

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
1st SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1504	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.

2nd SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB54	J. Jeffress	THE ARKANSAS TEACHER COMPENSATION EQUITY ACT.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB274	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB562	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-117 CONCERNING NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTY PAY FOR TEACHERS.
SB570	Broadway	AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
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.
SB660	Bookout	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SCR14	Laverty	ELEMENTARY SCIENCE EDUCATION VISION FOR ARKANSAS.
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.
SB776	Whitaker	TO AMEND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MOTOR VEHICLE PROVISIONS.
SB778	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION CODE IN ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6.
SB808	Broadway	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE NET ATHLETIC EVENT GATE RECEIPTS TO PURCHASE AWARDS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS.

SB826	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-811 CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGH- PRIORITY DISTRICTS.
SB835	Broadway	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL BUS".
SB841	Bryles	DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2007.
SB843	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TRAVELING TEACHER PROGRAM.
SB867	Steele	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS STUDENTS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS AN OPTION TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATION IN A GENDER-SPECIFIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
SB885	Argue	TO MODIFY THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM.
SB886	Argue	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
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.
SB888	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVED TIMELINESS, SECURITY, AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA.
SB889	Argue	TO AMEND THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.
SB899	Broadway	TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO REVIEW STATUTES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR ENERGY-RELATED CONTENT.
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.
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.
SB981	Wilkins	ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 2007.
SB984	Steele	TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TORNADO AND STORM SHELTERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
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.
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.
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.
HB2299	Breedlove	TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OR THEIR EQUIVALENT FROM LOW INCOME FAMILIES TO BE USED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB1562	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COLLEGE REMEDIATION RATE AND ENSURE A GENERAL,

		SUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READINESS FOR ALL STUDENTS.
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).
HB2252	Maxwell	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-305 CONCERNING NEW OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
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.
HB2222	Hardwick	TO ESTABLISH A GROWTH POOL OF POSITIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
HB2223	Hardwick	TO ESTABLISH A GROWTH POOL OF POSITIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2355	J. Johnson	AN ACT CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ATHLETIC TRAINERS.
HB1751	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO USE THE CORRECT TERM FOR EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY.
HB2269	Cook	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
HB2272	Cook	TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
HB2425	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES NEEDS OF HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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.
HB2426	Cook	AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF ENSURING THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE.
SB653	Bisbee	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-114 CONCERNING TEACHER PLANNING PERIODS.
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.

BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB764	Wilkins	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A FINAL CLOSE OF SCHOOL FINANCIAL RECORDS ON THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK BY SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR.
SB770	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT PROGRAM.
SB772	Broadway	AN ACT TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY CLERK.
SB782	Broadway	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES 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.
SB850	Brown	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-21-403 OF THE FREE TEXT BOOK ACT.
SB913	Laverty	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SB919	Laverty	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB920	Argue	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE QUALITY, SECURITY, VALIDATION, AND TIMELINESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
SB922	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MONTHLY REPORTING OF SELECTED DATA FROM THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
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.
SB939	Bryles	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EVALUATE THE SERVICES DELIVERED BY SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS.
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.
SB962	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES WEALTH INDEX.
SB986	Wilkins	AN ACT TO AMEND THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.

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.
SCR19	Argue	REQUESTING A STUDY BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE TEACHER SUPPORT SYSTEM AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION.