

Legislative Link Update

May 29, 2019

Hello and welcome to the 2019 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

On Tuesday, May 28th at 12:58 a.m., the 54th Legislature adjourned its First Regular Session sine die – meaning they will not meet again until the Legislature convenes its 54th Legislature's Second Regular Session in January 2020 unless a Special Session is called during the interim. The session dragged on at a slow pace for the last month as legislators debated and negotiated a state budget centered on an unusually large budget surplus.

Lasting 135 days, this year's session exceeded the average for what we've seen in recent years. For comparison, the 2018 session was completed in 117 days and the 2017 session lasted 122 days.

Of the 1,400 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced this legislative session, 331 were passed by both chambers of the Legislature and sent to the Governor. So far, the Governor has signed 261 bills and vetoed 7. Governor Ducey has 10 business days following the end of a session to take action on the remaining bills. Approximately 30 of the bills on our tracking list have already been signed by the Governor and several more await his signature or veto. The general effective date of the new laws will be August 27, 2019 unless a bill has another specified date and was passed by a 2/3 emergency clause.

Glendale's Intergovernmental Programs staff will now spend the next several weeks putting together our annual End of Session Report which will provide a comprehensive overview of the bills that we were tracking for the session. That report will be posted on our website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/intergovernmental/index.cfm> when it becomes available.

FY2020 State Budget Approved

After working through Memorial Day weekend, the Legislature passed a state budget on Monday evening of approximately \$11.8 billion. Governor Ducey applauded the budget as approved by the House and Senate and it is anticipated that he will sign the budget bills as his administration was involved in the negotiations of the final budget package. The budget appropriated:

- \$271.1 million from the general fund in to the Budget Stabilization (rainy day) Fund.
- \$164.7 million from the general fund for the first of two annual 5 percent teacher salary increases (In addition to the 10% salary increase in FY2019).
- \$30 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for basic state aid to eliminate the K-12 rollover for school districts with a student count of less than 1,350 students.

- \$48.4 million to the Department of Economic Security (DES) for child care subsidies to increase the number of children served and to increase maximum reimbursement levels.

One non-fiscal bill was negotiated as part of the final budget negotiations.

HB 2466 Criminal Proceedings; Child Welfare; Preclusion

HB 2466 was an emergency measure that creates a statute of limitations of 12 years after a plaintiff reaches 18 years of age for lawsuits involving minor victims of unlawful sexual conduct and sexual contact. This new law also allows victims, until December 31, 2020, who are otherwise time-barred to bring their claims to court, but they'll face a higher burden of proof and won't be eligible to receive punitive damages. The Governor signed HB 2466 into law on Monday, and in his signing letter he wrote, "H.B. 2466 is an important first step to providing victims of child sexual abuse with the safety, healing, and justice they deserve. I'm hopeful it will protect innocent children who may otherwise have suffered at the hands of these predators." [Click here to learn more about the new law.](#)

Similar to previous years, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic online report allows our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time. <http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=26231&listid=66612&print=true>

Thank you again for your participation in Glendale's Legislative Link Program.

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