

REVISED AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
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Friday, April 03, 2009
09:00 AM
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

RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1959	Abernathy	TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS.

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB304	Crumbly	TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS MAKE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
SB358	G. Jeffress	TO ALLOW REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS DIFFICULTY WITH SENSORY PROCESSING WHEN TAKING STATE REQUIRED TESTS.
SB740	Laverty	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOLS.
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.
SB842	G. Baker	TO ALLOW HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.
SB858	Broadway	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GOVERNMENT WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.
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

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FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.

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.
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.
HB1555	Betts	TO CLARIFY STUDENT GROWTH FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1956	Word	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PROJECT GRADUATION COMMISSION.
HB1992	Abernathy	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.
HB2003	Lowery	TO AMEND THE LAW PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2065	Abernathy	TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF AD VALOREM TAX DATA USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING.
HB2101	Betts	TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSES OF THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION TIME A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS.
HB2135	Williams	THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT.
HB2164	Rainey	TO AMEND THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN ARKANSAS.
HB2263	Lovell	TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION OF SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1450	Reynolds	TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN BY REQUIRING CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND BUS DRIVERS.
HB2261	Cole	TO ALLOW STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE TO CHANGE THE MATH REQUIREMENT TO "AN APPLICABLE AND APPROPRIATE NONREMEDIAL MATH COURSE"
SB108	Teague	TO PROVIDE A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRE AFTER TEACHING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS.
HB1408	Rainey	TO RESTRICT THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE AND SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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.
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.
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.
SB1006	J. Key	TO ALLOW A WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF NONLICENSED PERSONNEL AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL.
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.