

AGENDA
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Sen. Gene Jeffress, Chair
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Sen. Steve Bryles
Sen. Steve Faris
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Sen. Paul Bookout
Sen. David Johnson
Sen. David Wyatt
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SECTION II: READY FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB163	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE CALCULATION OF DEFERRED ANNUITIES, ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR MEMBERS TO SELECT CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE, INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF REDUCED ANNUITY, AND AMEND THE RETIREMENT MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT COURT CLERKS.
HB1167	Cooper	TO ALLOW TIPPED FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM TO BE CONSIDERED SUBSTANTIALLY GAINFULLY EMPLOYED FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB233	R. Thompson	TO CLARIFY THE BENEFITS FOR PILOT COURT DISTRICT JUDGES ELECTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1999.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB190	Faris	TO ENCOURAGE JUDICIAL SERVICE AND RETENTION OF JUDGES THROUGH RETIREMENT INCENTIVES.

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1202	Hoyt	TO AMEND THE LAWS PERTAINING TO CREDITED SERVICE FOR PAID AND VOLUNTEER HOURS UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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HB1203	Hoyt	TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTH BENEFITS FOR MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE RETIRED.
SB179	G. Jeffress	TO INCREASE THE MULTIPLIER USED BY THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO FUND THE INCREASED MULTIPLIER BY AN INCREASE IN THE MEMBER'S CONTRIBUTION.

MUNICIPALITIES

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB234	Elliott	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNREDUCED RETIREMENT WITH ANY STATE OR LOCAL PENSION AND RELIEF FUND.
HB1173	L. Smith	CONCERNING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS.

GENERAL

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1115	Reynolds	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEATH BENEFITS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUNDS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB176	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 10 CONCERNING THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB220	Lavery	TO AMEND THE CALCULATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PREMIUM TAX TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS.
SB182	G. Jeffress	TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.

SECTION III: WAITING FOR RESPONSE

GENERAL

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1168	Cook	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM COSTS OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES.
HB1207	Stewart	THE MILITARY APPRECIATION ACT OF 2009.
HB1224	Harrelson	AN ACT TO EQUALIZE RETIREE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM COSTS AND TO PERMIT STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE NOT STATE EMPLOYEES.
HB1231	Overbey	TO ALLOW CONCURRENT SERVICE UNDER ALL OF THE ARKANSAS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB141	J. Jeffress	TO MAKE THE RESUMPTION OF CREDITED SERVICE AS A PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBER IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETROACTIVE.
SB164	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE CALCULATIONS FOR BENEFITS AND FOR STRAIGHT LIFE ANNUITY UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB235	Elliott	TO ALLOW CONCURRENT SERVICE UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB236	Elliott	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN.
SB161	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 4 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1143	Overbey	TO INCLUDE DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE DEFINITION OF A POLICE OFFICER AS THAT TERM IS USED TO DEFINE "PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBER" IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB129	Faris	TO AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME AD HOC BENEFIT INCREASE FOR RETIRANTS, SURVIVORS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIRANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYTEM.
SB209	Faris	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-7-733 TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 415 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
SB210	Faris	TO CLARIFY THE RESCISSION OF TERMINATION PROVISIONS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO BENEFIT MEMBERS WHO CHOOSE TO RETURN TO WORK.
SB224	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE LUMP-SUM DEATH BENEFIT UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB228	J. Jeffress	TO CLARIFY AND MAKE CONSISTENT THE SURVIVOR BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB231	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF SALARY AND INTEREST IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACT TO EXCLUDE NONRECURRING PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF FINAL AVERAGE SALARY.
HB1217	J. Roebuck	CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF EARNINGS LIMITATION TO RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA BY A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.
HB1226	Cooper	CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL BY THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB240	G. Jeffress	TO INCLUDE THE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION BONUSES AS SALARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB127	Faris	TO CREATE A DEFERRED OPTION PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S TIER TWO BENEFIT PLAN.

