

REVISED AGENDA
House Committee on Education
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Room 138, State Capitol
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Rep. Mike Kenney, Chair
Rep. Bill Abernathy, Vice Chair
Rep. Benny Petrus
Rep. Jeff Wood
Rep. Sid Rosenbaum
Rep. Betty Pickett

Rep. James Norton
Rep. Janet Johnson
Rep. Tommy Dickinson
Rep. Shirley Walters
Rep. Eric Harris
Rep. Michael Lamoureux
Rep. Curren Everett

Rep. Nancy Duffy Blount
Rep. Mark Martin
Rep. Rick Saunders
Rep. David Rainey
Rep. David Cook
Rep. Eddie Cheatham
Rep. Toni Bradford

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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS 03/08/2007

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1829	Bond	AN ACT TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN DESEGREGATION LITIGATION.

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1632	Kenney	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003 AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE RECEIVES THE FULL AMOUNT OF FOUNDATION FUNDING.
HB1633	Kenney	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ENHANCED EDUCATIONAL FUNDING BY SUPPLEMENTING THE AMOUNT OF PER STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE 2007-2008 AND 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEARS.

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB217	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND 6-18-207 TO RAISE THE AGE OF ENROLLMENT IN KINDERGARTEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1346	Stewart	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT (K-8).
HB1441	Pickett	TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL BOARDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIVIDUALS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1468	Pickett	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ARKANSAS.
HB1477	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS FROM FIRE HAZARDS AND TO ENSURE REGULAR FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

HB1483	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO INTEGRATE ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCES INTO HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB1517	Cook	AN ACT TO EXPAND MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS.
HB1519	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE STATE CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
HB1562	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COLLEGE REMEDIATION RATE AND ENSURE A GENERAL, SUITABLE, AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE READINESS FOR ALL STUDENTS.
HB1798	D. Creekmore	TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS FUND, TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FINE TO FUND THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS FUND, AND TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES WHEN AVAILABLE.
HB1825	Harrelson	TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE TRAINING OF CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS.
HB1909	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-18-203 TO FURTHER DEFINE SCHOOL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES.
HB2055	Harrelson	AN ACT TO PROVIDE COLLEGE CREDIT TO ENTERING FRESHMEN WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM.
HB2213	J. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING UNIFORM HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2222	Hardwick	TO ESTABLISH A GROWTH POOL OF POSITIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
HB2223	Hardwick	TO ESTABLISH A GROWTH POOL OF POSITIONS FOR STATE-SUPPORTED TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2252	Maxwell	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-63-305 CONCERNING NEW OR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2253	Cook	AN ACT TO REQUIRE A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM USING FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS STATEWIDE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.
HB2254	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2255	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-20-2305 TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB231	Laverty	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING ACT OF 2003 TO EQUALIZE THE FUNDING PROVIDED FOR A DISTRICT WITH A GROWING OR DECLINING ENROLLMENT.
HB2306	Kenney	AN ACT TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR GROWTH IN STUDENTS.
HB2325	Pickett	TO IMPROVE RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BY PROVIDING A MECHANISM TO DISTRIBUTE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR IMPROVED STUDENT OUTCOMES.
HB2336	D. Hutchinson	AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.
HB2342	S. Prater	AN ACT TO AMEND PARTICULAR PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2370	Harris	TO PROTECT COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM INCREASED TUITION COSTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.
HB2381	Abernathy	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.
HB2394	Rosenbaum	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE HOME SCHOOL LAW.
HB2402	Blount	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS PROGRAM AS A PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMPONENT OF ALL FEDERALLY-FUNDED ARKANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS.
HCR1029	Schulte	TO ENCOURAGE CHURCHES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN A PRIORITY BY CONDUCTING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS ON EMPLOYEES.

HB2423	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS.
HB2424	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
HB2425	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES NEEDS OF HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2426	Cook	AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF ENSURING THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACADEMIC FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE.
HB2428	Abernathy	AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE A PORTION OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT FUNDING FOR TEACHERS' SALARIES.
HB2447	Harris	AN ACT TO PUT ARKANSAS CHILDREN FIRST BY ENSURING A GREATER PORTION OF TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN THE CLASSROOM.
HB2481	Harris	AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT OF 2007.
HB2483	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB2489	Hardwick	AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETING ADVANCED PROGRAMS.
HB2503	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY IN ARKANSAS' JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS.
HB2504	J. Johnson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB2527	Bond	AN ACT TO ALLOW A TEACHER THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THE CURRENT TEACHER SALARY SYSTEM OR A KNOWLEDGE-BASED AND SKILLS-BASED TEACHER COMPENSATION SALARY SYSTEM.
HB2530	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12) BY REQUIRING THAT A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK BE PERFORMED ON EACH PERSON WHO IS WORKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
HB2549	L. Smith	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS CHILD WELFARE STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.
HB2555	D. Johnson	AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO NOTIFY NEW EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS.
HB2558	Chesterfield	TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND USE OF MOBILE LEARNING CENTERS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHILD HAS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION.
HB2566	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED IN DESEGREGATION LITIGATION.
HB2578	S. Prater	THE ARKANSAS AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ACT OF 2007.
HB2595	Flowers	AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FISCAL DISTRESS IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA.
HB2614	Kenney	AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ACT OF 2007.
HB2639	Harris	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM EMPLOYING A NONSCHOOL EMPLOYEE TO PERFORM CONTRACT WORK ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS IF THE NONSCHOOL EMPLOYEE IS A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER.
HB2659	Pickett	TO REPEAL ACT 1974 OF 2005 REGARDING RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIIUM.
HB2660	Pickett	TO REQUEST THAT THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A FOUR- YEAR DEGREE IN EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
HB2663	Kenney	THE CONTINUING ADEQUACY EVALUATION ACT OF 2007.
HB2666	Kenney	AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB2668	Pickett	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED AS ONE (1) OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT (38) UNITS OF REQUIRED CURRICULUM MEET THE SAME STATE STANDARDS AS A COURSE REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

