

AGENDA (Revised 02/28/2017, 7:15 AM)

(Added Bills)

**House Committee on Education
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**Room 138, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Rep. Bruce Cozart, Chair
Rep. Charlotte V. Douglas, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. John W. Walker

Rep. Mark Lowery
Rep. Mark D. McElroy
Rep. George B. McGill
Rep. Andy Davis
Rep. Jana Della Rosa
Rep. Grant Hodges
Rep. Rick Beck

Rep. Dan Sullivan
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Rep. Mickey Gates
Rep. DeAnn Vaught
Rep. James Sturch
Rep. Frances Cavanaugh
Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - FEBRUARY 28, 2017, 10:30 AM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1543	Hollowell	CONCERNING MERGERS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES; TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS FOR A POSSIBLE MERGER OF CROWLEY'S RIDGE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1002	McElroy	TO REGULATE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL BUSES; TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL BUSES BE EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS; AND TO ENFORCE THE USE OF SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1474	Lowery	CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.
SB12	G. Stubblefield	TO ESTABLISH THAT EMERGENCY OR SECURITY RECORDS OR OTHER INFORMATION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.
HB1510	Gonzales	TO CREATE THE DEMOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE ACT.
HB1517	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOOL NURSE.
HB1518	Sturch	TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.
HB1538	Hammer	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GRADUATE NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSE EDUCATOR STUDENT LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO INCLUDE DOCTORAL NURSING PROGRAMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.
HB1567	Hammer	TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB309	J. English	TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES FROM CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OR OPERATING A DORMITORY OR BARRACKS.

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HB1574	Lowery	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING HOME SCHOOLS.
HB1575	Lowery	TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF FUND BALANCES A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY MAINTAIN.
HB1576	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CONCERNING APPROVED BUT UNFUNDED NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.
HB1579	Vaught	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1583	Dotson	TO CREATE RECALL ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.
HB1591	Vaught	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
HB1607	Della Rosa	TO LIMIT THE USE OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER'S SCORE ON A STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PURPOSES.
HB1610	Tucker	TO PROVIDE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING EQUAL TO THE FOUNDATION FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH EARLY GRADUATE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1611	Tucker	CONCERNING THE BASIC LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1612	Rushing	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY REGARDING A STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.
HB1621	Lowery	TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.
HB1627	Sturch	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDANCE.
HB1632	C. Douglas	TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PETITION OR NOTICE OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
SB288	J. Hendren	TO CREATE THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER AUTHORITY ACT.
SB304	J. Hendren	TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS FROM OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC CHARTER AUTHORIZING PANEL.
HB1640	F. Allen	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CHOOSE IN WHICH GRADE TO TAKE THE ACT UNDER THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.
HB1646	Cozart	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB1666	Sabin	TO REQUIRE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES TO ENTERING STUDENTS.
HR1033	Cavanaugh	HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE INTEGRATION OF HOXIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 1955.
HB1701	Love	TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE GRANTS TO HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO OFFENDERS WHO ARE RECENTLY RELEASED OR SOON-TO-BE RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION.
SB26	A. Clark	TO INCREASE TEACHERS IN HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS; AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS WHO AGREE TO TEACH IN THE HIGH NEEDS SUBJECT AREAS.
SB27	A. Clark	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN A CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE AREA; AND TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER CANDIDATE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.
SB178	Files	TO DELAY THE INCLUSION OF A SCORE ON THE WRITING PORTION OF THE ACT ASPIRE ASSESSMENT IN A DETERMINATION OF THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF A STUDENT, PUBLIC SCHOOL, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
SB278	Files	TO PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD.
SB303	E. Cheatham	TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB308	A. Clark	TO GRANT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS A RIGHT OF ACCESS TO UNUSED OR

UNDERUTILIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES.

[SB337](#) Hester TO REPEAL THE ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM.
[HB1056](#) Lowery TO ALLOW THE SUPERINTENDENT OF A STUDENT'S RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STUDENT ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR ONE (1) ACADEMIC YEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SUCCEED SCHOLARSHIP.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1222	Dotson	THE ARKANSAS PARENTAL EMPOWERMENT FOR EDUCATION CHOICE ACT OF 2017; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1516	A. Mayberry	CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSING; TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL NURSE-TO-STUDENT RATIOS; AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL SCHOOL NURSE SURVEY.
HB1608	Della Rosa	CONCERNING THE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS UNDER THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT.
HB1648	C. Douglas	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY.
HB1671	Tucker	TO GIVE CHARTER SCHOOLS AUTHORITY TO WEIGHT ADMISSION LOTTERIES AT THEIR DISCRETION.
HB1672	Tucker	CONCERNING ADMISSIONS POLICIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO ALIGN CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1673	Tucker	CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR OR AMENDMENTS OF PUBLIC CHARTERS UNDER THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013.
HB1674	Tucker	TO CREATE A COMMUNITY PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARD.
HB1689	Cozart	TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AND INDEBTEDNESS; TO AMEND FUNDING PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE FINANCING.
HB1710	S. Meeks	TO REVISE THE CIVICS AND WORLD HISTORY REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1017	Cozart	TO ALLOW THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983 TO BE WAIVED IF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IS UNDER STATE AUTHORITY AFTER BEING CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN DISTRESS.
HB1020	Love	TO CREATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROMISE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO EVERY CHILD BORN IN ARKANSAS TO BE USED FOR COLLEGE TUITION.
HB1027	Eubanks	TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PAY A TEACHER'S OR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE'S MEMBERSHIP DUES IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.
HB1029	Lowery	TO EXCLUDE PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS, AND CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES WITH A MULTIYEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "TEACHER" UNDER THE TEACHER FAIR DISMISSAL ACT OF 1983.
HB1044	F. Allen	TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO CHOOSE WHICH GRADE IN WHICH TO TAKE THE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT.
HB1408	C. Douglas	CONCERNING WHO MAY SERVE AS A PROCTOR OF A TEST OR ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER THE ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE TESTING, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ACT.
HB1456	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO WAIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO PROVIDES PROOF OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND TO EXEMPT A STUDENT WITH A PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

- [HB1457](#) C. Douglas TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AN OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE USE OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION TO BE USED ON DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.
- [HB1458](#) C. Douglas TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL ARTS OR PERFORMING ARTS IN EITHER GRADE SEVEN OR GRADE EIGHT.
- [HB1459](#) C. Douglas TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE AWARDING OF COURSE CREDITS; AND TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT ENABLES A STUDENT TO EARN COURSE CREDITS BY DEMONSTRATING SUBJECT MATTER COMPETENCY.