



Legislative Update for May 16-May 19, 2017

Senate Bill 302 (Corrections Construction and Renovation Public Safety Act)
Committee: Judiciary

Sponsor: *Senator Ward*

This bill is a scaled down version of SB 59. It allows for \$350 million in bonds to renovate existing prison facilities and to construct 1 new prison upon the lease of two prison facilities from local authorities. It still uses the funding for Confederate Memorial Park as a second priority security for the bond issue.

****Update:** This bill did not pass this legislative session.

Senate Bill 60 (Moving or renaming Monuments)
Committee: Governmental Affairs

Sponsor: *Senator Allen*

The bill was substituted at the start of the Committee meeting. No monument located on public property that has been situated there for over 50 years can be relocated, moved, altered, or renamed or otherwise disturbed. Monuments on public property that have been there less than 50 years must go before a review committee before it can potentially be relocated, moved, altered, or renamed. This bill had a third reading in the Senate and a substitute was introduced with an amendment that changes the threshold from 50 years to 20 years for monuments and “architecturally significant buildings”. It also adds the AHC to the State Committee. This bill was voted favorably out of the Senate.

****Update:** This bill was forwarded to the Governor for signature on 5/19. Governor Ivey returned the bill unsigned and requested an executive amendment to the bill to address schools. The Senate and the House accepted the amendment.

Senate Bill 129 (Education Budgets)
Committees: Finance and Taxation Education

Sponsor: *Senator Orr*

The AHC is included in the Education Trust Fund Budget with an appropriation of \$900,000. The majority of these funds are for grants to other entities.

****Update:** Bill has been forwarded on May 18 to the Governor for her signature.

House Bill 155 (General Fund Budget)
Committee: Ways & Means General Fund

Sponsor: *Representative Clouse*

The AHC has been appropriated level funding in this budget.

****Update:** Delivered to the Governor on May 16 for signature.

House Bill 345 (Historic State Tax Credit Bill)

Sponsor: *Representative Gaston*

Committee(s): Ways & Means Education

This bill establishes a new income tax credit for rehabilitation, preservation, or development of certified historic structures, beginning in 2018 and runs through 2022. This bill allows for a maximum of twenty million dollars per year of tax credits.

****Update:** Both Houses have agreed on May 19 and the bill is sent to the Governor for signature.

Senate Bill 308 (Supplemental ETF Appropriations)

Sponsor: *Senator Orr*

Committee: Finance and Taxation Education

This bill adds language to the AHC's FY 17 appropriation that allows the Commission to appropriate \$300,000 to the Alabama Bicentennial Commission Foundation.

****Update:** Bill passed 3rd reading on May 19 and is being sent to the Governor for her signature

General Information

This is our last Legislative update for this session. The Legislature adjourned *Sine Die*.

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