HB2670	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF BLOCK SCHEDULING IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2673	Cook	AN ACT TO REVISE PORTIONS OF ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING HOME SCHOOLING.
HB2682	Cook	AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND TO REDEFINE THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION.
HB2700	J. Roebuck	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-409 CONCERNING NONTRADITIONAL TEACHING LICENSURE.
HB2734	Hawkins	AN ACT TO ENSURE A RIGOROUS AND EFFICIENT CURRICULUM FOR ARKANSAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2738	S. Dobbins	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS PRIMER PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION.
HB2751	M. Martin	AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR STUDENTS IN CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB2787	Flowers	AN ACT TO PROVIDE STABILITY AND CONTINUITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ACADEMIC FACILITIES DISTRESS OR FISCAL DISTRESS IN AN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREA.
HB2803	Sumpter	AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO OFFER A ONE-HALF (1/2) COURSE CREDIT PUBLIC SERVICE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2810	Harris	AN ACT TO ALLOW HOME SCHOOLS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.
HR1023	L. Smith	URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE A MID-MORNING AND MID-AFTERNOON RECESS TO ALL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE SIX (6).
HR1025	Burris	COMMENDING HANNAH HENSON ON BEING SELECTED A NATIONAL FINALIST FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN AWARD.
HR1026	Burris	COMMENDING JOSH BREWER ON BEING SELECTED A NATIONAL FINALIST FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN AWARD.
HCR1034	Cook	REQUESTING A STUDY TO EXPAND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAM INTO AN EXEMPLARY STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HCR1036	Blount	CONGRATULATING THE FORREST CITY MUSTANGS ON WINNING THE 6A EAST CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.
SB305	Bisbee	AN ACT TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR ARKANSAS NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS.
HB1385	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1649	Flowers	AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, AND AIR QUALITY SYSTEMS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

BILLS PENDING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1478	Pickett	THE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE ACT OF 2007.
HB1481	Lamoureux	TO ESTABLISH THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR TEACHING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLASS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE.
HB1495	Lamoureux	TO ESTABLISH THE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR TEACHING A SCIENCE OR MATHEMATICS COURSE IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (K-12).
HB1516	Cook	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVE PROMPT AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ON SCHOOL FINANCES FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1730	Abernathy	AN ACT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR ENDORSED CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES THAT MAY BE TAUGHT ALONG WITH ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TO REPEAL THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSE APPROVAL PANEL.
HB1751	Pickett	AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE ARKANSAS CODE TO USE THE

CORRECT TERM FOR EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY.

HB2029	Jeffrey	AN ACT TO EXEMPT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED EARLY FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY ATTEND A FULL SCHOOL DAY.
HB2066	Harrelson	AN ACT TO ALLOW OUT-OF-STATE NONTRADITIONAL LICENSURE APPLICANTS TO BE EMPLOYED AS TEACHER OF RECORD IN ARKANSAS.
HB2210	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS ACCESS TO EVIDENCE OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING.
HB2217	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITES.
HB2234	Norton	AN ACT TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS WITHOUT BEING IDENTIFIED AS A DISTRICT IN FISCAL DISTRESS.
HB2251	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 1989.
HB2260	Chesterfield	TO PROVIDE BONUSES FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO OBTAIN ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR COMPLETE SIXTY (60) HOURS OF COURSE WORK AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2268	Cook	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH WITH DIRECT ACCESS TO CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DATABASES OR A FILE ABSTRACT.
HB2269	Cook	TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES PROGRAM.
HB2272	Cook	TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.
HB2287	Pickett	AN ACT TO PROMOTE BEST FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MANAGERS.
HB2307	Kenney	AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL NURSES AS PROVIDED UNDER THE RECALIBRATION OF THE PER STUDENT FOUNDATION FUNDING BEGINNING WITH THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.
HB2310	Allen	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREE TEXTBOOK ACT.
HB2321	Edwards	AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION EXPENSES.
HB2327	Blount	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS TO RETIRED TEACHERS.
HB2335	Stewart	TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID.
HB2377	Rainey	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DELTA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.
HB2378	Rainey	AN ACT TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO REORGANIZATION OR RECLASSIFICATION.
HB2379	Rainey	AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS BY HIGH-POVERTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TEACHER SALARIES, RETENTION, AND RECRUITMENT.
HB2380	Rainey	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-414 CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL.
HB2388	Pyle	AN ACT TO PROTECT YOUNG ARKANSANS IN NEED OF SPECIALIZED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
HB2404	Davenport	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-2403 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "YEARS OF SERVICE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE.
HB2408	Bond	AN ACT TO ALLOW HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHING IN AN ACADEMIC FIELD IN WHICH THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS; TO ALLOW HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE MORE THAN STANDARD ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS.
HB2429	Abernathy	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
HB2445	Harris	TO PROHIBIT INTERFERENCE WITH STUDENT-LED AND STUDENT-INITIATED PRAYERS

