

**AGENDA (Revised 4/7/25 @ 1:40 PM)**  
**Added HB1719 to Re-Referred to Committee**  
**House Committee on Education**

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**Monday, April 7, 2025**  
**10 Minutes Upon Adjournment of House**  
**Room 130, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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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

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**RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

| <b>Number</b>                 | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>   |
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| <a href="#"><u>HB1709</u></a> | Steele         | TO AMEND THE HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM; AND TO INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS IN THE HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM. |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1719</u></a> | Vaught         | TO AMEND THE DAYS INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MATERNITY LEAVE DAYS APPROVED BY A SCHOOL THAT OFFERS MATERNITY LEAVE.                                  |

**REGULAR AGENDA**

| <b>Number</b>                 | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>   |
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| <a href="#"><u>HB1710</u></a> | Vaught         | TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL FROM USING OR REFERENCING A PUBLIC SCHOOL RATING IN ANY ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL, OR COMMUNICATION DIRECTED TO THE PUBLIC.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1727</u></a> | L. Johnson     | TO AMEND THE FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADULT EDUCATION CHARTER SCHOOLS.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1017</u></a> | 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. |
| <a href="#"><u>SB402</u></a>  | C. Penzo       | TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE FROM REQUIRING OR TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.                       |
| <a href="#"><u>SB373</u></a>  | Irvin          | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FINANCIAL EDUCATION COMMISSION.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1081</u></a> | B. McKenzie    | TO REPEAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1139</u></a> | B. McKenzie    | TO CREATE THE RELEASED TIME EDUCATION ACT.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1747</u></a> | Vaught         | TO CREATE THE BABIES AT SCHOOL ACT; AND TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PARENTS TO BRING THEIR INFANTS SIX MONTHS OR YOUNGER TO WORK.  |

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| <a href="#">HB1761</a> | D. Garner   | TO INCREASE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INCOME LIMITS FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS IN THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND THEREAFTER.                    |
| <a href="#">SB352</a>  | Stone       | TO PROHIBIT ANTISEMITISM IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND TO PROHIBIT ANTISEMITISM IN STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  |
| <a href="#">HB1806</a> | Vaught      | TO PROVIDE CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE STUDENTS; AND TO ALLOW A PARENT TO REVIEW AND OPT OUT OF SELECTED LIBRARY MEDIA MATERIALS FOR HIS OR HER CHILD. |
| <a href="#">HB1864</a> | Andrews     | TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN STUDENT INSTRUCTION; AND TO CREATE A STANDARDIZED FLEXIBLE SCHOOL CALENDAR SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.                             |
| <a href="#">HB1874</a> | B. McKenzie | AN ACT TO AMEND THE USE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AWARDED TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003.       |
| <a href="#">SB90</a>   | 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.  |
| <a href="#">HB1482</a> | Gramlich    | TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO TAKES A GED TEST AND RECEIVES A GED.   |
| <a href="#">HB1492</a> | Gramlich    | TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO IMPLEMENT A MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEM.  |
| <a href="#">SB425</a>  | J. English  | TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.   |
| <a href="#">SB470</a>  | J. Dotson   | TO REQUIRE AN ADULT APPROVED TO OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF A STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT TO CERTAIN STUDENTS IN A VIRTUAL SETTING TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.                                 |
| <a href="#">SB515</a>  | J. Petty    | TO REQUIRE THAT A UNIT DEDICATED TO ARKANSAS VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES BE INCLUDED WITHIN EXISTING ARKANSAS HISTORY COURSE CONTENT GUIDELINES.  |
| <a href="#">SB522</a>  | M. McKee    | TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO THE TUITION AND FEES PAID BY STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE ONLINE PROGRAMS.      |
| <a href="#">SB547</a>  | D. Sullivan | TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT LIVE WITHIN A CERTAIN RADIUS OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY.                                |
| <a href="#">SB467</a>  | C. Penzo    | TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" REGARDING STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION TO INCLUDE CHIROPRACTORS OR CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS.   |
| <a href="#">HB1903</a> | Walker      | TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH FLEXIBILITY REGARDING ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.  |
| <a href="#">HB1924</a> | Puryear     | TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEKS.  |

