

AGENDA (Revised 3/28/2023 @ 4:18 PM)
Added HB1468 & HB1559 and Removed SB500 & SB505
Senate Committee on Education

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
9:00 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
<u>SB355</u>	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
<u>SB303</u>	C. Tucker	TO GIVE OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS THE AUTHORITY TO WEIGH ADMISSION LOTTERIES AT THEIR DISCRETION.
<u>SB308</u>	J. Dismang	TO CREATE A MEANS BY WHICH STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL.
<u>SB367</u>	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.
<u>SB364</u>	C. Tucker	TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH WITHIN TWO YEARS OF ITS ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY OVER A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE RETURNED TO LOCAL CONTROL.
<u>SB370</u>	M. Johnson	CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS OF LAW UNDER THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.
<u>SB384</u>	D. Wallace	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON ADOPTION AWARENESS.
<u>SB387</u>	J. English	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.
<u>SB391</u>	B. King	CONCERNING CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETIC GAMES HELD BETWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.
<u>SB400</u>	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT.
<u>SB172</u>	J. Dotson	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A NONINSTRUCTIONAL DUTY TO INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS DURING RECESS.
<u>SB412</u>	Irvin	TO CREATE THE READING ENRICHMENT AND ACADEMIC DELIVERABLES

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		("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.
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.
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.
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.
SB477	J. Dismang	TO CREATE A MEANS BY WHICH STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL.
SB491	B. Davis	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING EMPLOYEES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1468	Long	TO CREATE THE GIVEN NAME ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT REQUIRING EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO USE A PERSON'S PREFERRED PRONOUN, NAME, OR TITLE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.
HB1559	McAlindon	CONCERNING IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING REQUIRED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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
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.
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.