

AGENDA (REVISED 3-11-13 9:00 P.M.)
House Committee on Education
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Tuesday, March 12, 2013
10:00 AM
Room 138, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. James McLean, Chair
Rep. Ann V. Clemmer, Vice Chair
Rep. Debra M. Hobbs
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine
Rep. Robert E. Dale
Rep. Karen S. Hopper

Rep. Jody Dickinson
Rep. John Charles Edwards
Rep. Mark Biviano
Rep. John Catlett
Rep. Homer Lenderman
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks

Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin
Rep. James Ratliff
Rep. Bruce Cozart
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas
Rep. Mark Lowery
Rep. Charles L. Armstrong
Rep. Brent Talley

PRESENTATION REGARDING GED TESTING

Mr. C. T. Turner, Vice President for Public Affairs, GED Testing Service

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1297	Gillam	ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITING AGENCY IN ARKANSAS.
HB1327	Wright	TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE AND SECURE.
HB1352	Alexander	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS FOR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY IN THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1489	Hammer	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, PART 2, TO REQUIRE REPAYMENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BY A RECIPIENT WHO DOES NOT COMPLETE A COURSE OF STUDY.
SB239	J. Hendren	TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE STUDENTS.
HB1507	Hammer	TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1528	Biviano	TO DESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS THE PRIMARY CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER.
SB250	E. Cheatham	TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS AND RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1590	Westerman	TO REQUIRE SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS TO BE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN ELEMENTARY-LEVEL GENERAL TEACHING LICENSE OR ELEMENTARY-LEVEL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING LICENSE.
HB1629	Clemmer	TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS FOR THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM; TO ENSURE HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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HB1686	Womack	TO ALLOW CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS AND CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1690	Hobbs	TO REQUIRE A PERIOD OF SILENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY.
HB1714	Word	TO AMEND THE VOLUNTARY UNIVERSAL ACT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ACT.
HB1739	Harris	ACT TO STUDY THE BEST WAY TO MEET THE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF INSTITUTIONS FOR THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF AND STUDENTS WHO ARE BLIND.
HB1770	Perry	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING ACADEMIC, FISCAL, AND FACILITIES DISTRESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1782	Linck	TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL OF DONATED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND REAL PROPERTY.
HR1035	Carnine	SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF QUALITY, AFFORDABLE, ONLINE EDUCATION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM.
SB140	Irvin	THE SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE ACT.
SB332	J. Key	TO AMEND THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
SB456	Elliott	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAWS GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE.
SB457	Elliott	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAWS GOVERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EDUCATORS, FISCAL OFFICERS, NONLICENSED SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF, AND STUDENT TEACHERS.
SB509	Elliott	TO ESTABLISH THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT TRAINING AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM.
SB583	Elliott	TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASTER SCHOOL PRINCIPAL PROGRAM.
HB1902	Steel	TO PROHIBIT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING OR REQUESTING A CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT FROM DISCLOSING HIS OR HER USERNAME OR PASSWORD FOR A SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT.
HB1948	Jean	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS EXISTING WORKFORCE TRAINING ACT OF 1995; AND TO RAISE THE PAY FOR INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS FROM EIGHTY DOLLARS PER HOUR TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER HOUR.
HR1038	C. Armstrong	COMMENDING THE MEMORY PROJECT TEAM AT LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN PUBLISHING "MAPPING THE ROAD TO CHANGE".

PENDING FISCAL IMPACT

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1040	Biviano	TO CREATE THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION.
HB1783	Linck	TO REQUIRE INSURANCE ON ALL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES OWNED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND TO REQUIRE INSURANCE ON ALL BUILDINGS LISTED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACADEMIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN PROGRAM.
HB1785	D. Douglas	TO PROVIDE DIGITAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1788	Alexander	TO ALLOW A FOSTER PARENT TO PLACE A FOSTER CHILD IN A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL.
HB1789	Lowery	TO ALLOW HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.
HB1810	Carnine	TO REPEAL CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.
HB1817	Catlett	TO AMEND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY EXPEND NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH STATE CATEGORICAL FUNDING.
HB1828	Kizzia	TO AMEND THE ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND EMPLOYEES.
HB1862	Lea	TO AMEND TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS.
HB1897	Alexander	TO ESTABLISH THE PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
HB1912	C. Armstrong	TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1927	Sabin	TO ADVANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMONG

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE A COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCE AS A REQUIREMENT OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

HB1938	Alexander	TO SUSPEND ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATIONS AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN SMALL AND RURAL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1939	C. Douglas	CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
HB1943	C. Douglas	TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING AID FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1945	C. Douglas	TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT THE ENROLLMENT OF A STUDENT WHO IS A MILITARY DEPENDENT
HB2020	Collins	TO REQUIRE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT STUDENT EVALUATION AND GRADING PRACTICES.
HB2023	B. Overbey	TO PHASE OUT ISOLATED SCHOOL FUNDING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB2076	Bell	TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO SUPPORT STATE GOALS FOR INCREASING THE COLLEGE COMPLETION RATE FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING AN ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP.

SHELL BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1616	Nickels	CONCERNING BAND AND MUSIC CREDITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL.
HB1632	Perry	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BY DETACHING TERRITORY FROM AN EXISTING SCHOOL DISTRICT.
HB1689	McLean	TO ESTABLISH AN ARTS-INFUSED CURRICULUM IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1709	Bragg	TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; AND TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM.
HB1738	Harris	TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
HB1761	Ratliff	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE TRUST FUND.
HB1774	McLean	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMOUNTS.
HB1775	Kizzia	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB1776	Kizzia	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING WORKFORCE EDUCATION.
HB1777	Kizzia	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
HB1820	Hobbs	TO UPDATE THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM.
HB1835	Westerman	TO MAKE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEACHER EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORT SYSTEM OPTIONAL.
HB1837	Westerman	TO ALLOW DIPLOMAS TO BE GRANTED TO STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION THROUGH AN ONLINE EDUCATION PROVIDER.
HB1838	Carnine	TO ENHANCE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS AND POSTSECONDARY COMPLETION IN ARKANSAS.
HB1858	Lowery	TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION STUDENT PROTECTION ACT.
HB1863	Alexander	ARKANSAS TEACHER PREPARATION QUALITY ACT.
HB1864	Alexander	CONCERNING EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP IN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.
HB1865	Alexander	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND RELATED LAWS.
HB1873	J. Edwards	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE; TO IMPROVE EDUCATION IN ARKANSAS.
HB1882	Scott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING ARKANSAS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.
HB1883	Scott	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.

HB1893	Copenhaver	CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN ARKANSAS.
HB1894	Copenhaver	TO REQUIRE LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FILE A COPY OF THEIR FACILITIES' FLOOR PLANS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.
HB1896	Clemmer	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND REMEDIATION.
HB1910	C. Armstrong	CONCERNING THE HIRING OF TRUANCY OFFICERS FOR HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1911	C. Armstrong	TO PROVIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT HIGH-PRIORITY SCHOOLS.
HB1941	C. Douglas	TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO NEGOTIATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND TO REQUIRE AN INSURANCE CARRIER TO PROVIDE THE LOWEST RATE AVAILABLE.
HB1942	C. Douglas	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING SICK LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.
HB1944	C. Douglas	CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATIONS.
HB1979	Murdock	TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TIME.
HB1991	Kizzia	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF BUILDING-LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB2039	Mayberry	TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE AND CAREER COACHES PROGRAM; AND TO ASSURE ACCESS TO A COLLEGE AND CAREER COACH FOR ALL STUDENTS.
HB2053	Clemmer	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.
HB2055	Hutchison	TO CREATE AN ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE.
HB2064	Kizzia	CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

DEFERRED

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1035	D. Altes	TO ALLOW TRAINED AND LICENSED STAFF AND FACULTY TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON A UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1076	Ratliff	TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB1181	Hammer	TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE LAW AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.