

AGENDA
House Committee on Education
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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

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<u>REGULAR AGENDA</u>

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
HB1480	Lamoureux	TO AUTHORIZE A TEACHER ASSIGNED MORE THAN SIXTY (60) MINUTES OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES TO CONTRACT DIFFERENTLY THAN REQUIRED.
HB1482	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE FULL AMOUNT OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
HB1483	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO INTEGRATE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCES INTO HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB1504	Anderson	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.
HB1521	Walters	AN ACT TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLANS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1534	Blount	AN ACT TO CREATE THE MOBILE LEARNING COMMISSION.
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.
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.
HR1018	Norton	COMMENDING THE ALPENA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND AGRISCIENCE PROGRAMS FOR EXCELLENCE.
SB11	Miller	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COURSES

REQUIRED TO BE TAUGHT BY THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION.

SB203	Madison	AN ACT TO REPEAL THE RISING JUNIOR EXAM.
HB1649	Flowers	AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND AIR QUALITY SYSTEMS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
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.
HB1759	Wyatt	TO EXEMPT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM THE SHIELDED OUTDOOR LIGHTING ACT.
HB1385	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
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.

BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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).
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.
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.
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.
HB1563	Pickett	TO AMEND 6-11-101 TO CLARIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
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.
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.
HB1796	Hawkins	AN ACT TO PROVIDE LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
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.

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.
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.