

**AGENDA (Revised 03/08/2017, 5:00 PM)**

*(Added Bills)*

**House Committee on Education  
91st General Assembly  
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**Thursday, March 09, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 138, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Rep. Bruce Cozart, Chair  
Rep. Charlotte V. Douglas, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Stephen Meeks  
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh  
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks  
Rep. John W. Walker

Rep. Mark Lowery  
Rep. Mark D. McElroy  
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Rep. Andy Davis  
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Rep. Nelda Speaks  
Rep. Mickey Gates  
Rep. DeAnn Vaught  
Rep. James Sturch  
Rep. Frances Cavanaugh  
Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - MARCH 9, 2017, 10:00 AM**

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<a href="#">HB1222</a>	Dotson	THE ARKANSAS PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT FOR EDUCATION CHOICE ACT OF 2017.

**RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<a href="#">HB1611</a>	Tucker	CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<a href="#">HB1575</a>	Lowery	TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUND BALANCES A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MAINTAIN.
<a href="#">HB1583</a>	Dotson	TO CREATE RECALL ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
<a href="#">HB1608</a>	Della Rosa	CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS UNDER THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.
<a href="#">HB1610</a>	Tucker	TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING EQUAL TO THE FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
<a href="#">HB1621</a>	Lowery	TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
<a href="#">HB1646</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1666</a>	Sabin	TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.
<a href="#">HB1671</a>	Tucker	TO GIVE CHARTER SCHOOLS AUTHORITY TO WEIGHT ADMISSION LOTTERIES AT THEIR DISCRETION.
<a href="#">HB1672</a>	Tucker	CONCERNING ADMISSIONS POLICIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO ALIGN CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
<a href="#">HB1673</a>	Tucker	CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR OR AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC CHARTERS UNDER THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013.

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<a href="#">HB1674</a>	Tucker	TO CREATE A COMMUNITY PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARD.
<a href="#">HB1689</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AND INDEBTEDNESS; TO AMEND FUNDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE FINANCING.
<a href="#">HB1701</a>	Love	TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE GRANTS TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO OFFENDERS WHO ARE RECENTLY RELEASED OR SOON-TO-BE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION.
<a href="#">HB1710</a>	S. Meeks	TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
<a href="#">SB26</a>	A. Clark	TO INCREASE TEACHERS IN HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS; AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS WHO AGREE TO TEACH IN THE HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS.
<a href="#">SB27</a>	A. Clark	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA; AND TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER CANDIDATE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.
<a href="#">SB337</a>	Hester	TO REPEAL THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1729</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1738</a>	C. Douglas	CONCERNING ETHICS OF MEMBERS OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND TO CREATE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ETHICS REVIEW BOARD.
<a href="#">HB1740</a>	Lowery	CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
<a href="#">HB1791</a>	Tucker	TO ESTABLISH A FOOD PANTRY MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1802</a>	Lundstrum	TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM A TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.
<a href="#">HB1805</a>	Sturch	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY COURSES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
<a href="#">HB1820</a>	Dotson	CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVERS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVER PETITION IF AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DRAWING STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS GRANTED A WAIVER.
<a href="#">HB1831</a>	Leding	TO ALLOW AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO USE A WEIGHTED LOTTERY IN ITS ADMISSIONS PROCESS BASED ON CERTAIN STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS.
<a href="#">HB1834</a>	K. Hendren	TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FROM INCLUDING IN ITS CURRICULUM OR COURSE MATERIALS FOR A PROGRAM OF STUDY BOOKS OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL AUTHORED BY OR CONCERNING HOWARD ZINN.
<a href="#">SB329</a>	A. Clark	TO RAISE THE PRICE THRESHOLD FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST PROCURE BY SOLICITING BIDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PURCHASE PRICE THRESHOLD BASED ON INFLATION.
<a href="#">SB427</a>	Hickey	TO AMEND THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE SECTION 529 PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1874</a>	Lundstrum	TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY A TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.
<a href="#">HB1897</a>	Baltz	TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER TO THEIR STUDENTS A PANIC BUTTON ALERT SYSTEM.
<a href="#">HB1898</a>	Baltz	TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS A REDUCED TUITION RATE.

<a href="#">HB1905</a>	C. Douglas	CONCERNING DELAY OF OPENING OR EARLY RELEASE OF SCHOOL.
<a href="#">HB1907</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1917</a>	Walker	TO LIMIT THE SALARY AMOUNT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
<a href="#">HR1040</a>	Warren	CELEBRATING THE LAKESIDE LEGACY PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1924</a>	C. Douglas	TO ADD THE CLASSIC LEARNING TEST AS AN ALLOWABLE COLLEGE ENTRY EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS.
<a href="#">HB2095</a>	G. Hodges	TO ESTABLISH VOTE CENTERS ON THE CAMPUSES OF STATE-SUPPORTED POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTE CENTERS.
<a href="#">HB2207</a>	Boyd	TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS RESIDENCY.
<a href="#">HB2243</a>	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
<a href="#">SB519</a>	D. Wallace	TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM; AND TO EFFECT A SEPARATE HOLIDAY FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
<a href="#">SB178</a>	Files	TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
<a href="#">HB1612</a>	Rushing	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY REGARDING A STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.
<a href="#">HB1517</a>	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE.

#### **PENDING FISCAL IMPACT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1457</a>	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.
<a href="#">HB1459</a>	C. Douglas	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY.
<a href="#">HB1576</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
<a href="#">HB1579</a>	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
<a href="#">HB1607</a>	Della Rosa	TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER'S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.
<a href="#">HB1648</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
<a href="#">HB1856</a>	F. Allen	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EARLY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PROCUREMENT ACT.
<a href="#">HB1925</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITY REVIEW CONFERENCES.
<a href="#">HB1929</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
<a href="#">HB1934</a>	Lowery	TO ENSURE THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF STUDENTS IS PROTECTED.
<a href="#">HB1936</a>	Lowery	TO REVISE THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES WEALTH INDEX.
<a href="#">HB1995</a>	Della Rosa	TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS; TO REFINE THE TEACHING OF HISTORY IN THE

CLASSROOM; TO SPECIFY THE TEACHING OF CONTENT RELATED TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORRESPONDING HOLIDAY.

[HB2117](#) Sorvillo TO REQUIRE CAMERAS IN CERTAIN CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS UPON REQUEST.

**DEFERRED**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">HB1017</a>	Cozart	TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS.
<a href="#">HB1020</a>	Love	TO CREATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROMISE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO EVERY CHILD BORN IN ARKANSAS TO BE USED FOR COLLEGE TUITION.
<a href="#">HB1027</a>	Eubanks	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.
<a href="#">HB1029</a>	Lowery	TO EXCLUDE PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, AND CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES WITH A MULTIYEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
<a href="#">HB1044</a>	F. Allen	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CHOOSE WHICH GRADE IN WHICH TO TAKE THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT.
<a href="#">HB1408</a>	C. Douglas	CONCERNING WHO MAY SERVE AS A PROCTOR OF A TEST OR ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ACT.
<a href="#">HB1456</a>	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO PROVIDES PROOF OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND TO EXEMPT A STUDENT WITH A PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
<a href="#">HB1458</a>	C. Douglas	TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ARTS OR PERFORMING ARTS IN EITHER GRADE SEVEN OR GRADE EIGHT.
<a href="#">HB1510</a>	Gonzales	TO CREATE THE DEMOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE ACT.