

AGENDA (Revised 03/10/15 @ 5:00 p.m.)
(Moved Bill to a Different Heading)

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Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10:00 AM
Room 207, State Capitol
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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.
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.
SB546	J. English	TO CHANGE REFERENCES TO GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY.
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.
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

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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.
SB832	L. Chesterfield	TO CREATE A CENTER FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.
HB1395	Gossage	TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DIABETES BY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO BE TRAINED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSULIN AND GLUCAGON.
HB1581	Gillam	TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REALIGNMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB895	Files	ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — PART 2.
SB930	L. Chesterfield	TO ESTABLISH THE FAIR DISMISSAL ACT FOR EMPLOYEES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB999	Maloch	TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING WORKING PAPERS RELATED TO AUDIT REPORTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB1241	Lowery	TO DELAY THE USE OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) ASSESSMENT.
HB1381	Bell	TO REPEAL PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW THAT REQUIRE TESTING OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS.
HB1495	D. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT THE OPTION OF ALLOWING ADVERTISING ON SCHOOL BUSES.
SB1038	D. Johnson	TO CLARIFY THAT ACCREDITATION IN ARKANSAS IS DONE BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB218	A. Clark	TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT DATA ACCESSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY 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.
SB812	B. Johnson	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAM.
SB813	B. Johnson	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING NORM-REFERENCED ASSESSMENTS.
SB847	A. Clark	TO ADOPT A RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB851	Elliott	TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING; AND TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
SB870	J. Hendren	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
SB878	Rapert	TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PASS THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATIONS SERVICES BEFORE HE OR SHE RECEIVES A DIPLOMA FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

SB894	Files	TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB926	J. Cooper	TO REPEAL THE POSITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT COORDINATOR.
SB944	A. Clark	TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, INCLUDING PER-STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING.
SB953	Elliott	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL OF INNOVATION.
SB955	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND THE FREE TEXTBOOK ACT OF 1975; AND TO ADD A DEFINITION OF "DEPOSITORY".
SB958	Files	TO ADOPT THE MANPOWER SPORTS STUDENT PROTECTION ACT.

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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.

SHELL BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB715	Maloch	TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA MODEL FOR UNIVERSITIES.
SB799	Rapert	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CLASSIFIED AND NON-CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB857	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB858	E. Cheatham	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
SB859	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROVISIONAL POSITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB876	B. Johnson	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
SB884	B. Pierce	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCOUNTANTS WHO WORK WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB890	J. English	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.
SB891	J. English	TO ESTABLISH THE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015.
SB919	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO PROVIDE THAT EMERGENCY AND SECURITY PLANS FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
SB921	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND TESTING.
SB922	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING MATHEMATICS STANDARDS AND CURRICULUM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.
SB923	B. Pierce	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCOUNTANTS WHO WORK WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB929	L. Chesterfield	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND QUALITY; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ACT 1467 OF 2003.
SB940	Irvin	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS.

SB945	A. Clark	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR WORLD HISTORY AND AMERICAN HISTORY.
SB951	Elliott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING A SYSTEM-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF UNDERSERVED GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.
SB961	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
SB968	Burnett	TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 14, OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
SB971	Hester	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER.
SB979	Burnett	TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
SB981	Collins-Smith	CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY AND SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB1007	Collins-Smith	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING UNITED STATES HISTORY COURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB1020	L. Chesterfield	TO PROVIDE VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHEN A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TAKEN OVER OR OTHERWISE RECONFIGURED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
SB1051	L. Chesterfield	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.