

REVISED AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
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Friday, March 30, 2007
08:00 AM
Room 207, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

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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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB570	Broadway	AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
SB778	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6.
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.
SB913	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.
SB952	Crumbly	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO CLARIFY A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S USE OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT STUDENT FUNDING FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES.
SB960	Womack	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC FACILITIES CONTINGENCY FUND.
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.
HB2556	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PERSONS WHO WORK ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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.
HB2210	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ACCESS TO LEGISLATION CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING.
HB2217	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITES.
HB2260	Chesterfield	TO PROVIDE BONUSES FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO OBTAIN ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR COMPLETE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF COURSE WORK AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2287	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROMOTE BEST FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGERS.
HB2310	Allen	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREE TEXTBOOK ACT.
HB2321	Edwards	AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION EXPENSES.
HB2404	Davenport	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17- 2403 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "YEARS OF SERVICE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE.
HB2663	Kenney	THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY EVALUATION ACT OF 2007.
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.