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HB1811  Davis  TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

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.

HB1855  Davis  TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL CHOICE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN.

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.

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.

HB1934  Lowery  TO ENSURE THAT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF STUDENTS IS PROTECTED.

HB1936  Lowery  TO REVISE THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES WEALTH INDEX.

HB1937  Lowery  TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

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.

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.

HB2052  Cozart  TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION.

HB2101  Lemons  CONCERNING HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL
GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

HB2117 Sorvillo TO REQUIRE CAMERAS IN CERTAIN CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS UPON REQUEST.

HB2125 Hollowell CONCERNING THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES; TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS FOR A POSSIBLE MERGER OF CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

HR1044 F. Allen COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC INTEGRATION OF LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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.

SB609 Elliott TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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.

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.

SB542 Hickey TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

SB555 A. Clark TO MODIFY INCENTIVE BONUSES FOR NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.

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

**HB1820** C. Douglas 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.

**HB1859** Davis TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EFFECTIVE STUDENT DISCIPLINE.

### DEFERRED

**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
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