

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

Rep. Bill Abernathy, Chair
Rep. Nancy Duffy Blount, Vice Chair
Rep. Mark Martin
Rep. Rick Saunders
Rep. David Rainey
Rep. David Cook

Rep. Eddie Cheatham
Rep. Toni Bradford
Rep. Donna Hutchinson
Rep. Jerry Brown
Rep. Charolette Wagner
Rep. Steven Breedlove
Rep. Dan Greenberg

Rep. Tim Summers
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Linda Tyler
Rep. Robert Dale
Rep. Monty Betts
Rep. Jody Dickinson

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1556	Nickels	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ALL REPORTS THAT IMPACT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
HB1606	Saunders	TO PROVIDE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES.
HB1680	Maloch	TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IS ELIGIBLE FOR CATASTROPHIC LEAVE.
HB1764	D. Hutchinson	TO EXPAND REPORTING OF POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION.
HB1805	M. Burris	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMON COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM.
HB1808	Allen	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM ACT.
HB1868	Summers	TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
HB1869	Clemmer	AN ACT CONCERNING ARKANSAS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB1870	Clemmer	AN ACT CONCERNING ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE.
HB1871	Clemmer	AN ACT CONCERNING ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.
HB1875	Hawkins	TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION.
HB1896	Carnine	AN ACT CONCERNING ARKANSAS DISTANCE LEARNING.
HB1907	Cook	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.
HB1908	Cook	AN ACT CONCERNING VIRTUAL SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS.
HB1933	J. Roebuck	TO AMEND TITLE 6 PROVISIONS CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
HB1937	Saunders	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING ARKANSAS END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS.
HB1938	Saunders	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
HB1952	Breedlove	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS USED IN CALCULATING FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1956	Word	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PROJECT GRADUATION COMMISSION.
HB1970	Cook	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS.
HB1971	Cook	TO AMEND THE CALCULATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS FOR DETERMINING STATE FOUNDATION FUNDING AID.

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HB1972	Cook	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
HB1974	Betts	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.
HB1990	J. Roebuck	TO REQUIRE CLEAR EXIT STANDARDS FOR ALL REMEDIAL COURSES TAKEN AT STATE- SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING TECHNIQUES OF REMEDIAL COURSES.
HB1992	Abernathy	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
HB1993	Abernathy	TO ALLOW A TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE CONCURRENT CREDIT COURSES AT A REDUCED TUITION AMOUNT.
HB2014	M. Burris	TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURES OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYEES HAVING A FINANCIAL INTEREST.
HB2026	Lindsey	TO AMEND THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2043	T. Bradford	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2063	Abernathy	TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE-SUPPORTED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2066	Abernathy	TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMELY AND ACCURATE RECEIPT OF DATA NEEDED TO CALCULATE AND ADJUST FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2111	Garner	TO INCREASE SAFETY ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES.
HB2114	J. Roebuck	TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA MODEL FOR UNIVERSITIES.
HB2129	Everett	CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TASKFORCE ON ATHLETIC TRAINING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2130	Everett	CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM ON ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND CAREERS IN VARIOUS MEDICAL FIELDS.
HB2135	Williams	THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT.
HB2140	Cook	TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS ON UNMATURED BONDS INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT REORGANIZATIONS AND TO CREATE SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.
HB2146	Harrelson	CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATIONS OF ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES FOR USE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ARKANSAS.
HB2150	Everett	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2157	Cook	TO CLARIFY EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S LIABILITY FOR THE UNMATURED BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS EXISTING WHEN THE TERRITORY OF ONE (1) SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DIVIDED AMONG MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2159	Allen	THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READINESS ACCELERATION ACT.
HB2192	Patterson	TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNSELORS IN THE STATE TEACHER ASSISTANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM.
HB2199	J. Burris	TO ENCOURAGE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE ATTAINMENT FOR ALL ARKANSANS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.
HB2227	Perry	TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BY WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND AN EXISTING DISTRICT FROM WHICH TERRITORY WILL BE DETACHED.
HB2232	M. Burris	TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES FOR ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION.
HB2234	Perry	TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF A NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT IN PULASKI COUNTY AND PROVIDE FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE DIVISION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
HB2235	Dunn	PROMOTE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN CERTAIN BUILDINGS LEASED BY THE STATE OR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2236	Carnine	TO RESTRICT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IF THE RESULTING SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HAVE AN AREA LARGER THAN NINE HUNDRED ONE SQUARE MILES (901 SQ. MI.).
HB2237	Carnine	TO RESTRICT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IF THE

RESULTING SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE LARGER THAN ONE THOUSAND SQUARE MILES (1,000 SQ. MI.).

