

AGENDA (Revised 02/21/2017, 2:15 PM)
(SB274 Moved to Pending Fiscal Impact)

**Senate Committee on Education
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10:00 AM

**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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - FEBRUARY 22, 2017, 10:30 AM
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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB308	A. Clark	TO GRANT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS A RIGHT OF ACCESS TO UNUSED OR UNDERUTILIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
SB278	Files	TO PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.
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.

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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.
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.
SB347	Caldwell	TO TRANSFER CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1154	Cozart	TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INCREASES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING EACH SCHOOL YEAR BE USED FOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES.
HB1435	Tucker	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS TO POST THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER.
HB1407	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ANY SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES.
HB1461	Wing	TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1481	Lowery	TO ALLOW HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
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.
HB1426	Della Rosa	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
SB371	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSFERS.
SB372	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

DEFERRED

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.
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.