



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for December 21, 2018

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is nonpartisan in nature. **Between sessions**, we strive to offer monthly issues with a focus on information and resources at the national, state and local level. *Be sure* to open the **links** throughout this issue to see the latest news.

The **54th Legislature, First Regular Session** opens on **January 14, 2019**.

Governor Doug Ducey's inauguration is January 7, 2019. Other state officials taking their oath of office and beginning four-year terms include **Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, Attorney General Mark Brnovich, State Treasurer Kimberly Yee, Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman and State Mine Inspector Joe Hart.**

Fiscal News - From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee - JLBC - Monthly Fiscal Highlights December 2018** [HERE](#)

"Year-to-date...FY 2019 General Fund revenues are 9.0% above the prior year and are \$174.9 million above forecast."

FEDERAL OVERVIEW - Federal government shutdown?

***H.R.695 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018** - House passed Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 - temporary funding measure; information [HERE](#); Senate proceeding happening now.

House Committee on Appropriations press release [HERE](#)

Justice in Aging reports the House version does not include the short-term extensions of both Medicaid home and community based services spousal impoverishment protections and the Money Follows the Person Program as the Senate version passed earlier this week included.

Arizona - the Governor has announced that regardless of whether the federal government shuts down, the Grand Canyon will remain open and all partner-run tours and other businesses, such as

lodging, food, beverages and retail will remain operational. News release [HERE](#)

Updates

***Passed! S.2076 BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act** - Introduced on 11/67/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

Bill amends the Public Health Service Act to award cooperative agreements: (1) for establishment or support of national or regional centers of excellence in public health practice in Alzheimer's disease; (2) to state public health departments, Native American tribes, and other entities to promote cognitive functioning, address cognitive impairment and unique aspects of Alzheimer's disease, and help meet the needs of caregivers; (3) for analysis and public reporting of data on the state and national levels regarding cognitive decline, caregiving and health disparities, and monitoring of objectives on dementia and caregiving in the Dept. of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2020 report.

Latest action: 12/19/2018 Passed House; ready for President

***H.R.2 Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018** - Introduced on 4/12/2018 by Representative K. Michael Conaway (TX-11)

Farm bill reauthorizes through FY2023 and modifies Dept. of Agriculture programs that address commodity support, conservation, trade and international food aid, nutrition assistance, farm credit, rural development, research and extension activities, forestry, energy, horticulture and crop insurance.

Latest Acton: 12/20/2018 Signed by the President

***H.R.2422 Action for Dental Health Act of 2018** - Introduced on 5/15/2017 by Representative Robin L. Kelly (IL-2)

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize oral health promotion and disease prevention programs through FY2022. Text [HERE](#)

Latest action: 12/11/2018 Became Public Law No: 115-302.

***H.R.5075 Ashanti Alert Act of 2018** - Introduced on 2/20/2018 by Representative Scott Taylor (VA-2)

The bill directs the Department of Justice to establish a national communications network – the Ashanti Alert communications network – to support regional and local search efforts for missing adults.

Latest action: 12/20/2018 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Related bill: [S.3714](#) Ashanti Alert Act of 2018

***H.R.6753 Strengthening the Health Care Fraud Prevention Task Force Act of 2018** -

Introduced on 9/7/2018 by Representative Greg Walden (OR-2)

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a public-private partnership for purposes of identifying health care waste, fraud and abuse

11/29/2018 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Recent Legislation

***S.3679 READI for Disaster Act** - Introduced on 11/29/2018 by Senator Robert P. Casey (PA)
A bill to ensure that older adults and individuals with disabilities are prepared for disasters, and for other purposes.

11/29/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

***S.3660 Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018** - Introduced on 11/27/2018 by Senator Mazie K. Hirono (HI)

A bill to improve the health of minority individuals and for other purposes. 11/27/2018 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

***H.Res.1183 – Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (H.R.695) to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disability and for other purposes.**

Introduced on 12/20/2018 by Representative Tom Cole (OK-4)
12/20/2018 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

***H.R.7328 Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018**

- Introduced on 12/19/2018 by Representative Susan W. Brooks (IN-5)
To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, and clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, and for other purposes.
12/20/2018 Received in the Senate

HEARINGS

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging – recent hearings

*11/28/2018 **“Ensuring Trust: Strengthening State Efforts to Overhaul the Guardianship Process and Protect Older Americans”** [HERE](#) and report [HERE](#)

*11/30/2018 **“Back to Work: Empowering Alabama’s Aging Workforce”** [HERE](#)

Active federal legislation: [HERE](#)

Share your opinions with members of Congress! If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <https://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <https://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

USA.gov information: <https://www.usa.gov/agencies>

Finding resources - **BENEFITS.Gov** – <https://www.benefits.gov/>

News & Information

In follow up to [Home for the Holidays](#) campaign information reported last time - **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging/n4a, Administration for Community Living/ACL, Eldercare Locator** - *Caring Across the Miles Resources for Long-Distance Caregivers* brochure [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging is collaborating with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) on a review of Alzheimer's and related dementias care/caregiving interventions, and the development of recommendations for the field. More information on the study [HERE](#).

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease 2018 Update [HERE](#)

National Alzheimer's Project Act information [HERE](#) (be sure to scroll down the page) National Plan side-by-side list of Actions [HERE](#)

National Institute on Aging

*Holiday Hints for Alzheimer's Caregivers [HERE](#)

*Together We Make the Difference! Participate in Alzheimer's and Related *Dementias Clinical Research [HERE](#)

*Helping Friends and Family Understand Alzheimer's disease [HERE](#)

*Research and Funding Frequently Asked Questions [HERE](#)

*Just in time for our New Year's health resolutions - **Go4Life** [HERE](#) - an exercise and physical activity campaign

U.S. Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative's mission is to support and coordinate the Department's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors. Focus areas include:

*Building Federal, State & Local Capacity to Fight Elder Abuse

*Promoting Justice for Older Americans

*Supporting Research to Improve Elder Abuse Policy and Practice

*Helping Older Victims & Their Families

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Elder Justice Initiatives are posted [HERE](#); Older Adults, Families and Caregivers information [HERE](#).

