

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

Sen. Jimmy Jeffress, Chair
Sen. Steve Bryles, Vice Chair
Sen. Kim Hendren
Sen. Shane Broadway

Sen. Gene Jeffress
Sen. Mary Anne Salmon
Sen. Johnny Key
Sen. Joyce Elliott

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RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB858	Broadway	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GOVERNMENT WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

CONCUR IN HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB847	Broadway	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CONTINUE ATTENDANCE AT A NONRESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS 11:30 AM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB736	Laverty	TO ENSURE HUMANE CONSIDERATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CERTIFIED ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB304	Crumbly	TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS MAKE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB319	Laverty	TO REMOVE THE MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS RECEIVED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE FUNDING ASSISTANCE.
SB337	Faris	TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FUNDING FOR THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.
HB1372	J. Roebuck	TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWER TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
SB358	G. Jeffress	TO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS DIFFICULTY WITH SENSORY PROCESSING WHEN TAKING STATE REQUIRED TESTS.
SB452	Salmon	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF ARKANSAS HISTORY EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB459	Broadway	TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION BY THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
SB740	Laverty	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOLS.

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SB817	Laverty	TO PROHIBIT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF AN ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE RESULTING SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE LARGER THAN ONE THOUSAND SQUARE MILES (1,000 SQ. MI.).
SB828	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT.
SB838	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM.
SB840	Salmon	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION FOR COORDINATION OF EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS.
SB860	Broadway	TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP RULES GOVERNING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.
SB862	Broadway	TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS.
SB865	Madison	TO REGULATE THE ADMINISTRATION AND USE OF STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS.
SB877	D. Wyatt	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING STUDENT RECORDS.
SB886	Broadway	TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY USE THE ANNUAL SAVINGS PRODUCED BY PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE'S BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
SB887	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TEACHING LICENSE FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.
SB888	Broadway	CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO ONE (1) LICENSED ART TEACHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES ONE THROUGH SIX (1-6).
SB890	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.
SB899	Madison	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN CUSTOMIZED TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS.
SB900	Madison	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN SINGLE-USE TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO MINIMIZE THE COST OF TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS.
SB910	Salmon	TO CLARIFY THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BASE CONTRACT PERIOD.
SB935	D. Wyatt	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICIES FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
SB956	Crumbly	TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN GRADE TEN (10) OR ABOVE TO PARTICIPATE IN COSMETOLOGY COURSES OFFERED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SB971	Teague	TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB979	Crumbly	TO ALLOW THE RESULTING OR RECEIVING DISTRICT IN A REORGANIZATION OF HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HIGH-PRIORITY DISTRICT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES.
SB998	J. Jeffress	AN ACT CONCERNING CLASSIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICIES.
SB999	J. Jeffress	AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICIES.
HB1555	Betts	TO CLARIFY STUDENT GROWTH FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1606	Saunders	TO PROVIDE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVES.
HB1940	Cook	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1956	Word	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PROJECT GRADUATION COMMISSION.
HB1959	Abernathy	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS.
HB1999	Lea	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.
HB2004	Hopper	TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE WHO ARE TEACHERS OR ADMINISTRATORS PAY FOR THE COST OF A SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE WHEN THE MEMBER IS ON MILITARY LEAVE.

HB2066	Abernathy	TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMELY AND ACCURATE RECEIPT OF DATA NEEDED TO CALCULATE AND ADJUST FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2163	Rainey	TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO PROVIDE INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS THE SEVERITY OF ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.
SB108	Teague	TO PROVIDE A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRE AFTER TEACHING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS.
HB1091	Sample	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON AN APPEAL OF THE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A STUDENT.
HB1408	Rainey	TO RESTRICT THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE AND SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB664	Bryles	TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADVERTISE A BOND SALE BY A METHOD OTHER THAN NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION.
SB814	Broadway	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
SB842	G. Baker	TO ALLOW HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.
SB861	Broadway	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION.
SB863	Broadway	TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR ROUTINE INSPECTIONS AND REPORTING OF INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
SB943	Elliott	TO IMPROVE PARENTS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA ON ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AND ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS TO CLOSE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.
SB987	Elliott	TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF CARRYOVER CATEGORICAL FUNDS.
SB1006	J. Key	TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF NONLICENSED PERSONNEL AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
HB1859	Abernathy	TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO CODE OF ETHICS PROCEEDINGS OF THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB19	Altes	TO MODIFY THE INCENTIVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SEEK NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS CERTIFICATION.
SB30	Hendren	TO LIMIT THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS TO TWO YEARS, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWAL.
SB249	Teague	TO AMEND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB411	Madison	THE ARKANSAS FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM ACT.
SB430	Crumbly	TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND EQUALIZE TEACHER SALARIES IN HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB498	Hendren	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HAVE PRINTED ON THE EXTERIOR OF ITS SCHOOL BUSES A NOTICE REGARDING THE ILLEGALITY OF PASSING A SCHOOL BUS.
SB734	Laverty	TO ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CERTIFIED ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB735	Laverty	TO ENSURE HUMANE CONSIDERATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CERTIFIED ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB766	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAWS.
SB793	J. Key	AN ACT CONCERNING ARKANSAS TEACHER LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION.
SB794	Hendren	TO AMEND THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT.

SB805	Broadway	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.
SB816	Laverty	TO PROHIBIT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE RESULTING SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HAVE AN AREA LARGER THAN NINE HUNDRED ONE SQUARE MILES (901 SQ. MI.).
SB818	Laverty	TO PROHIBIT THE CONSOLIDATION OR ANNEXATION OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE RESULTING DISTRICT WILL HAVE AN AREA LARGER THAN ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-FOUR SQUARE MILES (1,054 SQ. MI.).
SB821	J. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE PERIODIC REPORTING FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB848	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAWS IN TITLE 6.
SB849	Broadway	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES.
SB851	Broadway	TO AMEND TITLE 6 PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.
SB891	Bryles	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 RELATED TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB893	Whitaker	TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY.
SB905	Salmon	TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATION OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS.
SB941	Elliott	TO ESTABLISH THE SMART CORE CURRICULUM AS THE REQUIRED CURRICULUM FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
SB952	Hendren	TO ENSURE THAT EACH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS PROVIDED ADEQUATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.
SB962	Steele	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING STATE FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS ATTENDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
SB970	Steele	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
SB977	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS.
SB981	Crumbly	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VANS FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PRESCHOOL AND PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.
SB982	Crumbly	TO PROVIDE HEALTH CLINICS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB1008	Bryles	TO AMEND § 6-13-1601 ET SEQ., TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS UNDER THE PUBLIC EDUCATION REORGANIZATION ACT.
SB1009	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 PERTAINING TO ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.
HB2049	Hobbs	TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INFORMED OF GUARDIANSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE UPON THE STUDENT'S REACHING EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE.
HB1554	Betts	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PUBLISH ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT BY WEBSITE POSTING.