

Legislative Update for February 11-14, 2020

House Bill 23 (Authorizes the Examiners to charge fees to provide Sunset reports to the Sunset Committee)

Sponsor: Representative *Pringle*

Committee: State Government

This bill would authorize the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to charge an agency under Sunset review (the AHC is under Sunset Review) a reasonable fee for Sunset reports furnished to the Sunset Committee and would authorize the Sunset Committee to adjust or waive the fee.

No Update from last week

House Bill 152 (General Fund)

Sponsors: Representatives *Clouse & McCutcheon*

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

The AHC's General Fund appropriation is \$3,844,993, included in this amount is \$1,000,000 for continued work on the Clotilda, with line item appropriations of \$600,000 for the Alabama Veterans Museum and \$55,000 for each of the following historical sites: Brierfield, Blakeley, Fendall Hall, St. Stephens, Tannehill, Historic Holman House and Fort Morgan. Helen Keller & Rosa Parks monuments are line-itemed to receive \$100,000. In addition to the above appropriations the AHC also was appropriated \$1,000,000 for one-time capital expenditures for our historic sites.

The Senate Companion Bill for the General Fund is SB 157. This bill is the same as HB 152

No Update from last week

House Bill 187 (Education Trust Fund Budget)

Sponsor: Representative *Poole*

Committees: House Ways and Means Education

The AHC is included in the Education Trust Fund Budget with an appropriation of \$2,042,038. \$900,000 is for grants to other entities.

No Update from last week

Senate Bill 127 (Memorial Preservation Act)

Sponsor: Senator *Allen*

Committee: Governmental Affairs

The Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017 prohibits architecturally significant buildings, memorial buildings, memorial streets, or monuments that are located on public property, and have been so situated for 40 or more years, from being relocated, removed, altered, renamed, or otherwise disturbed and provides for penalties.

This bill includes architecturally significant buildings, memorial buildings, memorial streets, or monuments, that have been so situated for 40 or more years, under the jurisdiction of the Committee on

Alabama Monument Protection. It creates rebuttable presumption to the senate bill concerning monuments. It also revises the penalties from \$25,000 to \$10,000 for each day the violation continues.

Update: This bill was heard in committee on 2/11, however, no vote was taken. It will be heard in committee on 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.