

AGENDA (Revised 03/13/17, 5:20 PM)

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**Room 138, State Capitol
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RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1222	Dotson	THE ARKANSAS PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT FOR EDUCATION CHOICE ACT OF 2017.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1459	C. Douglas	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY.
HB1575	Lowery	TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUND BALANCES A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MAINTAIN.
HB1576	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
HB1579	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1583	Dotson	TO CREATE RECALL ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1607	Della Rosa	TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER'S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.
HB1608	Della Rosa	CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS UNDER THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.
HB1610	Tucker	TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING EQUAL TO THE FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1646	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB1648	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
HB1666	Sabin	TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.
HB1671	Tucker	TO GIVE CHARTER SCHOOLS AUTHORITY TO WEIGHT ADMISSION LOTTERIES AT

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THEIR DISCRETION.

[HB1672](#) Tucker CONCERNING ADMISSIONS POLICIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO ALIGN CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

[HB1673](#) Tucker CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR OR AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC CHARTERS UNDER THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013.

[HB1674](#) Tucker TO CREATE A COMMUNITY PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARD.

[HB1689](#) Cozart TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AND INDEBTEDNESS; TO AMEND FUNDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE FINANCING.

[HB1701](#) Love TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE GRANTS TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO OFFENDERS WHO ARE RECENTLY RELEASED OR SOON-TO-BE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION.

[HB1710](#) S. Meeks TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

[SB26](#) A. Clark TO INCREASE TEACHERS IN HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS; AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS WHO AGREE TO TEACH IN THE HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS.

[SB27](#) A. Clark TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA; AND TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER CANDIDATE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.

[SB337](#) Hester TO REPEAL THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.

[HB1729](#) Cozart TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[HB1738](#) C. Douglas CONCERNING ETHICS OF MEMBERS OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND TO CREATE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ETHICS REVIEW BOARD.

[HB1762](#) Brown TO ALLOW AN EMPLOYER TO MAKE A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TO AN EMPLOYEE'S TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM AS AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.

[HB1791](#) Tucker TO ESTABLISH A FOOD PANTRY MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

[HB1802](#) Lundstrum TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM A TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.

[HB1805](#) Sturch TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY COURSES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

[HB1820](#) Dotson CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVERS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A SCHOOL DISTRICT WAIVER PETITION IF AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DRAWING STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS GRANTED A WAIVER.

[HB1831](#) Leding TO ALLOW AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO USE A WEIGHTED LOTTERY IN ITS ADMISSIONS PROCESS BASED ON CERTAIN STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS.

[HB1834](#) K. Hendren TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FROM INCLUDING IN ITS CURRICULUM OR COURSE MATERIALS FOR A PROGRAM OF STUDY BOOKS OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL AUTHORED BY OR CONCERNING HOWARD ZINN.

[HB1856](#) F. Allen TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EARLY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PROCUREMENT ACT.

[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.

[HB1874](#) Lundstrum TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY A TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS

		PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.
HB1897	Baltz	TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER TO THEIR STUDENTS A PANIC BUTTON ALERT SYSTEM.
HB1898	Baltz	TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER STATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS A REDUCED TUITION RATE.
HB1905	C. Douglas	CONCERNING DELAY OF OPENING OR EARLY RELEASE OF SCHOOL.
HB1907	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.
HB1917	Walker	TO LIMIT THE SALARY AMOUNT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1924	C. Douglas	TO ADD THE CLASSIC LEARNING TEST AS AN ALLOWABLE COLLEGE ENTRY EXAMINATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS.
HB1925	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITY REVIEW CONFERENCES.
HB1929	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
HB1934	Lowery	TO ENSURE THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF STUDENTS IS PROTECTED.
HB1995	Della Rosa	TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS; TO REFINE THE TEACHING OF HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM; TO SPECIFY THE TEACHING OF CONTENT RELATED TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CORRESPONDING HOLIDAY.
HB2117	Sorvillo	TO REQUIRE CAMERAS IN CERTAIN CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS UPON REQUEST.
HB2207	Boyd	TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS RESIDENCY.
HB2243	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
SB519	D. Wallace	TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HISTORY IN THE CLASSROOM; AND TO EFFECT A SEPARATE HOLIDAY FOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
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.
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.
SB416	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB518	B. Johnson	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION.
SB528	Hickey	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB531	B. Sample	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS.
SB562	J. English	TO AMEND OR REPEAL OBSOLETE LAWS CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB568	A. Clark	CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES.
SB570	L. Chesterfield	TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDE A DUTY-FREE LUNCH PERIOD FOR FULL-TIME NONEXEMPT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.
SB773	D. Wallace	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING IN-STATE TUITION FOR VETERANS, MILITARY

PERSONNEL, AND DEPENDENTS.

HB2028	Sabin	ACT TO PROVIDE GRADUATES OF AN ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS AT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB178	Files	TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1612	Rushing	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY REGARDING A STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.
HB1517	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1457	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.
HB1611	Tucker	CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1621	Lowery	TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
HB1740	Lowery	CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
HB1811	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.
HB1855	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL CHOICE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN.
HB1859	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EFFECTIVE STUDENT DISCIPLINE.
HB1936	Lowery	TO REVISE THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES WEALTH INDEX.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1017	Cozart	TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS.
HB1020	Love	TO CREATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROMISE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO EVERY CHILD BORN IN ARKANSAS TO BE USED FOR COLLEGE TUITION.
HB1027	Eubanks	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.
HB1029	Lowery	TO EXCLUDE PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, AND CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES WITH A MULTIYEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
HB1044	F. Allen	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CHOOSE WHICH GRADE IN WHICH TO TAKE THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT.
HB1408	C. Douglas	CONCERNING WHO MAY SERVE AS A PROCTOR OF A TEST OR ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ACT.
HB1456	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO PROVIDES PROOF OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND TO EXEMPT A STUDENT WITH A PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
HB1458	C. Douglas	TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ARTS OR PERFORMING ARTS IN EITHER GRADE SEVEN OR GRADE EIGHT.
HB1510	Gonzales	TO CREATE THE DEMOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE ACT.

