

AGENDA (Revised 03/17/2017, 1:15 PM)

(Added Bills)

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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
SB677	Irvin	TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE LITTLE ROCK RANGERS SOCCER CLUB.

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.
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.
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.
HB1407	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUBMIT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ANY SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES.
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.
HB1509	Leding	TO CREATE THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT.
SB502	Elliott	TO CREATE THE RIGHT TO READ ACT.
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.
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.
HB1538	Hammer	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING

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		PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.
SB577	Standridge	TO REQUIRE APPROVAL BEFORE POSTING SIGNAGE, INFORMATION, OR OTHER MATERIAL IN A COMMON AREA OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB583	Elliott	TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF LOTTERY PROCEEDS BE NET PROCEEDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB621	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.
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.
SB646	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
SB662	Files	TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT TIMES OTHER THAN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME; AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
SB691	A. Clark	TO ADD TEACHERS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX (K-6) AS TEACHERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED.
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.
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.
HB1627	Sturch	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDANCE.
HB1804	Sturch	TO CHANGE THE DATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.
HB1806	Sturch	TO REPEAL A SECTION IN THE ARKANSAS CODE THAT GRANTS FREE TUITION TO STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WORLD WAR I VETERANS.
HB1945	C. Douglas	CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.
HB1567	Hammer	TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1805	Sturch	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY COURSES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
HB1459	C. Douglas	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY.
HB1579	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1607	Della Rosa	TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER'S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.

HB1646	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB1648	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
HB1689	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AND INDEBTEDNESS; TO AMEND FUNDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE FINANCING.
HB1710	S. Meeks	TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
HB1729	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1802	Lundstrum	TO ALLOW CONTRIBUTIONS BY AN ARKANSAS TAXPAYER TO A TAX-DEFERRED TUITION SAVINGS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY ANOTHER STATE TO BE DEDUCTED FROM A TAXPAYER'S INCOME TAX.
HB1905	C. Douglas	CONCERNING DELAY OF OPENING OR EARLY RELEASE OF SCHOOL.
HB1929	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB610	Elliott	TO ELIMINATE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB587	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING READING PROFICIENCY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
SB645	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE; TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE PROVISION OF BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB708	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
SB746	B. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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.
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.
SB438	J. Hendren	TO INCREASE EQUITY IN FUNDING FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB506	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A DIGITAL LEARNING TASK FORCE.
SB507	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DIGITAL LEARNING PROVIDERS.

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.
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.
SB596	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
SB614	Bond	TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES AND ACADEMICS.
SB629	B. King	TO CLOSE ONE (1) OF THE LAW SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
SB647	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.
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.
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.