

AGENDA
House Committee on Education

Thursday, March 11, 2021
9:30 AM
Room 151, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Public Comment Holding Room 149

Rep. Bruce Cozart, Chair
Rep. Brian S. Evans, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
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Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Mark Lowery

Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Ken Bragg
Rep. Charlene Fite
Rep. Rick Beck
Rep. Nelda Speaks
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. DeAnn Vaught

Rep. John Maddox
Rep. Steve Hollowell
Rep. Lee Johnson
Rep. Gayla H. McKenzie
Rep. Megan Godfrey
Rep. Stu Smith

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1173	Tollett	TO AMEND THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.
HB1257	Tollett	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS COMPLETED OR WILL COMPLETE THE CERTIFIED FACILITIES DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.
HB1237	Lowery	TO AMEND THE SCHOOL START DATE; TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS TO ELECT TO IMPLEMENT AN ALTERNATE SCHOOL CALENDAR; AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL DAY.
HB1451	Godfrey	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADOPT AN APPROVED BILINGUAL PROGRAM OR DUAL-IMMERSION PROGRAM.
HB1540	Cozart	TO AMEND TIMING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE TEN PERCENT OR GREATER MINORITY POPULATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1541	Cozart	TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A LOCAL CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INSURANCE SHALL INCREASE.
HB1594	Vaught	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TEACHING LICENSES.
SB382	L. Chesterfield	TO DEEM A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AN APPROVED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNDER THE ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT PROGRAM.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1097	Wooten	CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONFERENCES.
HB1218	Lowery	TO PROHIBIT OFFERING COURSES, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES THAT ISOLATE STUDENTS BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS WITHIN PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION; AND TO ADJUST FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THAT OFFER THESE

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PROHIBITED COURSES, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES.

HB1231	Lowery	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS TO TEACH THE 1619 PROJECT CURRICULUM; AND TO REDUCE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT TEACH THE 1619 PROJECT CURRICULUM.
HB1387	Penzo	TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ISSUE A TEACHING LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MIGRANT FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ISLANDS IF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.
SB72	J. Sturch	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL.