

REVISED AGENDA
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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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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.
SB345	Hendren	TO ALLOW A SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE TERMINATED FOR CAUSE AND WITHOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVING ANY FURTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.
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.
SB430	Crumbly	TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND EQUALIZE TEACHER SALARIES IN HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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.
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.
SB499	Hendren	TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ON SCHOOL BUSES BY IMPROVING THE REPORTING OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS WHO PASS A SCHOOL BUS ILLEGALLY.
SB500	Hendren	TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUSES WITH ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND NOTICES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ON SCHOOL BUSES.
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.
SB740	Laverty	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR

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		ISOLATED SCHOOLS.
HB1273	Blount	TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MOBILE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB766	J. Jeffress	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAWS.
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.
SB791	Broadway	TO ESTABLISH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE ARKANSAS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY.
SB814	Broadway	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.
SB821	J. Jeffress	TO REQUIRE PERIODIC REPORTING FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
SB840	Salmon	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION FOR COORDINATION OF EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS.
SB850	Broadway	TO BROADEN THE HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM.
SB852	Broadway	TO AMEND THE TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS RETURNING TO COLLEGE TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION.
SB853	Broadway	TO CONSOLIDATE THE TEACHER EDUCATION RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS AND CREATE THE STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.
SB854	Broadway	AN ACT TO AMEND THE MILITARY DEPENDENTS SCHOLARSHIP.
SB855	Broadway	TO CREATE CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE RESULTS IN DEATH OR PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY.
SB856	Broadway	TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM AWARDS.
SB857	Broadway	TO REPEAL THE FACULTY/ADMINISTRATOR DEVELOPMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM.
SB858	Broadway	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS GOVERNMENT WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.
SB860	Broadway	TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP RULES GOVERNING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.
SB861	Broadway	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6 CONCERNING ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION.
SB862	Broadway	TO AMEND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS.
SB863	Broadway	TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR ROUTINE INSPECTIONS AND REPORTING OF INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES.
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.
SB880	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE DEFINITIONS REGARDING PRIVATE RESIDENT AND CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS
SB885	J. Jeffress	TO CREATE AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE AFFORDABILITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN THIS STATE.
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.
SB889	Bryles	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A DETAILED REPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUND EXPENDITURES AND RESULTS FROM PROGRAMS FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STUDENT CATEGORICAL FUNDS.
SB890	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.
SB896	Altes	TO AMEND TITLE 6 RELATED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE.
SB898	Miller	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ISOLATED SCHOOLS.
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.
SB903	Madison	THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE VISITOR PLACEMENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION ACT.
SB904	J. Key	TO ESTABLISH THE REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE FINDINGS BY THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD FOR TEACHERS.
SB910	Salmon	TO CLARIFY THE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR TEACHERS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULED OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL BASE CONTRACT PERIOD.
SB918	Salmon	TO INCREASE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE SMART CORE CURRICULUM.
SB926	Bookout	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE AWARD PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
SB935	D. Wyatt	TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICIES FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
SB943	Elliott	TO IMPROVE PARENTS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DATA ON ACHIEVEMENT GAPS AND ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANS TO CLOSE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS.
SB955	Crumbly	TO STRENGTHEN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS.
SB956	Crumbly	TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN GRADE TEN (10) OR ABOVE TO PARTICIPATE IN COSMETOLOGY COURSES OFFERED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SB980	Crumbly	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND EQUALIZE TEACHER SALARIES IN HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
SB987	Elliott	TO PLACE LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF CARRYOVER CATEGORICAL FUNDS.
HB1408	Rainey	TO RESTRICT THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE AND SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
HB1554	Betts	TO ALLOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PUBLISH ITS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT BY WEBSITE POSTING.
HB1932	J. Roebuck	TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF EDUCATION WITHIN THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES.
HCR1017	J. Dickinson	TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE SACRIFICES THAT VETERANS HAVE MADE FOR OUR COUNTRY BY HAVING A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TO COMMEMORATE VETERANS DAY.
HB1680	Maloch	TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IS ELIGIBLE FOR CATASTROPHIC LEAVE.
HB1808	Allen	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLANNING PROGRAM ACT.
HB2114	J. Roebuck	TO MODIFY THE FUNDING FORMULA MODEL FOR UNIVERSITIES.
HB1990	J. Roebuck	TO REQUIRE CLEAR EXIT STANDARDS FOR ALL REMEDIAL COURSES TAKEN AT STATE- SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO IMPROVE THE TEACHING TECHNIQUES OF REMEDIAL COURSES.
HB1764	D. Hutchinson	TO EXPAND REPORTING OF POSTSECONDARY REMEDIATION.
HB1996	J. Roebuck	TO INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS TO BECOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.
HB2007	Hyde	THE ARKANSAS CLEAN AIR ON CAMPUS ACT OF 2009.
HB2014	M. Burris	TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURES OF CONTRACTS BETWEEN STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYEES HAVING A FINANCIAL INTEREST.
SB108	Teague	TO PROVIDE A LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRE AFTER TEACHING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS.
SB799	Elliott	TO INCREASE ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

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

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.
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.
SB736	Laverty	TO ENSURE HUMANE CONSIDERATION FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CERTIFIED ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC CIRCUMSTANCES.
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.).
SB838	Bryles	TO AMEND TITLE 6 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS REWARDING EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM.
SB842	G. Baker	TO AMEND HOME SCHOOL LAW IN TITLE 6.
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.