

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Education**  
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**Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 207, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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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

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB45	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO COMPENSATE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS FOR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT.
SB54	J. Jeffress	THE ARKANSAS TEACHER COMPENSATION EQUITY ACT.
SB274	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB1522	Walters	AN ACT TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A POLICY ALLOWING THE USE OF CANDY AND GUM IN THE CLASSROOM.
SB403	G. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH IRLLEN SYNDROME WHEN ADMINISTERING A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT.
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.
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.
SB660	Bookout	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SCR14	Laverty	ELEMENTARY SCIENCE EDUCATION VISION FOR ARKANSAS.
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.
SB791	Miller	AN ACT TO AMEND THE FUNDING FORMULA MODEL FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES.
HB1487	Blount	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EARLY LITERACY SKILLS OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN BY CREATING A LITERACY SKILLS COMPONENT TO THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
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.
HB1759	Wyatt	TO EXEMPT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM THE SHIELDED OUTDOOR LIGHTING ACT.
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.
SB822	Baker	TO AUTHORIZE THE SECTION 529 PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS THE ASPIRING SCHOLARS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM
SB826	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-811 CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION IN HIGH- PRIORITY DISTRICTS.
SB837	Argue	TO PROVIDE UP TO TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY- FIVE (275) ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB838	Argue	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FREE TUITION AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS.
SB839	Argue	TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
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.
SB843	Broadway	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TRAVELING TEACHER PROGRAM.
SB885	Argue	TO MODIFY THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM.
SB886	Argue	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
SB887	Argue	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STANDARDIZED CHART OF ACCOUNTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTING TO THE STATE.
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.
SB930	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAW.
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.
SB933	Bryles	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS.
SB936	Bryles	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO CONVERSION CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.
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.
SB953	J. Jeffress	AN ACT TO HELP ENSURE THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF AN ADMINISTRATOR AT SCHOOL FACILITIES UNLESS ABSENT ON SCHOOL BUSINESS.
SB981	Wilkins	ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 2007.
SB986	Luker	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.
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.
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.
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.
HB1731	Abernathy	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 21-4-505 ALLOWING TWO-YEAR COLLEGES TO COMPENSATE ALL EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE AT RETIREMENT.
HB1504	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.
HB1508	Saunders	AN ACT TO ADD SECONDARY AREA TECHNICAL CENTERS TO THE PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY THE BUILDING TRADES REVOLVING FUND.
HB1563	Pickett	TO AMEND 6-11-101 TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
HB2245	Flowers	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPING TECHNICAL JOB SKILLS.
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.
HCR1019	Pickett	REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY ON REQUIRING PARITY IN STIPENDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL PAY AMONG CERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
HCR1020	Walters	REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CERTIFIED TEACHERS AVAILABLE IN THE JOB MARKET TO MEET SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.
HCR1023	Kenney	REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION REVIEW ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE ALLOWABLE USES OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE TRUST FUND PROCEEDS.
HCR1024	Kenney	REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEEDS FOR STATE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GROWTH IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP, WHAT LEVEL OF FUNDING MAY BE NEEDED, AND ON WHAT BASIS THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE THE FUNDING.
HCR1025	Kenney	REQUESTING A STUDY IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP MORE DETAILED, UNIFORM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUND BALANCES AND FUND BALANCES FOR CATEGORICAL FUNDING.
HCR1026	Kenney	REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER FUNDING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM FOUNDATION FUNDING AND INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS FUNDED SEPARATELY THROUGH CATEGORICAL FUNDING.
HCR1027	Kenney	REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES AMONG ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN ARKANSAS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE PRACTICES STATEWIDE.
HCR1028	Kenney	REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION STUDY THE IMPACT OF REMOVING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING FROM FOUNDATION FUNDING AND TRANSFERRING THAT OBLIGATION TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

HB2398	Burris	TO REQUIRE EACH STUDENT AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO BE INFORMED AT REGISTRATION IF A COURSE WILL TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC INSTITUTION 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.
HB1829	Bond	AN ACT TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN DESEGREGATION LITIGATION.
HB1909	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-18-203 TO FURTHER DEFINE SCHOOL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES.
HB2736	J. Roebuck	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION, RETENTION, AND GRADUATION RATES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; TO DESCRIBE ITS MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

**BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
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.
SB713	Crumbly	AN ACT TO CREATE ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTERS TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED SCHOOLS.
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.
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.
SB782	Broadway	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
SB808	Broadway	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE NET ATHLETIC EVENT GATE RECEIPTS TO PURCHASE AWARDS FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS.
SB835	Broadway	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "SCHOOL BUS".
SB841	Bryles	DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2007.
SB850	Brown	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-21-403 OF THE FREE TEXT BOOK ACT.
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.
SB897	Broadway	AN ACT TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR HEALTHY VENDING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB913	Laverty	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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.

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.
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.
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.
SB984	Steele	TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TORNADO AND STORM SHELTERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

#### DEFERRED BILLS

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
SB205	Altes	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCENTIVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SEEK NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.