

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

REVISED
CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB838	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS.
SB839	Argue	TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
SB570	Broadway	AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
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.
SB778	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6.
SB826	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-811 CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGH- PRIORITY DISTRICTS.
SB850	Brown	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-21-403 OF THE FREE TEXT BOOK ACT.
SB867	Steele	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS STUDENTS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AN OPTION TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATION IN A GENDER-SPECIFIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
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.
SB899	Broadway	TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW STATUTES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR ENERGY-RELATED CONTENT.

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.
SB930	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAW.
SB933	Bryles	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS.
SB938	Bryles	TO ENCOURAGE THE VOLUNTARY CREATION OF ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR ADMINISTRATIVELY ANNEXED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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.
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 ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AT SCHOOL FACILITIES UNLESS USING PERSONAL LEAVE OR ABSENT ON SCHOOL BUSINESS.
SB960	Womack	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC FACILITIES CONTINGENCY FUND.
SB984	Steele	TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TORNADO AND STORM SHELTERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
SB986	Wilkins	AN ACT TO AMEND THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
SB987	Salmon	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BASE CONTRACT PERIOD.
SB989	Madison	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD.
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.
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).
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.
HB2555	D. Johnson	AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO NOTIFY NEW EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS.
HB2619	Walters	TO PROVIDE TEACHERS CREDIT ON THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR TEACHING AT A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.
HB1730	Abernathy	AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENDORSED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE APPROVAL PANEL.
HB1409	Reep	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEATH BENEFITS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB2316	Reep	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING ACADEMY.
HB1517	Cook	AN ACT TO EXPAND MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.
HB2335	Stewart	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID.
HB2380	Rainey	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-414 CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

HB2388	Pyle	AN ACT TO PROTECT YOUNG ARKANSANS IN NEED OF SPECIALIZED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
HB2660	Pickett	TO REQUEST THAT THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A FOUR- YEAR DEGREE IN EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
HB2688	Kenney	AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2255	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-2305 TO PROVIDE FLEXILIBTY IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2394	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE HOME SCHOOL LAW.
HB2429	Abernathy	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT S MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
HB2502	Thyer	AN ACT TO ALLOW CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE SAME RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION TO ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB2514	Blount	AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.
HB2515	Bond	AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOOL ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS CONCERNING UNITARY STATUS.
HB2614	Kenney	AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ACT OF 2007.
HB2656	Walters	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER ACCURACY BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ENTERING DATA INTO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
HB2734	Hawkins	AN ACT TO ENSURE A RIGOROUS AND EFFICIENT CURRICULUM FOR ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2813	Thyer	TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
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.
HB1522	Walters	AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A POLICY ALLOWING THE USE OF CANDY AND GUM IN THE CLASSROOM.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB205	Altes	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCENTIVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SEEK NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.
SB45	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO COMPENSATE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS FOR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT.
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.
SB887	Argue	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STANDARDIZED CHART OF ACCOUNTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTING TO THE STATE.
SB897	Broadway	AN ACT TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR HEALTHY VENDING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB562	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-117 CONCERNING NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTY PAY FOR TEACHERS.
SB653	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-114 CONCERNING TEACHER PLANNING PERIODS.
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.

SB885	Argue	TO MODIFY THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM.
SB886	Argue	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
SB939	Bryles	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS.
SB770	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT PROGRAM.
SB782	Broadway	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
SB835	Broadway	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL BUS".
SB841	Bryles	DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2007.
SB888	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVED TIMELINESS, SECURITY, AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA.
SB889	Argue	TO AMEND THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.
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.
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.
SB936	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB981	Wilkins	ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 2007.
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.
SB807	Broadway	AN ACT TO CLARIFY SCHOOL FACILITIES LAW FOR HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB809	Broadway	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.