

Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

The Arizona House of Representatives adjourned sine die (ended the legislative session) last night around 6 p.m. after a long day of floor activity.

Prior to adjourning sine die, the House voted to approve a small list of bills, two of which may be of interest to you. The first bill, HB 2913 Supplemental Appropriations; Child Care Facilities, appropriates federal CARES Act funding that the state received through a child development fund block grant. The funds will provide forgivable loans on a statewide basis to licensed child care facilities that provide child care services for at least six months after receiving a loan. The money must be spend within specified purposes, including providing child care services and purchasing protective equipment and sanitation supplies.

The second bill has garnered a lot of attention over the last few weeks. HB 2912, COVID-19; Civil Liability; Evidence; Penalties, passed on a party line vote (31-29) and is now headed to the Senate. The bill provides immunity from civil liability for businesses if an employee or patron gets sick from COVID-19 and blames the business. The protections were also extended to churches and nonprofit organizations.

The Senate is set to reconvene on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with an expectation to approve a list of bills before adjourning sine die.

Glendale's Government Relations Office will provide an update following Tuesday's actions by the Senate. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

Best regards,

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