

AGENDA
House Committee on Education
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UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room 138, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. Mike Kenney, Chair
Rep. Bill Abernathy, Vice Chair
Rep. Benny Petrus
Rep. Jeff Wood
Rep. Sid Rosenbaum
Rep. Betty Pickett

Rep. James Norton
Rep. Janet Johnson
Rep. Tommy Dickinson
Rep. Shirley Walters
Rep. Eric Harris
Rep. Michael Lamoureux
Rep. Curren Everett

Rep. Nancy Duffy Blount
Rep. Mark Martin
Rep. Rick Saunders
Rep. David Rainey
Rep. David Cook
Rep. Eddie Cheatham
Rep. Toni Bradford

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1535	Bond	TO REORGANIZE THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL INSURANCE FUND AND THE SCHOOL VEHICLE INSURANCE RESERVE TRUST FUND INTO ONE (1) FUND AND TO PROVIDE GREATER FINANCIAL STABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY TO THE FUNDS.
HB2234	Norton	AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS WITHOUT BEING IDENTIFIED AS A DISTRICT IN FISCAL DISTRESS.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1441	Pickett	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIVIDUALS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1468	Pickett	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS.
HB1478	Pickett	THE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE ACT OF 2007.
HB1483	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO INTEGRATE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCES INTO HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB1798	D. Creekmore	TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS FUND, TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FINE TO FUND THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS FUND, AND TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES WHEN AVAILABLE.
HB2213	J. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2217	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITES.
HB2254	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.
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.

HB2307	Kenney	AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL NURSES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE RECALIBRATION OF THE PER STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING BEGINNING WITH THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.
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.
HB2325	Pickett	TO IMPROVE RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BY PROVIDING A MECHANISM TO DISTRIBUTE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES.
HB2342	S. Prater	AN ACT TO AMEND PARTICULAR PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2377	Rainey	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DELTA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.
HB2378	Rainey	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO REORGANIZATION OR RECLASSIFICATION.
HB2379	Rainey	AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TEACHER SALARIES, RETENTION, AND RECRUITMENT.
HB2381	Abernathy	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.
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.
HB2408	Bond	AN ACT TO ALLOW HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHING IN AN ACADEMIC FIELD IN WHICH THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS; TO ALLOW HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE MORE THAN STANDARD ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS.
HCR1029	Schulte	TO ENCOURAGE CHURCHES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN A PRIORITY BY CONDUCTING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS ON EMPLOYEES.
HB2423	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS.
HB2424	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
HB2428	Abernathy	AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE A PORTION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT FUNDING FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES.
HB2447	Harris	AN ACT TO PUT ARKANSAS CHILDREN FIRST BY ENSURING A GREATER PORTION OF TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN THE CLASSROOM.
HB2457	Lamoureux	TO ALLOW AN ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR COMPLETING A BOARD-AUTHORIZED ONLINE COURSE.
HB2458	Lamoureux	TO CHANGE THE TEACHER PLANNING TIME TO INCREMENTS OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES.
HB2481	Harris	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS FAMILIES WITH AN ALTERNATIVE FOR ACCESSING EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.
HB2482	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB2489	Hardwick	AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETING ADVANCED PROGRAMS.
HB2503	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY IN ARKANSAS' JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS.
HB2504	J. Johnson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB2527	Bond	AN ACT TO ALLOW A TEACHER THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THE CURRENT TEACHER SALARY SYSTEM OR A KNOWLEDGE-BASED AND SKILLS-BASED TEACHER COMPENSATION SALARY SYSTEM.
HB2549	L. Smith	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS SOCIAL WORK STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.

