

**AGENDA**  
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**Room 207, State Capitol**  
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Sen. Jim Argue, Chair  
Sen. Dave Bisbee, Vice Chair  
Sen. Gilbert Baker  
Sen. Jimmy Jeffress

Sen. Steve Bryles  
Sen. Kim Hendren  
Sen. Shane Broadway  
Sen. Gene Jeffress

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**CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILLS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB217	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND 6-18-207 TO RAISE THE AGE OF ENROLLMENT IN KINDERGARTEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL.
SB231	Laverty	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003 TO EQUALIZE THE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR A DISTRICT WITH A GROWING OR DECLINING ENROLLMENT.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB842	Bisbee	TO CREATE A FUNDING FORMULA FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT USES PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TO CREATE THE HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE MEASURE PROGRAM.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB45	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO COMPENSATE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS FOR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT.
SB54	J. Jeffress	THE ARKANSAS TEACHER COMPENSATION EQUITY ACT.
SB274	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB403	G. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH IRLLEN SYNDROME WHEN ADMINISTERING A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT.
SB654	Bisbee	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB656	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17- 2205 CONCERNING REQUIRED BREAKS FOR CLASSIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
SB657	Bisbee	AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT TEACHER CONTRACTS AND LICENSES BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK.
SB658	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-802 CONCERNING TWELVE-MONTH CONTRACTS FOR AGRICULTURE TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB660	Bookout	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SCR14	Laverty	ELEMENTARY SCIENCE EDUCATION VISION FOR ARKANSAS.
SB713	Crumbly	AN ACT TO CREATE ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTERS TO IMPROVE STUDENT

ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED SCHOOLS.

SB774	Crumbly	AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND TO EQUALIZE TEACHER SALARIES IN HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH SURROUNDING HIGHER PAYING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB776	Whitaker	TO AMEND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MOTOR VEHICLE PROVISIONS.
SB807	Broadway	AN ACT TO CLARIFY SCHOOL FACILITIES LAW FOR HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB808	Broadway	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE NET ATHLETIC EVENT GATE RECEIPTS TO PURCHASE AWARDS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS.
SB809	Broadway	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.
SB826	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-811 CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGH- PRIORITY DISTRICTS.
SB835	Broadway	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL BUS".
SB843	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TRAVELING TEACHER PROGRAM.
SB867	Steele	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS STUDENTS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AN OPTION TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATION IN A GENDER-SPECIFIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
SB885	Argue	TO MODIFY THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM.
SB886	Argue	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
SB888	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVED TIMELINESS, SECURITY, AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA.
SB889	Argue	TO AMEND THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.
SB899	Broadway	TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW STATUTES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR ENERGY-RELATED CONTENT.
SB927	Bryles	TO AMEND ACT 1974 OF 2005 TO IMPROVE RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.
SB929	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS AND CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB930	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAW.
SB931	Bryles	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PREPAID AFFORDABLE COLLEGE TUITION PROGRAM.
SB932	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
SB933	Bryles	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS.
SB936	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB951	Wilkins	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS EVALUATION CENTER.
SB952	Crumbly	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO CLARIFY A SCHOOL DISTRICT S USE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT STUDENT FUNDING FOR TEACHER S SALARIES.
SB953	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO HELP ENSURE THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF AN ADMINISTRATOR AT SCHOOL FACILITIES UNLESS ABSENT ON SCHOOL BUSINESS.
SB981	Wilkins	ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 2007.
SB984	Steele	TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TORNADO AND STORM SHELTERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
SB986	Luker	AN ACT TO AMEND THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
SB989	Madison	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD.
SB991	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON TEACHER COMPENSATION AND TO PILOT AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR A TEACHER

COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

SCR19	Argue	REQUESTING A STUDY BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.
HB1726	Kenney	AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE TRANSITION BETWEEN LEVELS OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY PROVIDING A METHOD OF TRANSITIONAL FUNDING DURING A THREE-YEAR PERIOD.
HB1504	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.
HB1508	Saunders	AN ACT TO ADD SECONDARY AREA TECHNICAL CENTERS TO THE PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY THE BUILDING TRADES REVOLVING FUND.
HB2299	Breedlove	TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR THEIR EQUIVALENT FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2398	Burris	TO REQUIRE EACH STUDENT AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO BE INFORMED AT REGISTRATION IF A COURSE WILL TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB1562	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COLLEGE REMEDIATION RATE AND ENSURE A GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READINESS FOR ALL STUDENTS.
HB1346	Stewart	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT (K-8).
HB1477	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS FROM FIRE HAZARDS AND TO ENSURE REGULAR FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB2234	Norton	AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS WITHOUT BEING IDENTIFIED AS A DISTRICT IN FISCAL DISTRESS.
HB2251	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 1989.
HB2252	Maxwell	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-305 CONCERNING NEW OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2327	Blount	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO RETIRED TEACHERS.
HB2470	J. Johnson	TO REQUIRE TORNADO SAFETY DRILLS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2556	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PERSONS WHO WORK ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.
SB653	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-114 CONCERNING TEACHER PLANNING PERIODS.

**BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB562	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-117 CONCERNING NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTY PAY FOR TEACHERS.
SB570	Broadway	AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
SB764	Wilkins	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A FINAL CLOSE OF SCHOOL FINANCIAL RECORDS ON THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK BY SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.
SB770	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT PROGRAM.
SB772	Broadway	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK.
SB778	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6.
SB782	Broadway	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.

SB841	Bryles	DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2007.
SB850	Brown	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-21-403 OF THE FREE TEXT BOOK ACT.
SB874	J. Jeffress	AN ACT ALLOWING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUSPEND A SUPERINTENDENT'S LICENSE FOR CERTAIN AUDIT ISSUES AND FOR FAILING TO USE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEAL AND HEARING ON THE SUSPENSION.
SB897	Broadway	AN ACT TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR HEALTHY VENDING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB913	Laverty	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB919	Laverty	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB920	Argue	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE QUALITY, SECURITY, VALIDATION, AND TIMELINESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
SB922	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MONTHLY REPORTING OF SELECTED DATA FROM THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
SB938	Bryles	TO ENCOURAGE THE VOLUNTARY CREATION OF ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR ADMINISTRATIVELY ANNEXED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB939	Bryles	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS.
SB940	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-16-104 TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE OFFERED IN AN ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE.
SB941	Bryles	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT POVERTY FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS CORRESPONDS TO THE LEVEL OF POVERTY IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
SB960	Womack	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC FACILITIES CONTINGENCY FUND.
SB962	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES WEALTH INDEX.
SB987	Salmon	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BASE CONTRACT PERIOD.

#### DEFERRED BILLS

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB205	Altes	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCENTIVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SEEK NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.
HB1522	Walters	AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A POLICY ALLOWING THE USE OF CANDY AND GUM IN THE CLASSROOM.
SB887	Argue	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STANDARDIZED CHART OF ACCOUNTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTING TO THE STATE.