

AGENDA (Revised 4/3/2023 @8:23 AM)
Added Bills
Senate Committee on Education

Monday, April 3, 2023
9:30 AM
Room 207, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Vice-Chair
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Greg Leding

Sen. Kim Hammer
Sen. Joshua Bryant
Sen. Matt Stone
Sen. Jim Dotson

CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB361	M. McKee	CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB367	S. Flowers	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING UNUSED OR UNDERUTILIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE OR LEASE A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC FACILITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB370	M. Johnson	CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
SB400	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT.
SB412	Irvin	TO CREATE THE READING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC DELIVERABLES ("READ") PROGRAM ACT.
HB1545	L. Johnson	CONCERNING RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.
HB1544	L. Johnson	CONCERNING THE OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
SB440	Caldwell	TO ALLOW PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THAT OFFER VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TRAINING TO CONTRACT WITH VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ON A TWELVE-MONTH BASIS.
SB471	C. Tucker	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO ALLOW A PARENT OF A PARTICIPATING STUDENT TO ELECT TO DIRECT ACCOUNT FUNDS TO THE RESIDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL TO WHICH THE PARTICIPATING STUDENT IS ASSIGNED
SB500	J. Bryant	TO CREATE THE STUDENT DATA VENDOR SECURITY ACT.
SB510	Irvin	TO AMEND THE CRITERIA CONSIDERED IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REDUCTION-IN-FORCE POLICY.
SB512	Irvin	CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL POLICIES; AND CONCERNING A SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL POLICIES.

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SB514	Irvin	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE LAW THAT RELATE TO TOPICS COVERED BY, THE COMPOSITION OF, AND THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.
HB1489	D. Garner	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES APPROVED FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE.
HB1576	Scott	TO ESTABLISH THE CREATING A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR (CROWN) ACT.
HB1582	Warren	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING JOB ORDER CONTRACTING; AND TO INCREASE THE CAP ON JOB ORDER CONTRACTING BID AWARDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB531	B. King	CONCERNING CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC GAMES HELD BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
SB538	B. Davis	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH A NON-SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM THAT IS OF THE SAME SPORT AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM OF WHICH THE STUDENT IS A MEMBER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1504	M. McElroy	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION REORGANIZATION ACT; TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1590	Walker	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IMPLEMENTS AN ALTERNATE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO USE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING UP A MISSED SCHOOL DAY.
HB1602	Richmond	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL WEEK THAT IS NOT A FIVE-DAY SCHOOL WEEK; AND TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXTEND THE SCHOOL DAY OR SCHOOL YEAR TO ACCOMMODATE A SCHOOL WEEK THAT IS NOT A FIVE-DAY SCHOOL WEEK.
HB1619	G. Hodges	TO PERMIT A LOCAL BOARD OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL ZONES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1604	Barker	TO REQUIRE THAT A PETITION OF A STUDENT TO TRANSFER FROM ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
SB543	K. Hammer	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND AMENDING A PORTION OF LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1990.
SB550	Irvin	TO CREATE THE K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE.
SB551	J. Dotson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO REFERENCES TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB554	J. English	TO AMEND THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT; AND TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO FIRE DRILLS AND EXTERIOR DOORS AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.
HB1642	Maddox	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES" FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB1516	Lundstrum	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PARTNER WITH A BUSINESS TO ALLOW FOR THE PROVISION OF A SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERT; AND TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT LOAN SUBJECT-MATTER EXPERTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

SB556	J. Dotson	TO CREATE THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT.
SB568	J. Dismang	TO AMEND ACTS 2023, NO. 237; AND TO AMEND THE LIMITATION ON THE FUNDS A PARTICIPATING STUDENT MAY RECEIVE UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM.
SB570	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015.
SB571	J. English	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE TO CLARIFY WHICH INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES OF SCIENTIFIC READING INSTRUCTION.
SB572	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCHOOL EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT AND BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS.
SB573	J. English	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB532	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD.

LAID ON THE TABLE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB149	G. Leding	TO AMEND THE PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB206	C. Penzo	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBERS OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1337	J. Mayberry	TO CLASSIFY A BUILDING OR SPACE USED FOR A PUBLIC EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM OR FOR A SAFE ROOM FOR STUDENTS AS AN ACADEMIC FACILITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES FUNDING ACT.
SB425	J. English	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY; AND TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL.
SB308	J. Dismang	TO CREATE A MEANS BY WHICH STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL.
SB391	B. King	CONCERNING CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC GAMES HELD BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.