

REVISED AGENDA (2/17/2015 @ 4:00 pm)
(Added Bills)
Senate Committee on Education
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Wednesday, February 18, 2015
10:00 AM
Room 207, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair
Sen. Eddie Joe Williams
Sen. Alan Clark

Sen. Bobby J. Pierce
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Eddie Cheatham
Sen. Blake Johnson

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB3	Hickey	TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.
SB5	Hickey	TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.
SB154	D. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH ADULT EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB176	A. Clark	TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.
SB205	Rice	TO ENSURE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN DONATE BUILDINGS OR REAL PROPERTY TO AN INCORPORATED TOWN.
SB211	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE AN ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES EARNED AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO ALLOW STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.
SB212	Elliott	TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM; TO INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM.
SB218	A. Clark	TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
SB226	Irvin	TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT.
SB265	E. Cheatham	CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM EVERSTY; TO ALLOW THE EVERSTY TO BE ESTABLISHED AND RECOGNIZED; TO EXEMPT THE EVERSTY FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW.
HB1183	Gossage	TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO OFFER A COURSE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE; TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
SB325	A. Clark	TO ENSURE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS A COURSE BUT NO STUDENTS ENROLL IN THE COURSE.
SB331	J. Hendren	TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB368	J. English	TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM; TO COORDINATE VARIOUS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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SB369	J. English	TO REMOVE THE DUTY OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DETERMINE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO ELIMINATE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.
SB372	J. English	TO REMOVE THE DUTY OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DETERMINE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO ELIMINATE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.
HB1044	K. Hendren	TO REQUIRE THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB179	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBJECT TO A DESEGREGATION ORDER TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DESEGREGATION ORDER; TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB342	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND REWARD PROGRAM.
SB366	A. Clark	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO A TEACHER IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12) WHO ELECTS TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED.
SB370	J. English	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE CERTAIN CATEGORICAL FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER CONCURRENT COURSES OR OTHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS.
SB371	J. English	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE CERTAIN CATEGORICAL FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER CONCURRENT COURSES OR OTHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS.
SB374	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB388	B. Sample	TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, INCLUDING PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING.