

AGENDA Revised 3/24/2023 @ 12:44 PM)
Added Bills and Removed SB474
Senate Committee on Education

Monday, March 27, 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
SB355	Caldwell	TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO STORM SHELTERS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB285	C. Tucker	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR A STUDENT WHO ACCOMPANIES THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO VOTE.
SB303	C. Tucker	TO GIVE OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS THE AUTHORITY TO WEIGH ADMISSION LOTTERIES AT THEIR DISCRETION.
SB308	J. Dismang	TO CREATE A MEANS BY WHICH STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL.
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.
SB364	C. Tucker	TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1463	L. Johnson	CONCERNING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES FOR A TIERED SYSTEM OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TYPE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS IN AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.
HB1471	Haak	TO REPEAL THE REDUNDANT REPORTING REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS REVIEW AND APPROVE CERTAIN SALARY INCREASES.
HB1511	R. Scott Richardson	TO CREATE CHARLIE'S LAW; AND TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRONIC CHILD SAFETY ALARM SYSTEM BE INSTALLED IN A SCHOOL BUS.

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HB1533	Cozart	TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN STUDENTS FROM INCLUSION IN A SCHOOL'S DROP OUT RATE FOR PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT.
HB1534	Cozart	TO REPEAL REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE A TEN PERCENT (10%) OR GREATER MINORITY POPULATION OUT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.
HB1535	Cozart	TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED MONTHLY TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
SB370	M. Johnson	CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
SB378	B. Davis	TO AMEND THE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2021; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EMPLOY A COMPUTER SCIENCE TEACHER AT EACH HIGH SCHOOL.
SB384	D. Wallace	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS.
SB387	J. English	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.
SB391	B. King	CONCERNING CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC GAMES HELD BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
SB400	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT.
SB172	J. Dotson	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTY TO INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS DURING RECESS.
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.
SB125	J. Dotson	CONCERNING FREE SPEECH RIGHTS AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB1526	Bentley	TO REQUIRE A HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSE OFFERED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING BREASTFEEDING.
HB1527	Bentley	TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS GRANT EXCUSED ABSENCES TO STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS.
HB1531	G. Hodges	TO AMEND THE LAW TO ALLOW QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO DETERMINE THE ISSUE AS TO WHETHER TO ELECT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SINGLE-MEMBER ZONES, AT LARGE, OR A COMBINATION OF SINGLE-MEMBER ZONES AND AT LARGE.
SB421	G. Leding	TO CREATE THE COACH SAFELY ACT; AND TO REQUIRE YOUTH INJURY MITIGATION AND INFORMATION COURSES FOR ATHLETICS PERSONNEL AND COACHES.
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.
SB432	J. Dotson	TO ESTABLISH THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OPERATES PRIMARILY AS A VIRTUAL SCHOOL MAY OFFER A STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT IN A VIRTUAL SETTING.

SB436	J. English	TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NEW OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB440	Caldwell	TO ALLOW PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THAT OFFER VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TRAINING TO CONTRACT WITH VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ON A TWELVE-MONTH BASIS.
SB451	J. English	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.
SB458	J. English	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY UNIFORMED SERVICES PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM.
SB466	J. Dotson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS STUDENT PROTECTION ACT; AND TO INCLUDE OFFERING OR PROVIDING ABORTION REFERRALS AS A PROHIBITED TRANSACTION BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL.
SB470	J. Dotson	CONCERNING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.
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
SB473	J. Bryant	CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL OR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

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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
HB1254	J. Mayberry	TO AMEND THE STATE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION AMOUNT BY USING THE BASIC PROJECT COST PER SQUARE FOOT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
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.