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Priorities

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# Good Budget Ideas



## ADHS Licensing Program Investments

Hobbs made several proposals to improve ADHS' healthcare licensing system after a series of articles in the *Arizona Republic* and scathing Auditor General Reviews.

[Arizona Republic Article Prompts Hobbs to Direct DHS & APS to Investigate Regulation of Assisted Living Facilities](#)

- Governor Hobbs proposes an increase of **\$24.8 million in ADHS' licensing programs** including **\$1.9 million ongoing and \$157,500 one-time to add 16 employees to follow up on complaints, general inspections, and enforcement.**
- Proposing **\$500K ongoing and \$900K one-time** to fund improvements to AZCARECHECK to improve transparency.
- There's also **\$500K** earmarked for an independent assessment of AZ's network of services for persons with a serious mental illness, and **\$485K** for ADES Ombudsmen and **\$271K** ongoing for an ombudsman for the AZ State Hospital.
- The budget also includes a **\$10M** item for AHCCCS to get more people to join behavioral health quality improvement initiatives.



# Public Health Licensing

- [HB2111](#) licensed facilities; transfer; sale; prohibition
- Prohibits the ADHS from acting on an application for licensure of a currently licensed health care institution while any enforcement or court action related to their license is pending.



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- [HB2249](#) residential care institutions; inspections
- Adds a residential care institution to the list of entities from which the ADHS cannot accept an accreditation report instead of a compliance inspection.



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[HB2764](#) – long-term care; enforcement; memory care

Raises the cap on ADHS imposed civil money penalties to \$1000 per patient per day.



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# Behavioral Health

- **[SB1688](#) & [SB1103](#) : Arizona State Hospital; governing board; governance**
- Establishes the State Hospital Governing Board and transfers oversight, authorities and responsibilities relating to the Arizona State Hospital from the Department of Health Services to the Board.



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# Behavioral Health

- **SB1101 & SB1617 Appropriations; secure behavioral health facilities**
- Appropriates \$35,000,000 from the state General Fund and \$18,768,700 from Medicaid Expenditure Authority in FY 2025 to AHCCCS for the support and construction of secure behavioral health residential and secure behavioral health provider rate increases.



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- **SB1102 Civil Reintegration Unit; Arizona State Hospital**
- Establishes and funds a Civil Reintegration Unit for a transitional unit for civil patients who are approaching discharge



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- **SB1309 Mental health evaluations; information & SB1311 Mental health; data; evaluation**

- **SB1309 support** - Good bill that expands information that's needed for court ordered behavioral health evaluations to include more information about the proposed patient. It also specifies which individuals may provide informed consent on behalf of a proposed patient for a voluntary evaluation
- **SB1311 support** - Makes it clear that AHCCCS is responsible for monitoring, overseeing and evaluating other state agencies that provide mental health services. It also makes good changes to the procedures for mental health prepetition screenings and court-ordered evaluations.



# Public Health Bill Compilation

<a href="#">HB2005</a>	Arizona power authority; DWR cooperation counties; maximum acreage; energy production	No
<a href="#">HB2130</a>	residential utility consumer office; businesses	No
<a href="#">HB2131</a>	solar panel disposal fund	No
<a href="#">HB2133</a>		
<a href="#">HB2041</a>	school safety program; mental health	Yes
<a href="#">HB2042</a>	food preparation; sale; cottage food	N/A
<a href="#">HB2079</a>	food handler certificate; volunteers; limits	Yes
<a href="#">HB2081</a>	cremation	Yes
<a href="#">HB2111</a>	licensed facilities; transfer; sale; prohibition	Yes
<a href="#">HB2112</a>	insurance coverage; hearing aids; children counties; maximum acreage; energy production	Yes
<a href="#">HB2130</a>		No

