

2026 Legislative Summary*

ASRS INITIATIVES

HB2089 ASRS; Premium Payment (Sponsor: Livingston) – PASSED & SIGNED

This bill updates A.R.S. § 38-783 to define “an employer's active employee group health and accident insurance program” means a group health and accident insurance program provided by the ASRS employer that the member is enrolled in as an employee of an ASRS employer or as the dependent of an employee of an ASRS employer. *Effective Date: September 12, 2026*

HB2090 ASRS; Long-Term Disability (Sponsor: Livingston) – PASSED & SIGNED

This bill updates A.R.S. § 38-797.07(A)(11)(b) remove the five-year period limitation to clarify that after receiving benefits for a total of 24 months, a member is considered to have a disability if the member is unable to perform any work for which the member is reasonably qualified, based on objective medical evidence.

Effective Date: September 12, 2026

HB2092 ASRS; Eligibility Waiver (Sponsor: Livingston) – PASSED & SIGNED

This bill updates A.R.S. § 38-727(A)(8) to allow a person who becomes eligible to participate in the ASRS after age 65, who is not already an ASRS member, to waive participation in ASRS within 30 days of becoming eligible to participate. *Effective Date: September 12, 2026*

BILLS IMPACTING ASRS

SB1042 Public Monies; Investment; Virtual Currency (Sponsor: Rogers) – FAILED

This bill proposed to allow a public fund to invest no more than 10% of its public monies in virtual currency holdings.

SB1338 State; Local Public Benefits; Eligibility (Sponsor: Rogers) – VETOED

This bill proposed to prohibit a person whose presence in the United States was not authorized by federal law from receiving any state or local public benefit.

~~SB1503 Public Pensions; Proxy Voting~~ NOW: First Responders; State Death Benefit (Sponsor: Gowan) – PASSED & SIGNED

This bill proposed to require a fiduciary of a plan to vote all shares in the sole economic interest of the beneficiaries and assumed all votes made consistent with the share issuer are in the sole interests of the beneficiaries if the share issuer's Board includes a majority of independent directors. The bill proposed to require the plan to document economic analysis showing the vote was in the sole interests of the beneficiaries if the vote was not consistent with the share issuer's Board, or if the share issuer's Board did not include a majority of independent directors. The bill proposed to require any vote made inconsistent with the share issuer's Board to be reported to the State Treasurer with an economic analysis showing the vote was in the sole interests of the plan's beneficiaries.

The bill proposed to prohibit a plan from entering into an agreement with a proxy advisory firm unless the proxy advisory firm acknowledged in writing and accepted under contract, its obligations to vote all shares in the sole economic interest of the plan's beneficiaries.

NOW: This bill updates A.R.S. § 38-1171 to clarify that a "First responder" includes a pilot who is employed by a law enforcement agency and is effective retroactively to from and after December 31, 2025.

SB1520 Agencies; Immigration; Data Sharing (Sponsor: Rogers) – *VETOED*

This bill proposed to require any agency of this state to share any data requested by the United States government regarding the status of, or any information relating to, an unauthorized alien, an undocumented immigrant, or any individual who overstays their visa in this state.

HB2134 Critical Infrastructure; Foreign Adversaries; Prohibition (Sponsor: Kupper) – *VETOED*

This bill proposed to prohibit a governmental entity from using any critical infrastructure software or a critical communications service provider or equipment that is produced by a Chinese company.

~~HB2313 Technical Correction; School District Boards~~ **NOW: Teachers; Strikes; Prohibition; Remote Instruction (Sponsor: Gress) – *FAILED***

This bill proposed to update A.R.S. § 15-326 to allow the school district to sue, be sued, hold, and convey property in the district's name.

NOW: This bill proposed to prohibit any teacher who is employed by a school district or charter school in this state from engaging in a strike or in an organized stoppage against the school district or charter school. It indicated that any teacher who engaged in a strike or organized work stoppage forfeited all civil service rights, all reemployment rights, and any other rights, benefits, or privileges, that accrue that accrue as a result of employment or former employment.

HB2502 ASRS; Retirement; Elected Officials (Sponsor: Livingston) – *PASSED & SIGNED*

This bill updates A.R.S. §§ 38-764 and 38-766.02 to allow an elected official to retire without terminating the elected official's elected official position and require the elected official's employer to pay the alternate contribution rate. *Effective Date: September 12, 2026*

HB2584 Public Monies; Genetic Sequencing; Prohibition (Sponsor: Biasiucci) – *VETOED*

This bill proposed to prohibit public monies being used to pay for genetic sequencing procedures that were performed with a device that was produced by a company that was domiciled in a foreign adversary or a company that is owned or substantially controlled by a company that was domiciled in a foreign adversary.

HB2876 Public Bodies; Executive Sessions; Agenda (Sponsor: Weninger) – *PASSED & SIGNED*

This bill updates A.R.S. §§ 38-431.01 to clarify that a matter on which a public body to place a matter on the public body must take a final vote or make a final decision, which is discussed in executive session, must be placed on a regular agenda and cannot be placed on a consent agenda. *Effective Date: September 12, 2026*

HB2940 AHCCCS; Eligibility; Verification; SNAP; Contractors (Sponsor: Gillette) – *FAILED*

This bill proposed to require the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to use documentary evidence or trusted electronic data sources to verify all eligibility factors to approve, renew, or continue administering its program benefits. The bill indicated that any employee who willfully did not comply with the new verification requirements all be immediately terminated and shall forfeit all benefits under the ASRS.

**HCR2040 ~~Minimum Wage; Exception; Homeless~~ NOW: School Districts; Labor Organization;
Resources (Sponsor: Olson) – PASSED & SIGNED**

This act proposed to update A.R.S. § 23-363 by providing an exception for an individual who is homeless or who is at risk of becoming homeless to opt out of the minimum wage requirement.

SENATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: This act proposed to prohibit any teacher who is employed by a school district or charter school in this state from engaging in a strike or in an organized stoppage against the school district or charter school. It indicated that any teacher who engaged in a strike or organized work stoppage forfeited all civil service rights, all reemployment rights, and any other rights, benefits, or privileges, that accrue that accrue as a result of employment or former employment.

NOW: This act proposes to amend the Constitution of Arizona by adding a new section prohibiting a school district from using public monies and resources to support a labor organization or deduct labor organization dues from an employee's paycheck. It also prohibits a school district from providing access to its internal communications systems to distribute labor organization information or political materials and prohibits school district employees from distributing labor organization communications in a manner that consumes public resources. The act provides a school district employee the right to negotiate the school district employee's own employment terms and prohibits the state or any political subdivision of this state from negotiating an exclusive representation agreement, collective bargaining agreement, memorandum of understanding, or any other agreement regarding employment with a labor organization.

Effective Date: This act has been transmitted to the Secretary of State and shall be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

*Please note that more detailed information about this legislation and more can be found on the ASRS website in the [ASRS Bill Tracker](#). Additional information on legislation is also available on the Legislature website at <https://www.azleg.gov/>.