

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
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Room 207, State Capitol
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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

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB31	Hickey	CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP; AND TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY AS A TRADITIONAL STUDENT.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB21	A. Clark	TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ELEMENTARY-LEVEL GENERAL TEACHING LICENSE OR ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING LICENSE.
SB26	A. Clark	TO INCREASE TEACHERS IN HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS; AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS WHO AGREE TO TEACH IN THE HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS.
SB27	A. Clark	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA; AND TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER CANDIDATE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.
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.
SB179	Elliott	TO ALLOW REINSTATEMENT OF A REVOKED EDUCATOR'S LICENSE UPON A SHOWING OF REHABILITATION AND FITNESS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES AUTHORIZED BY THE LICENSE.
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.
HB1019	Cozart	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP COORDINATING COUNCIL.
SB274	Elliott	TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE FOR BEING IN ACADEMIC DISTRESS CAN BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB278	Files	TO PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.
HB1155	Cozart	TO AMEND THE MINIMUM TEACHER COMPENSATION SCHEDULE.
HB1307	Sorvillo	CONCERNING THE PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF HEALTH

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		INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB288	J. Hendren	TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER AUTHORITY ACT.
HB1308	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE BUILDING BETTER FUTURES PROGRAM AND THE BUILDING BETTER FUTURES HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM.
HB1406	C. Douglas	TO REPEAL THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ARKANSAS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY.
SB298	J. English	TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF DECLINING ENROLLMENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB303	E. Cheatham	TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB304	J. Hendren	TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS FROM OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC CHARTER AUTHORIZING PANEL.
SB308	A. Clark	TO GRANT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS A RIGHT OF ACCESS TO UNUSED OR UNDERUTILIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
SB309	J. English	TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES FROM CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OR OPERATING A DORMITORY OR BARRACKS.
HB1002	McElroy	TO REGULATE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL BUSES; TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL BUSES BE EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS; AND TO ENFORCE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS.
HB1426	Della Rosa	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1424	Vaught	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION.
HB1425	Vaught	CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND LICENSURE EXCEPTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE A TIERED LICENSURE SYSTEM; AND TO ALLOW DISTRICTS TO BASE COMPENSATION ON LICENSURE LEVELS.
SB178	Files	TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
SB329	A. Clark	TO RAISE THE PRICE THRESHOLD FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST PROCURE BY SOLICITING BIDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS IN THE PURCHASE PRICE THRESHOLD BASED ON INFLATION.
SB337	Hester	TO REPEAL THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
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.