

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Education**  
**91st General Assembly**  
**Regular Session, 2017**

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**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

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

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Sen. Jane English, Chair  
Sen. Joyce Elliott, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Linda Chesterfield  
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey

Sen. Alan Clark  
Sen. Jim Hendren  
Sen. Bart Hester  
Sen. Blake Johnson

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**CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB531</a>	B. Sample	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS.

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**RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB673</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CONCURRENT CREDIT.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB251</a>	B. King	TO REMOVE REMEDIATION AS A FUNCTION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO TRANSFER HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION FUNDING TO OTHER STATE ENTITIES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB298</a>	J. English	TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB347</a>	Caldwell	TO TRANSFER CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1407</a>	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ANY SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES.
<a href="#">SB437</a>	J. Hutchinson	TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING THOSE FUNDS.
<a href="#">HB1509</a>	Leding	TO CREATE THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT.
<a href="#">SB503</a>	Elliott	TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENT TREATMENT IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE EDUCATION OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS DURING PLACEMENT IN A FACILITY IN A BORDER STATE.
<a href="#">SB504</a>	J. English	TO AMEND THE DATE OF AN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
<a href="#">SB509</a>	Elliott	CONCERNING SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT; AND TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF A POTENTIAL TAKEOVER OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR DISTRICT AND OF THE CLOSING OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
<a href="#">SB536</a>	E. Cheatham	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY ZONE.
<a href="#">HB1538</a>	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.

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<a href="#">SB577</a>	Standridge	TO REQUIRE APPROVAL BEFORE POSTING SIGNAGE, INFORMATION, OR OTHER MATERIAL IN A COMMON AREA OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SB583</a>	Elliott	TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS BE NET PROCEEDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
<a href="#">SB646</a>	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
<a href="#">SB662</a>	Files	TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT TIMES OTHER THAN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME; AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
<a href="#">SB691</a>	A. Clark	TO ADD TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX (K-6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED.
<a href="#">SB710</a>	Elliott	TO REQUIRE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO BE OPEN MEETINGS.
<a href="#">SB711</a>	Elliott	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO PRESENT EVIDENCE FOR THE NEED FOR A WAIVER FROM STATE LAWS OR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES AND FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WAIVER AFTER SCHOOL RECEIVES THE WAIVERS.
<a href="#">SB712</a>	Elliott	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY.
<a href="#">SB713</a>	Elliott	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY WAIVERS FROM STATE LAWS OR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL.
<a href="#">HB1627</a>	Sturch	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDANCE.
<a href="#">HB1804</a>	Sturch	TO CHANGE THE DATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
<a href="#">HB1806</a>	Sturch	TO REPEAL A SECTION IN THE ARKANSAS CODE THAT GRANTS FREE TUITION TO STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS.
<a href="#">HB1945</a>	C. Douglas	CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.
<a href="#">HB1567</a>	Hammer	TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1805</a>	Sturch	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY COURSES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
<a href="#">HB1459</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1579</a>	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
<a href="#">HB1607</a>	Della Rosa	TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER'S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.
<a href="#">HB1646</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
<a href="#">HB1648</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
<a href="#">HB1689</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AND INDEBTEDNESS; TO AMEND FUNDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE FINANCING.

<a href="#">HB1710</a>	S. Meeks	TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
<a href="#">HB1729</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1802</a>	Lundstrum	TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM A TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.
<a href="#">HB1905</a>	C. Douglas	CONCERNING DELAY OF OPENING OR EARLY RELEASE OF SCHOOL.
<a href="#">HB1929</a>	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">HB1457</a>	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.
<a href="#">HB1576</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
<a href="#">HB1611</a>	Tucker	CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
<a href="#">HB1621</a>	Lowery	TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
<a href="#">HB1666</a>	Sabin	TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.
<a href="#">HB1907</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.
<a href="#">HB1608</a>	Della Rosa	CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS UNDER THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.
<a href="#">HB1740</a>	Lowery	CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENROLLMENT OF A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
<a href="#">HB1762</a>	Brown	TO ALLOW AN EMPLOYER TO MAKE A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION TO AN EMPLOYEE'S TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM AS AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.
<a href="#">HB1925</a>	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITY REVIEW CONFERENCES.
<a href="#">HB2207</a>	Boyd	TO ABOLISH THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND ARKANSAS RESIDENCY.
<a href="#">HB2243</a>	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
<a href="#">SB610</a>	Elliott	TO ELIMINATE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

#### **PENDING FISCAL IMPACT**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB179</a>	Elliott	TO ALLOW REINSTATEMENT OF A VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED EDUCATOR'S LICENSE UPON A SHOWING OF REHABILITATION AND FITNESS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES AUTHORIZED BY THE LICENSE.
<a href="#">SB587</a>	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING READING PROFICIENCY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
<a href="#">SB645</a>	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE; TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE PROVISION OF BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
<a href="#">SB708</a>	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### **DEFERRED**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subtitle</b>
<a href="#">SB28</a>	Hickey	CONCERNING ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; AND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY TO ESTABLISH A TRUST ACCOUNT

		FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD SUPPLEMENTS.
<a href="#">SB29</a>	Hickey	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; TO SUPPLEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS WITH EXCESS LOTTERY PROCEEDS.
<a href="#">SB30</a>	Hickey	TO ESTABLISH AMOUNTS FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SUPPLEMENTS.
<a href="#">SB230</a>	Maloch	CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NONEMPLOYER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES; AND CONCERNING COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SB261</a>	Hester	TO ESTABLISH THAT ATTORNEY RECORDS RELATED TO LITIGATION INVOLVING A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
<a href="#">SB287</a>	Hester	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.
<a href="#">SB438</a>	J. Hendren	TO INCREASE EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SB506</a>	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A DIGITAL LEARNING TASK FORCE.
<a href="#">SB507</a>	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDERS.
<a href="#">SB539</a>	Hester	TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO INTERDISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE.
<a href="#">SB557</a>	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TRUTH IN ADVERTISING AS IT RELATES TO THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY.
<a href="#">SB582</a>	Files	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
<a href="#">SB591</a>	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING A LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM.
<a href="#">SB595</a>	J. English	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARKANSAS RESEARCH CENTER; AND TO IMPLEMENT THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM.
<a href="#">SB614</a>	Bond	TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES AND ACADEMICS.
<a href="#">SB628</a>	Standridge	TO PROVIDE THAT SUPERINTENDENTS AND PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARE IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ENFORCING A POLICY THAT COMPLIES WITH STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.
<a href="#">SB629</a>	B. King	TO CLOSE ONE (1) OF THE LAW SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
<a href="#">SB690</a>	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; TO CLARIFY THE EFFECT ON ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<a href="#">SB703</a>	J. Hendren	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
<a href="#">SB706</a>	Elliott	TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON THE CREATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WORLD-CLASS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
<a href="#">SB707</a>	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS.
<a href="#">SB709</a>	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY OF DATA.
<a href="#">SB719</a>	Hester	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SB752</a>	L. Chesterfield	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
<a href="#">SB759</a>	L. Chesterfield	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
<a href="#">SB767</a>	Irvin	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE CARE OF HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
<a href="#">SB780</a>	Collins-Smith	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE OFFERING OF SECOND AMENDMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

