

AGENDA (Revised 03/28/2017, 6:45 PM)

(Added Bills)

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

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

CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB416	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE OPERATION AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB441	J. English	TO CREATE A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW TECHNICAL AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND RECOMMEND WAYS TO ALIGN THE PROGRAMS TO PRODUCE AN EFFICIENT, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED TECHNICAL AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION SYSTEM.
SB442	J. Hendren	TO CLARIFY THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.
SB494	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REPORT TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT THE READING LEVEL OF THE STUDENT.
SB555	A. Clark	TO MODIFY INCENTIVE BONUSES FOR NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB549	G. Stubblefield	TO EXTEND THE AMOUNT OF RECESS TIME REQUIRED FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS; AND TO AMEND THE AMOUNT OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME REQUIRED FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN A SCHOOL DAY.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB179	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.
SB583	Elliott	TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS BE NET PROCEEDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB712	Elliott	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY.
SB713	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.
HB1611	Tucker	CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2243	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
HB1855	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL CHOICE

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HB1575	Lowery	TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUND BALANCES A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MAINTAIN.
HB1672	Tucker	CONCERNING ADMISSIONS POLICIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO ALIGN CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1897	Baltz	TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER TO THEIR STUDENTS A PANIC BUTTON ALERT SYSTEM.
HB1935	Lowery	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; TO CLARIFY THE EFFECT ON ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB2163	Maddox	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES; AND TO ABOLISH CERTAIN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES.
HB1859	Davis	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EFFECTIVE STUDENT DISCIPLINE.
HB1710	S. Meeks	TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
HB1666	Sabin	TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB28	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.
SB29	Hickey	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS; TO SUPPLEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS WITH EXCESS LOTTERY PROCEEDS.
SB30	Hickey	TO ESTABLISH AMOUNTS FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SUPPLEMENTS.
SB230	Maloch	CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND NONEMPLOYER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES; AND CONCERNING COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB251	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.
SB261	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.
SB287	Hester	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.
SB298	J. English	TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB347	Caldwell	TO TRANSFER CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB437	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.
SB438	J. Hendren	TO INCREASE EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB503	Elliott	TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENT TREATMENT IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE EDUCATION OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS DURING PLACEMENT IN A FACILITY IN A BORDER STATE.
SB504	J. English	TO AMEND THE DATE OF AN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
SB507	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDERS.

SB509	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.
SB536	E. Cheatham	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY ZONE.
SB539	Hester	TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO INTERDISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE.
SB557	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TRUTH IN ADVERTISING AS IT RELATES TO THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY.
SB577	Standridge	TO REQUIRE APPROVAL BEFORE POSTING SIGNAGE, INFORMATION, OR OTHER MATERIAL IN A COMMON AREA OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB582	Files	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF ENROLLMENT POSITIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.
SB591	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING A LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM.
SB595	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.
SB610	Elliott	TO ELIMINATE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB614	Bond	TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES AND ACADEMICS.
SB628	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.
SB629	B. King	TO CLOSE ONE (1) OF THE LAW SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
SB690	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; TO CLARIFY THE EFFECT ON ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB703	J. Hendren	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
SB706	Elliott	TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON THE CREATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WORLD-CLASS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB707	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB709	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY OF DATA.
SB710	Elliott	TO REQUIRE MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF A SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS TO BE OPEN MEETINGS.
SB711	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.
SB719	Hester	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB752	L. Chesterfield	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS.
SB759	L. Chesterfield	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT DEMOGRAPHIC DISPARITIES TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
SB767	Irvin	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE CARE OF HIGH-NEEDS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB780	Collins-Smith	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE OFFERING OF SECOND AMENDMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES.
HB1576	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
HB1907	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC

FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.