

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
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Room 207, State Capitol
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Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Joyce Elliott, Vice-Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey

Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Blake Johnson

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB28	Hickey	CONCERNING ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; AND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY TO ESTABLISH A TRUST ACCOUNT FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD SUPPLEMENTS.
SB29	Hickey	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; TO SUPPLEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS WITH EXCESS LOTTERY PROCEEDS.
SB30	Hickey	TO ESTABLISH AMOUNTS FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SUPPLEMENTS.
SB179	Elliott	TO ALLOW REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED EDUCATOR'S LICENSE UPON A SHOWING OF REHABILITATION AND FITNESS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES AUTHORIZED BY THE LICENSE.
SB251	B. King	TO REMOVE REMEDIATION AS A FUNCTION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO TRANSFER HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION FUNDING TO OTHER STATE ENTITIES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB274	Elliott	TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE FOR BEING IN ACADEMIC DISTRESS CAN BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1308	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE BUILDING BETTER FUTURES PROGRAM AND THE BUILDING BETTER FUTURES HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM.
HB1406	C. Douglas	TO REPEAL THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ARKANSAS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY.
SB298	J. English	TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB329	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.
SB347	Caldwell	TO TRANSFER CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1154	Cozart	TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES.
HB1407	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ANY SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES.
SB371	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSFERS.
SB372	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1481	Lowery	TO ALLOW HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC

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ACTIVITIES AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

SB416	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB423	U. Lindsey	TO AMEND PROVISIONS IN THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.
SB427	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.
HB1473	Love	TO ALLOW A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TUITION SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN THE ARKANSAS TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING TAX YEARS.
HB1533	D. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1539	Cozart	TO REQUIRE THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST USED BY UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES BEFORE A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA.
HB1266	Richey	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR A SPOUSE OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO BE A VOLUNTEER OR A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER UPON APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1442	Davis	TO CREATE THE PERSONAL FINANCE AND JOB READINESS ACT.
SB437	J. Hutchinson	TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS.
SB441	J. English	TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW TECHNICAL AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ALIGN THE PROGRAMS TO PRODUCE AN EFFICIENT, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED TECHNICAL AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION SYSTEM.
SB442	J. Hendren	TO CLARIFY THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.
HB1523	Sturch	CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1552	McNair	TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE.
HB1589	Vaught	CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN ETHICS LAWS TO MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; AND AMENDING PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1988.
HB1650	Barker	TO TRANSFER THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1509	Leding	TO CREATE THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB443	T. Garner	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO RECEIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CREDIT FOR COMPLETING BASIC TRAINING IN THE MILITARY BEFORE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
SB494	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REPORT TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT THE READING LEVEL OF THE STUDENT.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB21	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ELEMENTARY-LEVEL GENERAL TEACHING LICENSE OR ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING LICENSE.
SB230	Maloch	CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NONEMPLOYER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES; AND CONCERNING COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY OF

STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

[SB261](#)

Hester

TO ESTABLISH THAT ATTORNEY RECORDS RELATED TO LITIGATION INVOLVING A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.

[SB287](#)

Hester

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

[SB438](#)

J. Hendren

TO INCREASE EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.