Justice in Aging – Older Women & Poverty report [HERE](#)

National Council on Aging/NCOA - What’s ahead for Congress – How the Midterm Elections Will Affect Aging Policy [HERE](#) (Howard Bedlin, 11.27.2018)

NOCA Network of Benefits Enrollment Centers Expands to 43 States [HERE](#)

National Aging and Disability Transportation Center – Every Ride Counts [HERE](#)

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** is soliciting written comments regarding the **Healthy People 2030** objectives. The comment period is open from December 3, 2018 through January 17, 2019. More information [HERE](#)

PHI News – *Establish state-sponsored curricula. Six states offer best practices* [HERE](#) (Stephen Campbell, 11.27.2018)

NASUAD Friday, 12.21.2018 – *Chronic Diseases in America* - The CDC has released a new infographic on chronic diseases in America. This infographic provides statistics on the number of Americans who are living with chronic disease, the most common chronic diseases, and how these affect national annual healthcare costs. You can view and download the infographic [here](#).

Encore.org Twenty Years of Innovation – Co-leader’s videotaped keynote speech regarding Gen2Gen campaign [HERE](#)

Oral Health America – Tooth Wisdom: Get Smart About Your Mouth (Get Smart) is an oral health education workshop for community dwelling older adults to be delivered in settings where older adults naturally congregate such as senior centers, libraries and places of worship. OHA and Colgate have partnered to bring Get Smart to an online platform utilizing Colgate’s Oral Health Network for Professional Education and Development. More information regarding the course and being a certified presenter: [HERE](#).

A State of Decay – State Spotlight: “Catch Us if You Can”: Georgia Dental Hygienists Expand Access to Older Adults [HERE](#)

Agin2.0 Grand Challenges – link to 2018-2019 complimentary report [HERE](#)

Health Current Summit and Trade Show of Integrated HIE: The Progress of Patient-Centered Care

report out [HERE](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

The Arizona Attorney General’s Office has a Scam Alert Series. Learn more and sign up to receive at: <https://www.azag.gov/seniors/scam-alert>

From the **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** – ‘I Want to Live in an Apartment with My Own Stuff’ How Supported Decision-Making Can Work for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities [HERE](#)

Memory Café, Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 10 – 11:30 am, Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, AZ - RSVP to Kathy Rood at 602-452-4627; kathy.rood@jfcsaz.org

Social Security Retirement Planning workshops free and open to the public

Phoenix Mesquite Library, Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway N., Phoenix AZ 85032. The library can be reached at 602-262-4636. [Register here.](#)

Phoenix Agave Library, Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at 23550 N. 36th Avenue, Glendale AZ 85310. The library can be reached at 602-262-4636. [Register here.](#)

Save the Date – April 8-10, 2019 - Arizona’s 32nd Annual Statewide Transit Conference, AzTA ADOT – at the Sheraton Mesa at Wrigleyville West

Get ready for the next session

Arizona State Legislature website: www.azleg.gov

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

Voice your opinion at any time! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators ***at any time***, you may voice your thoughts by contacting the:

· **Governor’s Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331** in **Phoenix**; **520-628-6580** in **Tucson**; **in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)** or email: engage@az.gov

· **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

In case you missed it last time:

National Institute on Aging – Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Dementias Health Information [HERE](#)

What are Palliative Care and Hospice Care [HERE](#)

Chamber Business News 11/16/2018 – Arizona leads the way in Alzheimer’s research, new research programs announced during **Alzheimer’s Awareness Month** [HERE](#)

NCOA – *Falls Prevention Conversation Guide For Caregivers* [HERE](#) - new disaster preparation and recovery tools via BenefitsCheckUp® found [HERE](#) and *2019 Medicare Premiums, Deductibles and Cost Sharing Amounts* form [HERE](#).

n4a/National Association of Area Agencies on Aging - 2018 Home for the Holidays Campaign [HERE](#)

Kaiser Health News

At Death's Door, Shedding Light On How To Live [HERE](#) - (Graham, 11/8/2018)

NASUAD/National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities - HCBS Clearinghouse – *Understanding and Working with Adult Protective Services* [HERE](#)

Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies *Housing America’s Older Adults 2018* [HERE](#)

Governing- The States and Localities - Data/Health - Suicide Death Rates for U.S. Counties

[HERE](#)(See map)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor’s Office** - See the latest news at: **Newsroom:**
<http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

ADOT: Latest news releases, blogs and more [HERE](#)

AHCCS News & Updates: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General’s Latest News [HERE](#) and Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Latest News [HERE](#)

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A-HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A - Map of Regions [HERE](#)

TRACKING LIST: The Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation each session that has the potential to impact older Arizonans; the bills from the last legislative session can be found in the **FULL List** linked [HERE](#).

We’ll be creating a new list with the next session. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something likely to be of interest or have an impact on older Arizonans. Information about bills is a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

If you would like on-going education and public service event information, send a request to be added to the **Aging in Community Committee** of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging.

Between legislative sessions, it is our intent to offer the **Legislative Update** *monthly*. Your patience with our format issues is appreciated!

We're wishing you a wonderful holiday and a new year filled with health and happiness.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.