

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
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UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE
Room 207, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey, Vice Chair
Sen. Eddie Joe Williams
Sen. Alan Clark

Sen. Bobby J. Pierce
Sen. Jim Hendren
Sen. Eddie Cheatham
Sen. Blake Johnson

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB154	D. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH ADULT EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB176	A. Clark	TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.
SB212	Elliott	TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE REENGAGEMENT PROGRAM; TO INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM.
SB218	A. Clark	TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.
SB226	Irvin	TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM BY ALLOWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE ASPIRE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ACT EXPLORE AND ACT PLAN OR PSAT.
SB366	A. Clark	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO A TEACHER IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE (7-12) WHO ELECTS TO TEACH MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS PERMITTED.
SB368	J. English	TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM; TO COORDINATE VARIOUS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB369	J. English	TO REMOVE THE DUTY OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DETERMINE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO ELIMINATE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.
SB371	J. English	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE CERTAIN CATEGORICAL FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER CONCURRENT COURSES OR OTHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS.
SB372	J. English	TO REMOVE THE DUTY OF THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DETERMINE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO ELIMINATE SERVICE AREAS FOR TWO-YEAR COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.
SB374	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TESTING AND ASSESSMENTS USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB455	A. Clark	TO ALLOW TRADITIONAL STUDENTS TO BE PART-TIME STUDENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2.
SB535	J. Hendren	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INCREASE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE SAME AMOUNT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT INCREASES AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY.
SB546	J. English	TO CHANGE REFERENCES TO GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY.
HB1358	Ratliff	TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS

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RELATED TO OATH OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SB591	A. Clark	TO ALLOW LICENSED TEACHERS, INCLUDING LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND RETIRED TEACHERS ACTING AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, TO SERVE AS PROCTORS DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATEWIDE TESTS OR ASSESSMENTS.
SB615	G. Stubblefield	TO ESTABLISH THAT THE SECURITY PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT OPERATES A PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OR FOR A K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL IS EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
SB681	A. Clark	TO MODIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.
SB695	S. Flowers	TO AMEND THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX REVENUES; AND TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR LAND-GRANT MATCH PAYMENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF.
HB1369	Baine	TO AMEND ACT 1298 OF 2013 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB774	Elliott	TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2 IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.
SB776	Elliott	TO PROVIDE FOR IN-STATE, IN-COUNTY, IN-DISTRICT, LOCAL, OR RESIDENT TUITION FOR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCE.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB623	B. Pierce	TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FROM MEMBERS FOR MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
SB634	D. Sanders	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM ACT.
SB744	B. Johnson	TO ADD AN OPTION FOR ISSUING A STANDARD TEACHING LICENSE FOR NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE PROGRAMS.
SB788	Elliott	TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SCREENING FOR DYSLEXIA; AND TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SCREEN STUDENTS FOR DYSLEXIA.
SB789	J. Hendren	TO ESTABLISH THE OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM.

SHELL BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB715	Maloch	TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA MODEL FOR UNIVERSITIES.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB370	J. English	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE CERTAIN CATEGORICAL FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER CONCURRENT COURSES OR OTHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS.
SB3	Hickey	TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - PART 2; AND TO CLARIFY FUNDING AMOUNTS AND PROVISIONS.