

**AGENDA**  
**House Committee on Education**  
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**Tuesday, March 06, 2007**

**10:00 AM**

**Room 138, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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

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Rep. Mark Martin  
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Rep. David Rainey  
Rep. David Cook  
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**PRESENTATION BY MR. GLENN NEWKIRK, PRESIDENT, INFOENTRY SERVICES, INCORPORATED ON THE REPORT, "EVALUATION OF CURRENT APSCN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION"**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS 03/08/2007**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
HB1829	Bond	AN ACT TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN DESEGREGATION LITIGATION.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
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).
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.
HB1477	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS FROM FIRE HAZARDS AND TO ENSURE REGULAR FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1483	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO INTEGRATE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCES INTO HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
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.
HB1517	Cook	AN ACT TO EXPAND MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.
HB1519	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE STATE CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
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.

HB1563	Pickett	TO AMEND 6-11-101 TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
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.
HB2213	J. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
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.
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.
HB2252	Maxwell	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-305 CONCERNING NEW OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2253	Cook	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM USING FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS STATEWIDE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.
HB2254	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2255	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-2305 TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB231	Laverty	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003 TO EQUALIZE THE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR A DISTRICT WITH A GROWING OR DECLINING ENROLLMENT.
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.
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.
HB2306	Kenney	AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR GROWTH IN STUDENTS.
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.
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.
HB2336	D. Hutchinson	AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.
HB2342	S. Prater	AN ACT TO AMEND PARTICULAR PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2370	Harris	TO PROTECT COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM INCREASED TUITION COSTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.
HB2381	Abernathy	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.
HB2394	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE HOME SCHOOL LAW.
HB2398	Burriss	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.
HB2402	Blount	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS PROGRAM AS A PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMPONENT OF ALL

FEDERALLY-FUNDED ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS.

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.
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.
HR1021	Walters	ENCOURAGING ALL ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PREPARE FOR CODING CHANGES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.
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.

**BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
HB1478	Pickett	THE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE ACT OF 2007.
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).
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.
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.
HB1751	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO USE THE CORRECT TERM FOR EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY.
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.
HB1909	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-18-203 TO FURTHER DEFINE SCHOOL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES.
HB2029	Jeffrey	AN ACT TO EXEMPT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED EARLY FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY ATTEND A FULL SCHOOL DAY.
HB2066	Harrelson	AN ACT TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE APPLICANTS TO BE EMPLOYED AS TEACHER OF RECORD IN ARKANSAS.

HB2210	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ACCESS TO EVIDENCE OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING.
HB2217	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITES.
HB2234	Norton	AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS WITHOUT BEING IDENTIFIED AS A DISTRICT IN FISCAL DISTRESS.
HB2251	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 1989.
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.
HB2268	Cook	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DATABASES OR A FILE ABSTRACT.
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.
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.
HB2327	Blount	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO RETIRED TEACHERS.
HB2335	Stewart	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID.
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.
HB2380	Rainey	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-414 CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL.
HB2388	Pyle	AN ACT TO PROTECT YOUNG ARKANSANS IN NEED OF SPECIALIZED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
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.

### **DEFERRED BILLS**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
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.
HB1430	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.
HB1482	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE FULL AMOUNT OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.