

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

Rep. Bruce Cozart, Chair
Rep. Charlotte V. Douglas, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. John W. Walker

Rep. Mark Lowery
Rep. Mark D. McElroy
Rep. George B. McGill
Rep. Andy Davis
Rep. Jana Della Rosa
Rep. Grant Hodges
Rep. Rick Beck

Rep. Dan Sullivan
Rep. Nelda Speaks
Rep. Mickey Gates
Rep. DeAnn Vaught
Rep. James Sturch
Rep. Frances Cavenaugh
Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1266	Richey	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR A SPOUSE OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO BE A VOLUNTEER OR A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER UPON APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1442	Davis	TO CREATE THE PERSONAL FINANCE AND JOB READINESS ACT.
HB1473	Love	TO ALLOW A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TUITION SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN THE ARKANSAS TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING TAX YEARS.
SB12	G. Stubblefield	TO ESTABLISH THAT EMERGENCY OR SECURITY RECORDS OR OTHER INFORMATION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
HB1509	Leding	TO CREATE THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT.
HB1510	Gonzales	TO CREATE THE DEMOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE ACT.
HB1516	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING; TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL NURSE-TO-STUDENT RATIOS; AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL SCHOOL NURSE SURVEY.
HB1517	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE.
HB1518	Sturch	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.
HB1523	Sturch	CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1533	D. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PURCHASE A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1538	Hammer	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.
HB1539	Cozart	TO REQUIRE THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST USED BY UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES BEFORE A STUDENT MAY RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA.
HB1543	Hollowell	TO TRANSFER CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1552	McNair	TO ALTER THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE.
SB31	Hickey	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO

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SB309	J. English	TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES FROM CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OR OPERATING A DORMITORY OR BARRACKS.
SB328	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO APPLY FOR A K-6 TEACHING LICENSE OR A SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12 TEACHING LICENSE TO SUCCESSFULLY PASS A STAND-ALONE READING TEST AND A MULTI-SUBJECT TEST AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE.
HB1056	Lowery	TO ALLOW THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A STUDENT'S RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STUDENT ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR ONE (1) ACADEMIC YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP.
HB1042	B. Smith	TO PROHIBIT SANCTUARY POLICIES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1222	Dotson	THE ARKANSAS PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT FOR EDUCATION CHOICE ACT OF 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1474	Lowery	CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.
HB1567	Hammer	TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1574	Lowery	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING HOME SCHOOLS.
HB1575	Lowery	TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUND BALANCES A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MAINTAIN.
HB1576	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
HB1579	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1583	Dotson	TO CREATE RECALL ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1017	Cozart	TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS.
HB1020	Love	TO CREATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROMISE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO EVERY CHILD BORN IN ARKANSAS TO BE USED FOR COLLEGE TUITION.
HB1027	Eubanks	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.
HB1029	Lowery	TO EXCLUDE PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, AND CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES WITH A MULTIYEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
HB1044	F. Allen	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CHOOSE WHICH GRADE IN WHICH TO TAKE THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT.
HB1408	C. Douglas	CONCERNING WHO MAY SERVE AS A PROCTOR OF A TEST OR ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ACT.
HB1456	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO PROVIDES PROOF OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND TO EXEMPT A STUDENT WITH A PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
HB1457	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD

OF INSTRUCTION TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.

[HB1458](#)

C. Douglas

TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ARTS OR PERFORMING ARTS IN EITHER GRADE SEVEN OR GRADE EIGHT.

[HB1459](#)

C. Douglas

TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY.