

AGENDA
House Committee on Education

Thursday, March 6, 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 |
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| <u>HB1398</u> | L. Johnson | TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT, ESTABLISH, AND IMPLEMENT A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN THAT INTEGRATES NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ELEMENTS. |
| <u>HB1457</u> | L. Johnson | TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM USING A UNIFORM STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM. |
| <u>HB1482</u> | Gramlich | TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO TAKES A GED TEST AND RECEIVES A GED. |
| <u>HB1490</u> | Wardlaw | TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT RETURN TEMPORARILY ISSUED ITEMS, RESOURCES, MATERIALS, AND PROPERTY BELONGING TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN A HOME SCHOOL. |
| <u>SB135</u> | J. Boyd | TO AMEND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS IN THE CASE OF AN UNCHANGED RATE OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVIED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. |
| <u>HB1601</u> | L. Johnson | TO REQUIRE STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CAREER COUNSELING AND OTHER RESOURCES TO CERTAIN STUDENTS. |
| <u>HB1025</u> | McGruder | TO CREATE THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 2025. |
| <u>SB167</u> | A. Clark | TO AMEND THE DATES BY WHICH CERTAIN REQUESTS TO TRANSFER PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED. |
| <u>HB1580</u> | Gramlich | TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION ON TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2 DIABETES WHEN OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION IS PROVIDED. |

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

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| <u>HB1484</u> | Gramlich | TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CREDITS A STUDENT MAY OBTAIN IN A COURSE CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM. |
| <u>HB1492</u> | Gramlich | TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO PROVIDE ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WITH A |

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| HB1495 | Hawk | CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF A STUDENT'S PERMANENT SCHOOL RECORD. |
| HB1539 | A. Collins | TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL EDUCATION CATEGORY OF FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION. |
| HB1545 | K. Brown | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021. |
| HB1561 | Painter | TO ESTABLISH THE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2025. |
| HB1571 | Ray | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM ACT. |
| SB223 | M. Johnson | TO CREATE THE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT OF 2025. |
| HB1598 | Brooks | TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND TO REMOVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SCHOOL RATINGS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL YEARS. |
| HB1633 | Brooks | TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER SCHOOLS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. |
| HB1640 | Duke | TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR" AS IT RELATES TO ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS; AND TO AMEND THE RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT SPECIFIC TO PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. |
| HB1642 | Gramlich | TO AMEND THE MEASURES CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING A SCHOOL RATING; AND TO ENSURE A STUDENT IS NOT COUNTED AS A DROPOUT FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING A SCHOOL-LEVEL GRADUATION RATE IF THE STUDENT PASSES A GED TEST. |
| HB1646 | McGrew | TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MATERIALS TO BE STORED IN LOCKED ROOMS WITHIN A DESIGNATED AREA. |

DEFERRED BILLS

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| 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. |
| 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. |

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| 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. |
| 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. |
| 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 BEEN DECLARED. |
| HB1239 | A. Collins | TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OF FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING. |
| HB1283 | J. Mayberry | TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO INCLUDE DIGITAL MEDIA STANDARDS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE LIBRARY MEDIA STANDARDS. |
| HB1483 | Gramlich | TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE STATE FUNDS TO PAY FOR AN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH WHICH IT CONTRACTS. |
| SB90 | J. English | TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT PUBLIC COMMENT AT EACH MEETING OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS. |
| HB1242 | J. Mayberry | TO AMEND THE MECHANISM BY WHICH SCHOOL NURSES ARE COMPENSATED. |
| HB1528 | McGruder | TO REQUIRE A REPORT CARD TO INCLUDE A STUDENT'S CURRENT READING GRADE LEVEL. |
| HB1541 | Wooten | TO REQUIRE A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT ACCEPTS STATE FUNDING OF ANY TYPE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CERTAIN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL. |
| HB1542 | Wooten | TO REQUIRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER AN ANNUAL STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT; AND TO REQUIRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMIT EACH STUDENT WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION AND INTENDS TO COVER PRIVATE SCHOOL COSTS WITH STATE FUNDING. |