HB2238	Carnine	TO RESTRICT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IF THE RESULTING DISTRICT WILL HAVE AN AREA LARGER THAN ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-FOUR SQUARE MILES (1,054 SQ. MI.).
HB2239	Carnine	TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS FAIR, IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES, AND IS ALIGNED WITH NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.
HB2249	Cheatham	TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER EVALUATIONS.
HB2254	Blount	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ACT.
HB2261	Cole	TO ALLOW STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE TO CHANGE THE MATH REQUIREMENT TO "AN APPLICABLE AND APPROPRIATE NONREMEDIAL MATH COURSE"
HCR1021	W. Lewellen	TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED ONE (101) YEARS OF SERVICE TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLEGE WOMEN AND THE COMMUNITY.
HB1450	Reynolds	TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND BUS DRIVERS.
SB313	D. Johnson	TO CLARIFY APPLICABLE KINDERGARTEN AND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1342	Flowers	TO STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN BY ENSURING SCHOOL FACILITY INSPECTIONS ARE LAWFULLY CONDUCTED AND COMPLIED WITH.
HB1665	M. Martin	THE EXTENSION EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS ACT.
HB1852	Breedlove	TO ESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC FACILITIES REVIEW BOARD AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROJECTS.
HB1854	L. Smith	TO ENSURE THAT ALL ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAMS.
HB1862	Carnine	TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS WITH NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS WHILE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.
HB1878	Hyde	TO ENSURE THAT ALL STATE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE FOUNDATION MATRIX ARE SPENT ON TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE.
HB1900	Flowers	TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
HB1918	Hawkins	TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF PAID BREAKS FOR CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
HB1921	Nix	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FAIR HEARING ACT.
HB1940	Cook	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1959	Abernathy	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS.
HB1960	Stewart	TO CHANGE THE CALCULATION OF MINIMUM ENROLLMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION.
HB1976	J. Rogers	TO PROHIBIT THE BUSSING OF STUDENTS ACROSS SCHOOL DISTRICT LINES EXCEPT IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1996	J. Roebuck	TO INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS TO BECOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.
HB1999	Lea	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.
HB2003	Lowery	TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2012	Carroll	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OFFER A COURSE IN DRIVER EDUCATION.
HB2064	Abernathy	TO PROVIDE STATE RESOURCES FOR EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY BY AMENDING THE

HB2072	Hawkins	AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS. TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.
HB2101	Betts	TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSES OF THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION TIME A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS.
HB2144	Cook	AMENDING THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOME SCHOOLING.
HB2163	Rainey	TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS THE SEVERITY OF ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.
HB2164	Rainey	TO AMEND THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS.
HB2170	Carnine	TO PROVIDE FOR INTERVENTION AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION UPON EARLY INDICATORS OF THE FISCAL DISTRESS OR FACILITIES DISTRESS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB2172	Rainey	TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS THE SEVERITY OF ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.
HB2263	Lovell	TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1006	Abernathy	TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSISTENT RATE OF INCREASE TO THE SALARIES OF CLASSIFIED SCHOOL PERSONNEL.
HB1007	Abernathy	TO ALLOW STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO COMPENSATE NONCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE AT RETIREMENT.
HB1054	Hobbs	TO MODIFY THE UNIFORM DATE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.
HB1253	Shelby	AN ACT TO PROTECT SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE; TO REQUIRE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS TOXOIDS, AND ACCELLULAR PERTUSSIS IN THE SEVENTH GRADE.
HB1412	Harrelson	AN ACT TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE APPLICANTS TO BE EMPLOYED AS TEACHER OF RECORD IN ARKANSAS.
HB1425	Dunn	AN ACT TO ENHANCE TEACHER TRAINING FOCUSED ON CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.
HB1555	Betts	TO CLARIFY STUDENT GROWTH FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1989	M. Martin	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING HOME SCHOOL LAW.
HB2019	M. Martin	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING STUDENT ABSENTEEISM.
SB107	Faris	TO PROHIBIT APPROVAL OF CERTAIN COSMETOLOGICAL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.