HB2556	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PERSONS WHO WORK ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.
HB2557	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FAIR HEARING ACT.
HB2578	S. Prater	THE ARKANSAS AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ACT OF 2007.
HB2595	Flowers	AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FISCAL DISTRESS IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA.
HB2607	Harris	AN ACT TO ALLOW CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO MAINTAIN ORDER BY SECURING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES IN THE CLASSROOM.
HB2629	R. Green	AN ACT TO QUALIFY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2633	Dickinson	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOLS FROM ADMINISTERING STATE-MANDATED TESTS WITHIN THE THREE (3) DAYS FOLLOWING THE SPRING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME CHANGE.
HB2639	Harris	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM EMPLOYING A NONSCHOOL EMPLOYEE TO PERFORM CONTRACT WORK ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS IF THE NONSCHOOL EMPLOYEE IS A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER.
HB2659	Pickett	TO REPEAL ACT 1974 OF 2005 REGARDING RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM.
HB2663	Kenney	THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY EVALUATION ACT OF 2007.
HB2666	Kenney	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2667	Pickett	TO PROVIDE REMEDIAL TUTORING TO TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO SCORE BELOW NINETEEN (19) ON THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST.
HB2668	Pickett	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED AS ONE (1) OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT (38) UNITS OF REQUIRED CURRICULUM MEET THE SAME STATE STANDARDS AS A COURSE REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
HB2670	Pickett	AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF BLOCK SCHEDULING IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2672	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.
HB2673	Cook	AN ACT TO REVISE PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING HOME SCHOOLING.
HB2696	Harrelson	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LEVELS OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS.
HB2700	J. Roebuck	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-409 CONCERNING NONTRADITIONAL TEACHING LICENSURE.
HB2704	Saunders	AN ACT PERTAINING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
HB2708	Pickett	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICTS' RECORDS OF USED AND ACCUMULATED LEAVE BY ADMINISTRATORS AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE.
HB2712	M. Martin	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND OTHER COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2714	Bond	TO AMEND 6-15-503 TO REQUIRE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN PROVIDING HOME SCHOOLING TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HAVE PASSED A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST.
HB2738	S. Dobbins	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS PRIMER PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION.
HB2751	M. Martin	AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR STUDENTS IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2759	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-204 CONCERNING INCORPORATING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL POLICIES INTO TEACHER CONTRACTS.
HB2783	Stewart	AN ACT TO REGULATE THE COMPENSATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.
HB2787	Flowers	AN ACT TO PROVIDE STABILITY AND CONTINUITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC FACILITIES DISTRESS OR FISCAL

DISTRESS IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA.

HB2803	Sumpter	AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER A ONE-HALF (1/2) COURSE CREDIT PUBLIC SERVICE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2810	Harris	AN ACT TO ALLOW HOME SCHOOLS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.
SB837	Argue	TO PROVIDE UP TO TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY- FIVE (275) ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB772	Broadway	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK.
SB808	Broadway	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE NET ATHLETIC EVENT GATE RECEIPTS TO PURCHASE AWARDS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS.
SB843	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TRAVELING TEACHER PROGRAM.
SB776	Whitaker	TO AMEND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MOTOR VEHICLE PROVISIONS.
HB1385	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1649	Flowers	AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND AIR QUALITY SYSTEMS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
HB1519	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE STATE CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
HB2679	Chesterfield	TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE HOURS THAT A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER MAY WORK.
HB2538	Breedlove	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB2682	Hoyt	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PRESCRIBE UNIFORM COLLEGE LEVEL PREPARATORY AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1174	Anderson	TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE TO PARENTS STUDENT HEALTH REPORTS WITH THE BODY MASS INDEX PERCENTILE FOR THE STUDENT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT.
HB1330	Breedlove	TO CREATE THE INVESTMENT IN ARKANSANS STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOW-INCOME ARKANSANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE DEGREE.
HB1199	Cook	CONCERNING DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY.
HB1482	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE FULL AMOUNT OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
HB2306	Kenney	AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR GROWTH IN STUDENTS.
HB2530	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12) BY REQUIRING THAT A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK BE PERFORMED ON EACH PERSON WHO IS WORKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
HB2558	Chesterfield	TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND USE OF MOBILE LEARNING CENTERS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHILD HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION.
HB2566	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN DESEGREGATION LITIGATION.
HB2370	Harris	TO PROTECT COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM INCREASED TUITION COSTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.
HB2445	Harris	TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH STUDENT- LED AND STUDENT-INITIATED PRAYERS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1516	Cook	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVE PROMPT AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ON SCHOOL FINANCES

FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

HB1481	Lamoureux	TO ESTABLISH THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR TEACHING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE.
HB1495	Lamoureux	TO ESTABLISH THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR TEACHING A SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS COURSE IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12).
HB2508	Everett	TO MODIFY THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECEIVE TO RETIRE ITS OUTSTANDING BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE.
HB2480	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSAL ELIGIBILITY.
HB2483	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB1825	Harrelson	TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING OF CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS.
HB2055	Harrelson	AN ACT TO PROVIDE COLLEGE CREDIT TO ENTERING FRESHMEN WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM.
HB2066	Harrelson	AN ACT TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE APPLICANTS TO BE EMPLOYED AS TEACHER OF RECORD IN ARKANSAS.
HB2636	Patterson	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EXCESSIVE TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ISOLATED SCHOOLS.