AT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

HB2457	Lamoureux	TO ALLOW AN ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR COMPLETING A BOARD-AUTHORIZED ONLINE COURSE.
HB2458	Lamoureux	TO CHANGE THE TEACHER PLANNING TIME TO INCREMENTS OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTY MINUTES.
HB2470	J. Johnson	TO REQUIRE TORNADO SAFETY DRILLS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2480	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSAL ELIGIBILITY.
HB2482	Harris	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB2502	Thyer	AN ACT TO ALLOW CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE SAME RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION TO ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB2508	Everett	TO MODIFY THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL RECEIVE TO RETIRE ITS OUTSTANDING BONDED DEBT ASSISTANCE.
HB2514	Blount	AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.
HB2515	Bond	AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOOL ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS CONCERNING UNITARY STATUS.
HB2538	Breedlove	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB2541	Wood	TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD FOR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN THE YOUTH CHALLENGE AND C-STEP PROGRAMS.
HB2556	Chesterfield	TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL PERSONS WHO WORK ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.
HB2557	Chesterfield	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE FAIR HEARING ACT.
HB2607	Harris	AN ACT TO ALLOW CLASSROOM TEACHERS TO MAINTAIN ORDER BY SECURING WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES IN THE CLASSROOM.
HB2619	Walters	TO PROVIDE TEACHERS CREDIT ON THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR TEACHING AT A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY.
HB2629	R. Green	AN ACT TO QUALIFY AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB2633	Dickinson	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOLS FROM ADMINISTERING STATE-MANDATED TESTS WITHIN THE THREE (3) DAYS FOLLOWING THE SPRING DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME CHANGE.
HB2636	Patterson	AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EXCESSIVE TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ISOLATED SCHOOLS.
HB2652	George	AN ACT TO INCLUDE FIRST AID TRAINING EVERY TWO (2) YEARS WITHIN CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.
HB2656	Walters	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER ACCURACY BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ENTERING DATA INTO THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK.
HB2667	Pickett	TO PROVIDE FREE TUTORING TO TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS WHO SCORE BELOW NINETEEN (19) ON THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST.
HB2672	Cook	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDIT.
HB2679	Chesterfield	TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE HOURS THAT A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER MAY WORK.
HB2688	Kenney	AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB2696	Harrelson	AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LEVELS OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENTS.
HB2704	Saunders	AN ACT PERTAINING TO TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.
HB2708	Pickett	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICTS' RECORDS OF USED AND ACCUMULATED

LEAVE BY ADMINISTRATORS AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF UNUSED LEAVE.

HB2712	M. Martin	TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTORS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR FOR THE COURSE.
HB2714	Bond	TO AMEND 6-15-503 TO REQUIRE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN PROVIDING HOME SCHOOLING TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HAVE PASSED A GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST.
HB2759	J. Johnson	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-204 CONCERNING INCORPORATING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL POLICIES INTO TEACHER CONTRACTS.
HB2783	Stewart	AN ACT TO REGULATE THE COMPENSATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.
HB2792	J. Roebuck	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PRESCRIBE UNIFORM COLLEGE LEVEL PREPARATORY AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1174	Anderson	TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE TO PARENTS STUDENT HEALTH REPORTS WITH THE BODY MASS INDEX PERCENTILE FOR THE STUDENT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT.
HB1330	Breedlove	TO CREATE THE INVESTMENT IN ARKANSANS STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LOW-INCOME ARKANSANS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A COLLEGE DEGREE.
HB1199	Cook	CONCERNING DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY.
HB1430	Blount	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EARLY LITERACY SKILLS OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN BY CREATING A LITERACY SKILLS COMPONENT TO THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB1482	Lamoureux	AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE FULL AMOUNT OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.