

AGENDA
House Committee on Education

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
10:00 AM
Room 138, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. Keith Brooks, Chair
Rep. Brit McKenzie, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Bruce Cozart
Rep. Rick Beck
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. DeAnn Vaught

Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker
Rep. Julie Mayberry
Rep. Denise Garner
Rep. Tony Furman
Rep. Steven Walker
Rep. Hope Duke

Rep. Stetson Painter
Rep. Wade Andrews
Rep. Jessie McGruder
Rep. Lincoln Barnett
Rep. Diana Gonzales Worthen
Rep. Jason Nazarenko

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<u>HB1179</u>	Vaught	TO CREATE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.
<u>HB1189</u>	Vaught	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A NOVICE TEACHER UNDER THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM.
<u>HB1199</u>	Barker	TO REPEAL THE STATUTE CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GRANTING A LEGAL TRANSFER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
<u>HB1215</u>	Bentley	TO AUTHORIZE A COACH OR ATHLETICS PERSONNEL MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX TO ADDRESS, SUPERVISE, OR TREAT STUDENT ATHLETES IN A MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY RESTROOM OR CHANGING AREA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
<u>HB1180</u>	Bentley	TO CREATE THE BABY OLIVIA ACT.
<u>HB1236</u>	Joey Carr	TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TO BE RELEASED FROM HIS OR HER CONTRACT BY A CERTAIN DATE UPON HIS OR HER WRITTEN REQUEST; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
<u>HB1283</u>	J. Mayberry	TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE DIGITAL MEDIA STANDARDS.
<u>SB46</u>	Caldwell	TO REFLECT A MERGER BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY CHANGING THE NAME OF EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
<u>HB1242</u>	J. Mayberry	TO AMEND THE MECHANISM BY WHICH SCHOOL NURSES ARE COMPENSATED.
<u>HB1305</u>	Andrews	TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ISSUE A TEACHING LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT MEET TRADITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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[HB1312](#) Brooks TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1017	A. Collins	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO PAY FOR INCURRED COSTS FOR APPROVED PAID MATERNITY LEAVE.
HB1020	A. Collins	TO REPEAL THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM; TO CREATE A NEW EDUCATION FUNDING CATEGORY FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES; AND TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT FUND.
HB1022	A. Collins	TO REPEAL PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB1023	A. Collins	TO AMEND THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOAN FORGIVENESS AND THE LOAN REPAYMENT AMOUNTS UNDER THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.
HB1025	McGruder	TO CREATE THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 2025.
HB1027	D. Garner	TO CREATE THE BRIGHTER START ACT OF 2025; AND TO REQUIRE THE TREASURER OF STATE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION TO EACH EXISTING AND FUTURE ARKANSAS BRIGHTER FUTURE FUND PLAN ACCOUNT.
HB1030	T. Shephard	TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID; AND TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING.
HB1031	D. Garner	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EDUCATION ACT OF 2025; AND TO ENSURE THE HEALTH CURRICULUM IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADDRESSES CERTAIN HEALTH ISSUES FACING STUDENTS.
HB1051	Andrews	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL START DATE REQUIREMENTS.
HB1060	R. Scott Richardson	TO REVISE THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED ON THE FAILURE OF COMMUNIST AND AUTOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND TO REINFORCE IN REQUIRED INSTRUCTION THE RESILIENCY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
HB1062	R. Scott Richardson	TO CREATE THE TEACHER AND STUDENT PROTECTION ACT OF 2025.
HB1081	B. McKenzie	TO REPEAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES.
HB1117	R. Scott Richardson	CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF INSTRUCTION ON FIREARM SAFETY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB1139	B. McKenzie	TO CREATE THE RELEASED TIME EDUCATION ACT.
HB1144	Wooten	TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME STATUTORY AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SUBJECT.
HB1197	S. Meeks	TO PROHIBIT SCHEDULING, HOSTING, OR REQUIRING AN OUTDOOR PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE, GAME, OR ACTIVITY FOR AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY DURING THE HOURS WHEN AN EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING HAS

[HB1239](#)

A. Collins

BEEN DECLARED.

TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND TO ADD AN
ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OF FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING.