

AGENDA (Revised 02/24/15 @ 4:30 p.m.)
(Added Bills)

Senate Committee on Education
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Room 207, State Capitol
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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
<u>SB3</u>	Hickey	TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.
<u>SB5</u>	Hickey	TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.
<u>SB154</u>	D. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH ADULT EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS.
<u>SB176</u>	A. Clark	TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.
<u>SB179</u>	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.
<u>SB205</u>	Rice	TO ENSURE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT CAN DONATE BUILDINGS OR REAL PROPERTY TO AN INCORPORATED TOWN.
<u>SB211</u>	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.
<u>SB212</u>	Elliott	TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM; TO INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM.
<u>SB218</u>	A. Clark	TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
<u>SB226</u>	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.
<u>SB325</u>	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.
<u>SB331</u>	J. Hendren	TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<u>SB342</u>	Irvin	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION AND REWARD PROGRAM.
<u>SB366</u>	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.

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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.
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.
HB1255	Broadaway	TO ESTABLISH THE BUILDING BETTER FUTURES PROGRAM.
HB1347	Fielding	TO ALLOW PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATEWIDE TRANSFER AGREEMENT.
SB455	A. Clark	TO ALLOW TRADITIONAL STUDENTS TO BE PART-TIME STUDENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2.
SB511	K. Ingram	CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO REFINANCE OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS.
SB546	J. English	TO CHANGE REFERENCES TO GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY.
HB1313	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DAYS TO BE MADE-UP IN SIXTY-MINUTE INCREMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1358	Ratliff	TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
HB1366	Branscum	TO MAKE CHANGES TO PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
HB1370	Cozart	TO AMEND THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING ACT OF 2004.
HB1242	Lowery	TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1382	Gossage	TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND A PUBLIC-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
SB535	J. Hendren	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INCREASE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE SAME AMOUNT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT INCREASES AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.