<a href="#">HB2137</a>	infants; toddlers; developmental delays	Yes
<a href="#">HB2139</a>	medical records; minors; confidentiality; consent	No
<a href="#">HB2183</a>	parental rights; medical records	No
<a href="#">HB2192</a>	energy projects; grazing operations; compensation	No
<a href="#">HB2221</a>	firearm purchases; waiting period; offense sentencing; concealed weapons permits; surrender	Yes
<a href="#">HB2223</a>		Yes
<a href="#">HB2224</a>	TPT; exemption; firearm storage devices	Yes
<a href="#">HB2226</a>	nursing care institutions; advisory council	Yes
<a href="#">HB2228</a>	AHCCCS; complex rehabilitation technology	Yes
<a href="#">HB2230</a>	AHCCCS; outpatient services	Yes

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<a href="#">HB2231</a>	nursing care institutions; medical directors	Yes
<a href="#">HB2233</a>	firearms; ammunition; storage; civil penalty	Yes
<a href="#">HB2238</a>	severe threat order of protection	Yes
<a href="#">HB2239</a>	firearm sales; permit verification; requirements	Yes
<a href="#">HB2240</a>	firearms dealers; firearms transfers; requirements	Yes
<a href="#">HB2249</a>	residential care institutions; inspections	Yes
<a href="#">HB2281</a>	solar royalties fund; county residents	No
<a href="#">HB2315</a>	assisted living facilities; ownership; employees	Yes
<a href="#">HB2468</a>	community fridge; liability; prohibition	Yes

<a href="#">HB2471</a>	rulemaking; legislative approval	No
<a href="#">HB2502</a>	SNAP; mandatory employment; training	No
<a href="#">HB2503</a>	SNAP; waivers; exemptions	No
<a href="#">HB2513</a>	AHCCCS; preventative dental care	Yes
<a href="#">HB2520</a>	community health centers; graduate education	Yes
<a href="#">HB2512</a>	AHCCCS: infant male circumcision	Yes
<a href="#">HB2560</a>	sober living; behavioral health; licensure	Yes
<a href="#">HB2653</a>	long-term care; reporting; monitoring; injury	Yes
<a href="#">HB2683</a>	working conditions; heat illness; prevention	Yes

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<a href="#">SB1002</a>	drug paraphernalia; testing; analyzing; repeal	Yes
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<a href="#">SB1003</a>	prohibition; photo radar	No
<a href="#">SB1010</a>	vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions	No
<a href="#">SB1013</a>	government investments; products; fiduciaries; plans	No
<a href="#">SB1014</a>	business; discrimination prohibition; social criteria	No
<a href="#">SB1019</a>	appropriation; health innovation trust fund	Yes
<a href="#">SB1024</a>	spina bifida, developmental disabilities	Yes
<a href="#">SB1028</a>	medical assistance; drugs; prohibited arrest	Yes
<a href="#">SB1037</a>	AHCCCS, comprehensive dental	Yes
<a href="#">SB1045</a>	public restrooms; feminine hygiene products	Yes

<a href="#">SB1048</a>	child fatality review teams; duties	Yes
<a href="#">SB1067</a>	DCS; group homes; investigations	Yes
<a href="#">SB1066</a>	solar royalties fund; county residents.	No
<a href="#">SB1068</a>	secure behavioral health facilities; appropriations	Yes
<a href="#">SB1076</a>	marijuana funds; uses; enforcement.	Neutral
<a href="#">SB1100</a>	Arizona state hospital; private entity	Neutral
<a href="#">SB1101</a>	secure behavioral health facilities; appropriations	Yes
<a href="#">SB1102</a>	civil reintegration unit; state hospital	Yes
<a href="#">SB1103</a>	state hospital; governing board; governance	Yes
<a href="#">SB1130</a>	retail licensing; electronic smoking devices	Yes

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<a href="#">SB1250</a>	AHCCCS; claims	Yes
<a href="#">SB1309</a>	mental health evaluations; information; consent.	Yes
<a href="#">SB1311</a>	mental health; oversight; data; documentation.	Yes
<a href="#">SB1186</a>	regulation; hemp-derived products	No
<a href="#">SB1212</a>	vapor products; sales; directory	No
<a href="#">SB1617</a>	secure behavioral health residential facilities	Yes
<a href="#">SB1678</a>	secure state mental health facilities	Yes
<a href="#">SB1682</a>	state hospital; bed availability	Yes
<a href="#">SB1688</a>	state hospital; governing board; governance	Yes