell</a>	<a href="#">B. Davis</a>	<a href="#">Dees</a>	<a href="#">J. Dismang</a>	<a href="#">J. Dotson</a>
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**Nays: 0**

**Non Voting: 0**

**Present: 0**

**Excused: 0**

**Enacted – HB1986 Passed & Enacted – Awaiting Act #**

## AVC Issue 1 - HB1077

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### Legislative Sponsors

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#### ✓ House

- Lead Sponsor – Rep. Ashley Hudson (D, District 75)
- Co-Sponsors:
  - Rep. Stetson Painter (R, District 3)
  - Rep. Denise Jones Ennett (D, District 80)
  - Rep. Marcus E. Richmond (R, District 52)
  - Rep. Dwight Tosh (R, District 38)

#### ✓ Senate: Sen. Clarke Tucker

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### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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**Joint Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs (04/01/2025)**

[04/01/2025 Committee Hearing Video \(Here\)](#)

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# AVC Issue 1 - HB1077

## House Vote - Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:26:41 PM

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**HB1077 - CONCERNING THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN.**

**Yeas: 96**

<a href="#">Achor</a>	<a href="#">F. Allen</a>	<a href="#">Andrews</a>	<a href="#">Barker</a>	<a href="#">Barnes</a>	<a href="#">Barnett</a>	<a href="#">Beaty Jr.</a>	<a href="#">Beck</a>	<a href="#">Bentley</a>
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<a href="#">L. Johnson</a>	<a href="#">Ladyman</a>	<a href="#">Lundstrum</a>	<a href="#">Lynch</a>	<a href="#">Maddox</a>	<a href="#">Magie</a>	<a href="#">J. Mayberry</a>	<a href="#">McAlindon</a>	<a href="#">McClure</a>
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**Nays: 0**

**Non Voting: 4**

<a href="#">S. Berry</a>	<a href="#">Long</a>	<a href="#">Milligan</a>	<a href="#">D. Whitaker</a>
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**Present: 0**

**Excused: 0**

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**HB1077 - CONCERNING THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE INCARCERATION OF A VETERAN.**

**Yeas: 35**

<a href="#">J. Boyd</a>	<a href="#">J. Bryant</a>	<a href="#">Caldwell</a>	<a href="#">A. Clark</a>	<a href="#">Crowell</a>	<a href="#">B. Davis</a>	<a href="#">Dees</a>	<a href="#">J. Dismang</a>	<a href="#">J. Dotson</a>
<a href="#">J. English</a>	<a href="#">Flippo</a>	<a href="#">S. Flowers</a>	<a href="#">Gilmore</a>	<a href="#">K. Hammer</a>	<a href="#">Hester</a>	<a href="#">Hickey</a>	<a href="#">Hill</a>	<a href="#">Irvin</a>
<a href="#">B. Johnson</a>	<a href="#">M. Johnson</a>	<a href="#">B. King</a>	<a href="#">G. Leding</a>	<a href="#">F. Love</a>	<a href="#">M. McKee</a>	<a href="#">R. Murdock</a>	<a href="#">J. Payton</a>	<a href="#">C. Penzo</a>
<a href="#">J. Petty</a>	<a href="#">Rice</a>	<a href="#">J. Scott</a>	<a href="#">Stone</a>	<a href="#">G. Stubblefield</a>	<a href="#">D. Sullivan</a>	<a href="#">C. Tucker</a>	<a href="#">D. Wallace</a>	

**Nays: 0**

**Non Voting: 0**

**Present: 0**

**Excused: 0**

**Enacted – HB077 is now Act 506 as of 04/10/2025**