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| <a href="#">HB1933</a> | McCollum   | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND TO CREATE A RECALL ELECTION AND PETITION FOR REMOVAL FOR A MEMBER OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.                            |
| <a href="#">HB1940</a> | Walker     | TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT INITIATES AND MAINTAINS A FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  |
| <a href="#">HB1945</a> | McCollum   | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT; TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015; AND TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN HIS OR HER RESIDENT DISTRICT. |
| <a href="#">SB484</a>  | Irvin      | TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS WHEREBY A VACANCY IS FILLED ON A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.   |
| <a href="#">SB504</a>  | Irvin      | TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS RURAL PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM ACT.  |
| <a href="#">SB559</a>  | J. English | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.  |
| <a href="#">HB1919</a> | McAlindon  | TO CREATE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT; AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEARNING MATERIALS.  |
| <a href="#">HB1825</a> | Wooldridge | TO ALLOW A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL TO REQUIRE AN ENROLLED STUDENT TO EARN ONE UNIT OF CREDIT IN A COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER SCIENCE-RELATED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE IN ORDER TO GRADUATE.       |

#### **PENDING FISCAL IMPACT**

| <b>Number</b>          | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>  |
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| <a href="#">HB1312</a> | Brooks         | TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003.  |
| <a href="#">HB1962</a> | Vaught         | TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL FROM SERVING OR SELLING ULTRA-PROCESSED FOOD ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.   |
| <a href="#">HB1966</a> | Barnett        | TO AUTHORIZE AN INCORPORATED TOWN OR A CITY OF THE SECOND CLASS TO PETITION THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR SATELLITE SCHOOL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. |
| <a href="#">SB450</a>  | B. Davis       | TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE A HUMAN FETAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION IN THE RELEVANT STANDARDS DURING THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC STANDARDS REVISION CYCLE.                               |
| <a href="#">HB1986</a> | Nazarenko      | CONCERNING EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR CHILDREN OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS AND CHILDREN OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS.  |
| <a href="#">HB1990</a> | McAlindon      | TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION.  |
| <a href="#">SB572</a>  | J. Dotson      | TO CREATE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT; AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEARNING MATERIALS.   |
| <a href="#">HB1977</a> | Bentley        | TO CREATE THE PROTECTING CHILDHOOD INNOCENCE IN LIBRARIES ACT.   |

#### **DEFERRED BILLS**

| <b>Number</b>          | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>   |
|------------------------|----------------|---|
| <a href="#">HB1027</a> | 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. |

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| <a href="#"><u>HB1030</u></a> | 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.                 |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1031</u></a> | 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.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1239</u></a> | A. Collins  | TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OF FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1242</u></a> | J. Mayberry | TO AMEND THE MECHANISM BY WHICH SCHOOL NURSES ARE COMPENSATED.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1528</u></a> | McGruder    | TO REQUIRE A REPORT CARD TO INCLUDE A STUDENT'S CURRENT READING GRADE LEVEL.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1539</u></a> | A. Collins  | TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003; AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL EDUCATION CATEGORY OF FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1490</u></a> | 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.                      |
| <a href="#"><u>SB303</u></a>  | Dees        | TO ALLOW A RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PERMIT A PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY AT THE RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.   |
| <a href="#"><u>SB183</u></a>  | J. Dotson   | TO AMEND THE UNIVERSAL ACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ACT; AND TO AMEND THE TYPES OF ASSESSMENTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY PROVIDE TO STUDENTS.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1020</u></a> | 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. |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1022</u></a> | A. Collins  | TO REPEAL PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1023</u></a> | 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.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1025</u></a> | McGruder    | TO CREATE THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 2025.  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1144</u></a> | 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.    |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1197</u></a> | 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.                               |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1541</u></a> | Wooten      | TO REQUIRE A PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT ACCEPTS STATE FUNDING OF ANY TYPE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CERTAIN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL.   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB1542</u></a> | 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.    |