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB180	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE EARLY RETIREMENT PROVISIONS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUNDS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB187	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION GUARANTEE FUND TO INCLUDE PLANS ADMINISTERED BY THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.
HB1199	Hoyt	AN ACT TO ALLOW A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL POLICE OFFICERS RETIRED UNDER THE OLD POLICE PENSION RETIREMENT PLANS THAT ARE MANAGED BY THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION IV: DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB130	Faris	TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE OPERATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO BENEFIT MEMBERS.
SB131	Faris	TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATE RULES ON THE MULTIPLIER UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB132	Faris	TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE T-DROP PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB134	Faris	TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATE RULES ON THE MULTIPLIER UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB135	Faris	TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT

		OPTION PLAN OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB136	Faris	TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE OPERATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO BENEFIT MEMBERS.
SB137	Faris	TO INCREASE THE AD HOC BENEFITS TO RETIRANTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIRANTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB146	J. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE PENSIONS PLANS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS TO MERGE WITH THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHEN CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.
SB158	Teague	TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES OF A RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB159	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB160	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB162	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MEMBERS BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB166	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24 PERTAINING TO RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS.
SB167	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB168	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 7 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB169	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB171	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB172	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 8 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
SB173	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB174	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 5 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB175	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 6 CONCERNING THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB177	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MEMBERS BENEFITS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB178	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MEMBERS BENEFITS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.
SB181	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE PREMIUM TAX PROVISIONS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB183	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE UNIFORM EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB184	G. Jeffress	TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB185	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB189	Faris	TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE TO CERTAIN JUDGES AND JUSTICES PARTICIPATING IN THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB211	J. Key	TO AMEND THE BENEFITS, CREDITED SERVICE, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATES OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB212	J. Key	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONCERNING BENEFITS, CREDITED SERVICE, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATES.
SB213	J. Key	TO AMEND THE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONCERNING BENEFITS, CREDITED SERVICE, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATES.
SB214	J. Key	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONCERNING BENEFITS, CREDITED SERVICE, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATES.
SB215	J. Key	TO AMEND THE BENEFITS, CREDITED SERVICE, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTION RATES OF THE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

SB219	Lavery	TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF BENEFIT INCREASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT PLANS.
SB221	Lavery	TO INCREASE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX.
SB222	Lavery	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE REGARDING FUNDING LOCAL RETIREMENT LIABILITIES FOR LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL.
SB237	Elliott	TO PROVIDE THAT POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES WILL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS.
SB241	Bryles	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-2-502 TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CREDITED SERVICE.
SB242	Bryles	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL YEARS OF SERVICE FOR PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1151	Lindsey	CONCERNING A RETIRING COUNTY OFFICIAL'S AND COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH CARE PLANS.
HB1155	Overbey	TO EVALUATE THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO ADJUST THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AS NECESSARY.
HB1181	Williams	TO MANDATE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY MUNICIPALITIES WITH MORE THAN 100,000 IN POPULATION.
HB1187	G. Smith	TO ALLOW FULL WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IF INJURED ON THE JOB.
HB1200	Hoyt	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1205	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1206	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1208	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1209	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1210	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLANS GENERALLY, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1211	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1212	Stewart	TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD, AND ARMED FORCES RESERVE AND TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB1223	Overbey	TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1228	Wagner	TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FEE AND INSURANCE PREMIUM TURNBACKS.
HB1230	Overbey	TO ADJUST OR TO INCREASE AS NECESSARY THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE BOARDS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
HB1233	Reynolds	TO ALLOW COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEMBERS TO PURCHASE SERVICE IN THE

ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

[HB1234](#)

J. Roebuck

TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24 TO COORDINATE THE STATE-SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF FINAL AVERAGE SALARY.

[HB1235](#)

Saunders

TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 4, TO REPEAL THE 10-YEAR LIMITATION ON 2-FOR-1 RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS.